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City Council Approves Inclusionary Housing Policy

Updated Regulations Reflect Production Costs for Affordable Housing

SAN DIEGO – Today, the City Council approved (5-4) updates to the City's Inclusionary Housing policy proposed by Council President Georgette Gómez. The ordinance amends existing regulations to require the development of on-site affordable housing units as part of new residential and mixed-use development and condominium conversions, or the payment of an in-lieu fee.

Council President Georgette Gómez said, "I'm pleased that my Council colleagues supported these updates that will help build and preserve housing for low-income San Diegans who have been having to make difficult choices to stay housed. These updates are a critical piece of the work being done to address the City's housing crisis."

The regulations also offer new alternate methods of compliance for developers, such as donating land for building affordable housing and preserving current affordable or single room occupancy housing.

These updates come as part of several initiatives incentivizing the production and preservation of affordable housing. Many of these initiatives, including California's Sustainable and Affordable (CASA) Housing Act, were identified in Council President Gómez's 2017 Housing Action Plan.

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Council President Georgette Gómez represents the Ninth Council District of the City of San Diego, which includes the communities of Alvarado Estates, City Heights, College Area, College View Estates, El Cerrito, Kensington, Mountain View, Mt. Hope, Rolando, Southcrest, and Talmadge. She is the Chair of the Metropolitan Transit System, chairs the City of San Diego Rules Committee, and sits on the SANDAG Board of Directors and Executive Committee.