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## Councilmember Raul Campillo Applauds County's Action to Invest in Behavioral Healthcare

SAN DIEGO — San Diego City Councilmember Raul Campillo has issued the following statement in response to the County Board of Supervisors' recent approval of significant investments in mental health care services:

"I'm proud to see the County stepping up with bold new investments in mental health care," said Councilmember Raul Campillo. "As someone who led the City's efforts to clear red tape for behavioral health facilities and strongly supported Prop 1, I know that real progress requires every level of government working toward the same goal. This kind of leadership helps build the coordinated regional response San Diegans deserve."

On April 8, 2025, the County Board of Supervisors approved plans to contract for 30 additional behavioral health beds at Paradise Valley Hospital in National City, nearly doubling South Bay Medi-Cal capacity. The Board also advanced new partial hospitalization programs and additional board-and-care facilities, helping fill critical gaps in the mental health care system.

Councilmember Campillo has been a consistent advocate for enhancing behavioral health infrastructure within the City of San Diego. His efforts have focused on collaborating with county and state government, eliminating red tape to accelerate behavioral health facility development, and ensuring residents have timely access to the care they need.

"Mental illness doesn't stop at jurisdictional lines—and neither should our response," continued Councilmember Campillo. "I look forward to collaborating with our partners at the County to build a region where every San Diegan can get the care they need, when they need it."

For more information on the County's recent actions, <u>please refer to the San Diego Union-Tribune's coverage linked here.</u>

**About Councilmember Raul Campillo** 

Councilmember Raul Campillo proudly represents the Seventh Council District of the City of San Diego and serves as the Chair of the Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

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