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## **Council President Pro Tem Mark Kersey Endorses Plan to Immediately House Homeless in San Diego**

San Diego (September 6, 2017) – [San Diego Council President Pro Tem Mark Kersey](#) announced his support today for the proposal by business leaders Peter Seidler and Dan Shea to erect special industrial tent structures to house homeless San Diego men, women and children.

CPPT Kersey sees the tents as an immediate step in the right direction as City leaders continue to develop long-term plans and funding solutions to solve homelessness.

**“This crisis requires both short-term and long-term solutions; that’s the only way we’re going to address the growing number of homeless individuals in our community and get people the shelter and resources they need today,”** said CPPT Kersey. **“Tents are not a replacement for permanent supportive housing, but they are a sensible interim answer. In the immediate timeframe, these tents and the proposed services operated within them are a key step in an ‘all-of-the-above’ approach to ending homelessness.”**

The first step of the plan includes the building and private funding for two SPRUNG structures, structures that the City of San Diego previously used in winter seasons. It would shelter 250 people each and provide basic services for less than \$17 per person per day including assessment, outreach, case management, mental and physical health services.

Council President Pro Tem Mark Kersey represents the City of San Diego’s Fifth District including Black Mountain Ranch, Carmel Mountain Ranch, Miramar Ranch North, Rancho Bernardo, Rancho Encantada, Rancho Peñasquitos, Sabre Springs, San Pasqual, Scripps Miramar Ranch and Torrey Highlands.

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