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**City Council Committee Moves Permanent Homeless Services Center Plans Forward**

***Comprehensive Care and Housing Would Be Available at the World Trade Center Site***

*SAN DIEGO, CA (July 14, 2010)* – San Diego City Councilmember Todd Gloria is proud to report that the Land Use and Housing Committee, which he chairs, moved forward with plans for San Diego's first permanent homeless service and housing facility at its meeting today.

The Committee voted 3-1 to send the proposal to the City Council to consider entrance into negotiations with the project's developer and service providers to finalize plans for the facility, which would combine healthcare, mental health services, substance abuse care, and job training with housing.

**"Today's action marks a monumental step forward in helping our homeless neighbors transition from the streets to positive, productive paths,"** said Councilmember Gloria. **"A permanent homeless services center is the most important civic project the City Council can consider, and its completion will make better use of limited taxpayer funds while improving the quality of life of its clients and strengthening the downtown community."**

All Committee members confirmed they viewed the comprehensive supportive service approach as something that could be replicated in additional locations in the region.

The Committee's action was also seen as progress toward resolving the ongoing legal issues about the San Diego Police Department's ability to enforce illegal lodging restrictions on streets citywide.

A date for the City Council hearing on the project has not been announced.

Should the City Council approve entrance into negotiations, detailed project plans would be the eventual subject of additional public hearings on project plans, financing and other details of the proposal.

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Councilmember Gloria welcomes media inquiries and on-air interviews about this important topic. Please contact Katie Keach by calling 858-245-7673 to make arrangements.