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Councilmembers Campillo, Lee to Hold Press Conference Calling on City Council to Declare Behavioral Health Bed Crisis

City Council to consider resolution declaring a Behavioral Health Bed Crisis

- WHAT:** City Councilmembers Raul Campillo and Kent Lee will hold a press conference Tuesday morning ahead of a City Council vote on declaring a Behavioral Health Bed Crisis in the City of San Diego.
- WHO:** Raul Campillo, San Diego City Councilmember (7th District)
Kent Lee, San Diego City Councilmember (6th District)
Marisa Varond, Executive Director of McAlister Institute
Dimitrios Alexiou, President and CEO of the Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties
- WHERE:** City Administration Building Breezeway (Area Between Hedges/Tables and City Administration Building)
202 C St.
San Diego, CA 92101
- WHEN:** **Tuesday, December 5th at 8:15am**
- WHY:** The lack of behavioral health beds means that San Diego is extraordinarily limited in its ability to deal with the scope of the behavioral health issue that exists in the city today. Declaring a Behavioral Health Bed Crisis is meant to draw attention to the lack of beds – especially for low-income San Diegans and those on Medi-Cal – and encourage a regionally coordinated response to the issue. The press conference also comes in the wake of Governor Newsom’s push for voters to approve Proposition 1, which would build more than 11,150 behavioral health beds and 26,700 outpatient treatment slots, when it appears on the ballot for March 2024.
- VISUALS:** Councilmembers Raul Campillo and Kent Lee (both available for 1:1s)
Social Workers, Bed Providers, Police Officers, Hospital Staff, and Paramedics Standing in Support
Signs Saying “MORE BEDS NOW” and “MENTAL HEALTH COMES FIRST”

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