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STATEMENT

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**STATEMENT ON TEMPORARY OUTDOOR BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN
SAN DIEGO**

I'm pleased by the City Council's unanimous vote to approve an extension of the interim ordinance allowing the City's [Temporary Outdoor Business Operation](#) (TOBO) permit program to continue. Today's action will continue to support businesses as they recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

District 3 is full of small businesses that have taken advantage of this program during the pandemic and I know that customers have really liked being able to visit these businesses while enjoying San Diego's nearly year-round perfect weather. Many have expressed their desire to see more of this into the future and this temporary program has showed us that if done right, we can utilize more of our outdoor space for use by people.

Safety remains a number one priority and I am grateful to the City staff who continue to work to ensure these outdoor operations are compliant with a variety of safety codes and that they do not infringe upon public access.

I look forward to continuing this discussion into the future and exploring options for permanent outdoor business operations.

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

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