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National Special Districts Association launches

to unify 40,000 special districts across the country

After extensive national discussions, the National Special District Coalition Executive Committee consisting of California, Colorado, Florida, South Carolina, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming, is pleased to announce the creation of the National Special District Association.

Founded in 2018, national leaders saw a demand for unity and support for special districts across the country. Garnering over 8000 current members in the six years since its founding, and securing over 25,000 districts directly supporting marquee special district legislation, the Special District Grant Accessibility Act, the newly minted NSDA will rise to meet the demands of the almost 40,000 special purpose districts across the country.

"There are 40,000 special districts nationwide which are responsible for multiple critical, local services in our communities ranging from clean drinking water and wastewater management to hospitals and health care, to roads and transit, to fire protection and ambulance service and natural resource conservation, across the Country to all four corners," said Ann Terry, Chair, NSDA. "I'm proud to lead this new Association into the future for all communities across our great country."

Special Districts across the Country have been calling for four corners of unity. Unity to share critical and timely information, unity to create a consistent voice to advocate for all districts at the federal level, unity to provide support for Special Districts, and unity to seek and garner federal funding for critical public services. After four years of operating as a collective coalition, the natural next step requires us to respond to the opportunity to grow this movement.

"Our focus for 2025 will be to pass our marquee legislation - the Special District Grant Accessibility Act - in the 119th Congress. To have a specific definition under federal law, residents across the Country will no longer miss out on federal funding opportunities to ensure communities have reliable, local, public services," said Chantal Unfug, National Director, Public Affairs, NSDA "The creation of the Association and the continued advocacy lays solid groundwork for NSDA to meet the demands from Special Districts across the USA in the coming years."

Special districts are local public agencies created by community residents to deliver specialized services essential to their health, safety, economy, and well-being in every State. Like cities and counties, special districts are public agencies; however, they provide necessary services that

many cities and counties do not. The term ‘special district’ or 'special purpose district', means a political subdivision of a State, with specified boundaries and significant budgetary autonomy or control, created by or pursuant to the laws of the State. They provide limited and specific governmental functions that distinguish it as a separate entity from the administrative governance structure of any other form of local government within a State.

According to NSDC, there are more than 40,000 special districts in the U.S. providing a range of infrastructure and essential community programs across the country including parks, water, sanitation, fire protection, ports, cemeteries, healthcare, electricity, pest control, and libraries.

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About the National Special District Association (NSDA)

The National Special District Association (NSDA) is the leading voice for special purpose districts across the United States. Representing over 8,000 districts nationwide, NSDA advocates for the needs of local governments that provide essential services such as water, fire protection, and transportation. Through education, advocacy, and resource development, NSDA empowers districts to effectively serve their communities and advocate for policies that support their vital work.

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