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**City Council Vote on the Vehicle Habitation Ordinance**

**San Diego**— Last night, we listened to hours of testimony from the community about the Vehicle Habitation Ordinance. We voted to ensure that unsheltered San Diegans have access to safe parking lots and services.

My concern centers on safety-- for all San Diegans, both unsheltered and sheltered. Safe, designated parking lots with onsite social workers, access to basic sanitation, food assistance, career counseling, income-benefit assistance, and connectivity to mental health services, is safer than sleeping in vehicles on the streets.

We are not criminalizing those who do not have a permanent shelter. The Mayor's Office confirmed that if there are no spaces available in the parking lots, unsheltered individuals will not be ticketed. I will diligently monitor this roll out and I know that our homeless advocates will remain in contact with me and my colleagues throughout the implementation process. We must provide resources that support and empower our unsheltered residents. Last night's vote was a step toward that goal.

*Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry represents San Diego City Council District 1, which includes the communities of Carmel Valley, Del Mar Heights, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Torrey Hills, Torrey Pines, and University City.*

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