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COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM WHITBURN JOINS SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE

SAN DIEGO, CA – Council President Pro Tem Stephen Whitburn was appointed yesterday to the Special Council Committee on COVID-19 Response and Recovery. Serving on this committee will give Council President Pro Tem Whitburn the opportunity to tackle the unprecedented challenges the pandemic caused for all San Diegans.

The Committee and its membership appointments were approved at yesterday's special meeting of the council.

As San Diego looks ahead toward recovery from the pandemic, the Committee will provide a forum for consideration of new policy proposals and to evaluate the impact and effectiveness of previously approved ordinances and regulations enacted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Committee will also be an opportunity for the City Council to engage with residents, businesses, non-profit organizations, the Office of the Mayor, and regional partners, including the County of San Diego, healthcare professionals, and local universities.

Council President Jen Campbell and Councilmember Marni von Wilpert will serve as the committee's cochairs, with Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera serving as a committee member along with Council President Pro Tem Whitburn. Councilmember von Wilpert proposed the committee.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a huge toll on all aspects of our lives," said Council President Pro Tem Whitburn. "As we move forward to better days, it's vital that we tackle our city's response to the recovery, and quickly. Working together with my council colleagues, our regional partners, and stakeholders, we will ensure that our communities are supported through the course of the pandemic, and into the future."

The first meeting of the special committee is currently being scheduled.

Council President Pro Tem Stephen Whitburn represents San Diego's Third Council District, communities of Downtown, Little Italy, Bankers Hill, Mission Hills, Middletown, Hillcrest, University Heights, North Park, Normal Heights, Old Town, South Park, and Golden Hill.