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## **City Council to Consider Inclusionary Housing Policy**

### ***Updated Regulations Reflect Production Costs for Affordable Housing***

SAN DIEGO – Tomorrow at 2:00 p.m., the City Council will consider updates to the City’s 2003 Inclusionary Housing regulations proposed by Council President Georgette Gómez. The ordinance will amend the City of San Diego’s Inclusionary Housing regulations to require the development of on-site affordable housing units as part of new residential and mixed-use development and condominium conversions, or the payment of an in-lieu fee. In May, the City of San Diego Rules Committee recommended adoption of the updates.

***Council President Georgette Gómez said, “This is an important step in developing more affordable housing at prices that San Diegans can truly afford. Inclusionary housing is one of many tools to incentivize development of affordable housing and we need to use all of them. I identified this as one of seven initiatives in my Housing Action Plan in 2017 and I am pleased that we are moving forward as a City to provide solutions to answer the housing challenges of our region.”***

The regulations also offer new alternate methods of compliance for developers, such as donating land for building affordable housing and preserving current affordable or single room occupancy housing. The updates were developed in consultation with a stakeholder working group of developers, building and construction industry representatives, and labor and housing advocates. Keyser Marston Associates, Inc. also conducted an economic analysis that demonstrated the economic viability of the proposal.

***“Inclusionary housing requirements and their related fees have created thousands of long-term affordable apartments throughout San Diego City, County, and the state. They are a small but vital part of a large solution to a large problem, and we’ve waited over 15 years to improve and modernize those requirements in the City of San Diego,” said Sue Reynolds, President and CEO of Community Housing Works. “Like every stakeholder in this process, nonprofit affordable housing developers did not get everything we think the community needs, but compromise is the legislative process. We believe this proposal will create more housing options for more San Diegans, and we need it now.”***

***“The City’s current inclusionary housing regulations need to change. This policy was first passed in 2003 and no longer reflects the realities of housing development today. It’s important to recognize the leadership and caring advocacy of Council President Gómez and her commitment to addressing the City’s housing crisis through bringing policies like this forward,” said John Seymour, Vice President, Acquisitions and Forward Planning, National Community Renaissance, a nonprofit affordable housing developer and manager.***

This update comes as part of several initiatives incentivizing the production and preservation of affordable housing. Many of these initiatives, including California’s Sustainable and Affordable (CASA) Housing Act, were identified in Council President Gómez’s 2017 Housing Action Plan.

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Council President Georgette Gómez represents the Ninth Council District of the City of San Diego, which includes the communities of Alvarado Estates, City Heights, College Area, College View Estates, El Cerrito, Kensington, Mountain View, Mt. Hope, Rolando, Southcrest, and Talmadge. She is the Chair of the Metropolitan Transit System, chairs the City of San Diego Rules Committee, and sits on the SANDAG Board of Directors and Executive Committee.