



## CITY OF SAN DIEGO COUNCILMEMBER STEPHEN WHITBURN

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### **Councilmember Stephen Whitburn Fulfills Promise for a Permanent Memorial to Honor Victims of PSA Flight 182**

**San Diego, CA** - A long-awaited memorial plaque to honor the victims of PSA Flight 182 has been installed in North Park, as the community prepares to mark the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the crash that claimed the lives of 144 people.

Councilmember Stephen Whitburn worked tirelessly to fulfill his promise to see that a plaque with the names of the 144 victims be put in place after the community had been requesting for decades there be a permanent tribute to the victims of the September 25, 1978, crash.

The memorial plaque is located at the intersection of Dwight and Nile streets, where the crash occurred. This location will be a place where families, friends, and residents who have long sought to have a meaningful way to remember the victims will have a place to reflect.

*“For far too long, there has been no memorial to the victims of this tragedy,” said Councilmember Stephen Whitburn. “The crash of PSA Flight 182 is a significant event in San Diego’s history. This plaque will be a lasting tribute to honor the lives lost, the families affected, and the legacy of safety improvements in aviation that followed.”*

On Wednesday, September 25, 2024, the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the crash of PSA Flight 182 community members are invited to gather at Dwight and Nile to view the plaque following the tribute at St. Augustine High School in North Park.

At the intersection, personal memorabilia, notes, and photographs provided by families and friends will be placed on the nearby fence.

PSA Flight 182 was a routine flight between Sacramento and San Diego when it collided with a small aircraft, resulting in one of the deadliest aviation disasters in U.S. history.

The crash profoundly impacted the San Diego community and had far-reaching effects on aviation safety standards worldwide.

Whitburn’s efforts represent a long-overdue recognition of the significance of this event, not only to the families and friends of the victims but also to the broader San Diego community and aviation industry.

This permanent memorial is a vital step in acknowledging the enduring legacy of PSA Flight 182 while also ensuring that future generations remember the importance of air safety and the human cost of this tragic event.