

CITY OF SAN DIEGO COUNCILMEMBER STEPHEN WHITBURN

THIRD DISTRICT

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Councilmember Stephen Whitburn says that Point in Time Count is an important tool to allocate resources to address homelessness

"While the city has helped thousands of people get into shelter, safe sleeping sites, and housing over the past year, today's Point in Time Count shows there is more work to do.

Mayor Gloria and I spoke to several people camping along the 805 Freeway today and many expressed interest in the programs that the city has to offer.

One woman we spoke to had heard about our new safe sleeping sites, but was unsure on how to access them, so we connected her with an outreach worker who will help her get to one of the sites.

I am pleased that this year the city's safe sleeping sites, where we have 500 people staying and getting services, will be included for the first time in this critical count.

I would like to thank the Regional Task Force on Homelessness, the many City staff members and thousands of other volunteers who helped count people experiencing homelessness so we can connect them to shelter and services".

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