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### **The California Tower at the San Diego Museum of Man to Undergo Seismic Retrofit**

**San Diego, Calif.** – The California Tower at the San Diego Museum of Man will be temporarily closed to the public when the City of San Diego commences a seismic retrofit of the historic structure. The seismic retrofit has been scheduled to begin in January 2019.

The seismic retrofit is being funded by the City of San Diego and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The project construction will be managed by the City of San Diego and is anticipated to last seven to ten months. The improvements will upgrade the Tower's seismic capabilities based on the latest seismic building codes, which will help fortify the Tower against potential earthquake damage, preserving the iconic San Diego landmark and enhancing the safety of museum visitors, staff, and the general public.

"As stewards of the California Tower, we are pleased to partner with the City of San Diego on this seismic retrofit project, which is a key investment in the preservation of San Diego's cultural heritage. Since 2015, our Tower tours have provided over 120,000 locals and visitors from around the world the opportunity to experience San Diego and our Museum in a unique and dynamic way. We look forward to welcoming many more visitors to the California Tower in the years to come as a result of this important project," said Micah Parzen, Chief Executive Officer of the San Diego Museum of Man.

The Museum and many of its exhibits, including *Cannibals: Myth & Reality* and *PostSecret*, will remain open to the public throughout the seismic retrofit during regular hours of operation. Additionally, discounted tickets for Museum general admission will be available both online and at the door during construction.

At the completion of the seismic retrofit, the Museum will resume regular public tours of the California Tower.

The Museum is open daily from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. More information: [CaliforniaTower.org](http://CaliforniaTower.org)

For additional information regarding the California Tower seismic retrofit project, please contact: Alec Phillipp, City Public Information Officer for Public Works, [aphillipp@sandiego.gov](mailto:aphillipp@sandiego.gov)

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The San Diego Museum of Man inspires human connections by exploring the human experience. Its vision is to be San Diego's dynamic place to go to learn from each other, reflect on our place in the world, and build a better community. The Museum has been a staple in Balboa Park since it was

completed for the 1915 Panama-California Exposition and was designed by noted architect Bertram Goodhue.