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DATE: January 23, 2019

TO: Mayor Kevin Faulconer

FROM: Councilmember Christopher Ward, Third Council District

Councilmember Mark Kersey, Fifth Council District

SUBJECT: Relief for Furloughed Federal Employees in the City of San Diego

As of today, the federal government has been partially shutdown for more than a full month, with roughly 800,000 federal employees and countless contractors impacted. Amid the longest shutdown in our nation's history, these employees are likely to miss their second paycheck at the end of this week, leaving many—and their families—with significant and immediate financial challenges.

These federal employees and their families are victims of a political fight which they have not contributed to and cannot help to resolve. The San Diego region is home to the fifth-largest number of federal employees in the nation, and the City of San Diego should do what it can to assist those who are impacted by the shutdown. City staff should be directed to provide special assistance to federal employees impacted by the shutdown, including help arranging for late payments for city services and maintaining utilities until the shutdown is resolved.

Our offices are available to help in any way to implement and actively promote these assistance opportunities for federal employees as they become available.

cc: Jessica Lawrence, Director of Finance Policy and Council Affairs, Office of the Mayor
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