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City of San Diego Invites Residents to Share Opinions on Housing Policy Reforms

MAYOR GLORIA'S SECOND HOUSING ACTION PACKAGE AIMS TO PRODUCE MORE HOMES THAT ALL SAN DIEGANS CAN AFFORD

SAN DIEGO – To continue creating opportunities to build more homes for all San Diegans, the City of San Diego is inviting residents to participate in several workshops in February and March to discuss nearly a dozen housing policy reforms.

Mayor Todd Gloria's <u>second Housing Action Package</u> under his <u>Homes for All of Us</u> initiative outlines 11 potential amendments and updates to encourage the construction of more new homes near transit, with safe and enjoyable walking, rolling and biking options. Housing Action Package 2.0 also aims to create anti-displacement measures that will protect current residents, increase the supply of land available for the development of new homes, and incentivize and promote new housing opportunities in all communities and all income levels.

"I am excited to begin public engagement opportunities for my second Housing Action Package," said Mayor Gloria. "The City Council approved my first Housing Action Package last year, aimed at building more homes for individuals and families of all income levels. But the housing affordability crisis is far from over and we have a lot of work to do to ensure San Diegans of all income levels can afford to put a roof over their heads. I look forward to building on our progress and spurring home construction near transit, protecting existing residents, incentivizing student housing and so much more."

Public workshops will be held via Zoom on Feb. 21 and 23, and in person on March 2 at the Mission Valley Library and March 13 at the Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library. All San Diego residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

During the workshops, which will be held in both English and Spanish, staff from the City's Planning Department will provide details about Housing Action Package 2.0, and attendees will have a chance to ask questions and offer feedback. San Diegans can learn more about the initiative and the workshops on the City's <u>Housing Action Package 2.0 webpage</u>. Feedback can also be shared by email to <u>planning@sandiego.gov</u> or by mail to the City of San Diego Planning Department, 9485 Aero Drive, M.S. 413, San Diego, CA 92123.

"San Diego residents continue to face barriers to housing, and no matter your income, background or age, everyone deserves to have access to affordable housing and a place they can call home," said Planning Director Heidi Vonblum. "We are already seeing a positive impact with the first Housing Action Package that City Council passed last year, but we have more work to do. We look forward to collaborating with San Diegans on these proposals to ensure we are taking the best actions to provide more homes in all communities with safe and enjoyable options for walking, rolling, biking and transit."

The proposal is anticipated to be considered this spring by the Planning Commission, the City Council's Land Use and Housing Committee and, ultimately, the full City Council. San Diegans are welcome and encouraged to continue providing their input throughout the hearing process.

The City Council passed Mayor Gloria's <u>first Housing Action Package</u> in February 2022.

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