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City Council Moves Permanent Homeless Services Center Plans Forward
Comprehensive Care and Housing Would Be Available at the World Trade Center Site

SAN DIEGO, CA (October 5, 2010) – San Diego City Councilmember Todd Gloria is proud to report that the City Council moved forward today with plans for San Diego's first permanent homeless service and housing facility. The facility is proposed for the World Trade Center, located on the corner of Sixth Ave. and A St. in downtown San Diego.

The Council voted 8-0 to enter 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.

"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," said Councilmember Gloria.

The proposed project would house 223 individuals in a secure, regulated environment and accommodate services to care for them. The proposal was brought forward by a coalition including Family Health Centers, Affirmed Housing and PATH, which runs similar very successful comprehensive service facilities for homeless in Los Angeles.

"The permanent homeless services project will truly help our homeless neighbors lead productive, healthy lives, and I am extremely proud of my Council colleagues for finally taking this step," said Councilmember Gloria. **"I am confident this facility will be a model for comprehensive care that we will want to replicate to ensure that help is available to all who need it."**

With today's action, the City of San Diego enters into exclusive negotiating agreement with Connections Housing. Through the negotiation process, project details, funding and neighborhood mitigation measures will be developed. The negotiations are expected to conclude in Spring 2011, after which the City Council will consider approval of the facility.

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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.