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HEARING LOOP SYSTEM INSTALLED AT SOUTH PASADENA COUNCIL CHAMBER

The City of South Pasadena is pleased to announce the installation of a “hearing induction loop” listening assistance system in the Council Chamber located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030.

Installation of the hearing loop will benefit the hearing impaired by interacting with individuals’ T-coil devices to provide a heightened sense of hearing, thus eliminating the need for headphone devices. Additional advantages of the hearing loop system include limited maintenance, the ability to service an unlimited number of users, and no interference with other hearing aids that lack the T-coil.

“The installation of the hearing induction loop affords individuals with hearing loss the opportunity to actively participate in our City government proceedings and meetings. We are proud to complete such an important project, which complements existing efforts to improve ADA access to City facilities,” said City Manager Sergio Gonzalez. “The new system also includes portable audio loop receivers to assist citizens whose hearing aids or implants do not have the T-coil technology.” Signage regarding the hearing induction loop will be displayed at the entrance of the Council Chamber to provide notice of the available technology.

Also known as an "induction loop" system, the technology magnetically transmits sound to hearing aids and cochlear implants with telecoils (T-coils), which receive speech in a clear, crisp manner, with background noise eliminated. In its simplest form, an induction loop system uses a copper wire, installed around the perimeter of a room, and connected to an amplifier to create a magnetic signal. The T-coil, a small coil of wire inside a hearing aid, then receives the signal.

