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## CITY OF SEAL BEACH PARTNERS WITH ORANGE COUNTY SUPERVISOR FOLEY TO INSTALL BEACH ACCESSIBILITY MATS

SEAL BEACH, CA- The City of Seal Beach partnered with Orange County Supervisor Katrina Foley, to facilitate the installation of eco-friendly, portable, and non-slip ADA beach accessibility mats. The newly installed mats significantly improve accessibility to the beach by providing a comfortable and safe avenue for visitors with disabilities or limited mobility and families with strollers and different needs to enjoy a beach day. The portable mats are located near the the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Beach Lot on the north side of the beach and near the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Beach Lot on the south side of the beach.

"When I first heard about the beach access mobility mats, I decided that offering this amenity for folks visiting and using our beach was a must. I want to thank our District 2 County Supervisor, Katrina Foley for partnering with us to provide funding to be able to acquire and install the access mats so quickly," said Mayor, Joe Kalmick. "It is gratifying to see someone who may have mobility limitations be able to cross the sand and get down to almost the water's edge."

"The City is extremely excited to share Mobi-Mats with the community," said Marine Safety Chief Joe Bailey. "The Mobi Mat will allow a larger audience to enjoy our beautiful beach and I'm especially grateful that we were able to install the mats before the end of summer."