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STATEMENT

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STATEMENT ON DECLARATION OF APPROVAL OF MEASURE C

Last year, 72% of the voters in my district – and 65% of voters citywide – supported Measure C, a ballot measure to raise revenue from visitors to expand the convention center, reduce homelessness, and fix our streets. I'm pleased that the City Council today declared that Measure C was approved by the voters.

The ballot materials for Measure C said it required a two-thirds vote to pass. However, a series of recent court rulings have indicated that under the state constitution, only a simple majority was required. We should listen to the voices of 65% of our residents, especially when the courts say they have a constitutional right to pass a citizen's initiative with a simple majority.

Assuming the courts agree that Measure C was approved, I look forward to achieving its goals, including ending the widespread homelessness we have in San Diego today. We can't wait any longer to help our unsheltered population get off the sidewalks and into housing, and I will ensure that these funds are used effectively to accomplish that.

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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