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Councilmember Campillo, Harm Reduction Coalition Partner to Launch New Naloxone Distribution Program at City Libraries

First event was this morning at Linda Vista Library; overdose response training and drug testing kits also offered

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LINDA VISTA – In response to San Diego’s ongoing opioid crisis, San Diego City Councilmember Raul Campillo and the Harm Reduction Coalition of San Diego today launched a new partnership to give out Naloxone, provide fentanyl and xylazine (tranq) test strips, and conduct on-site overdose response training at events across San Diego’s libraries.

“This partnership is about saving lives,” said Councilmember Raul Campillo. “Every person who experiences an overdose is someone’s child, sibling, or neighbor — and we can stop these painful losses by making sure lifesaving medications are accessible in every corner of our community.”

Although overdose deaths have declined somewhat in recent years, they remain a major public health concern. Expanding access to tools like Naloxone is critical to preventing tragedies before they happen.

For Campillo, the work is personal. His brother, Alex, died of an opioid overdose eleven years ago.

“My family knows this pain firsthand,” continued Campillo. “I’m determined to do everything in my power to prevent other families from having to endure what we did.”

With libraries serving as vital community hubs — especially for unhoused residents — Campillo and library officials believe these settings are uniquely positioned to make a life-saving impact.

"This partnership puts a critical tool in the hands of the community, right where they are," said Misty Jones, Director of the San Diego Public Library. "Libraries have long served as safe spaces — including for our most vulnerable neighbors — and we've seen firsthand the urgency of this crisis. Now, in addition to learning and connection, our libraries can offer something even more vital: the power to save lives."

In a tough budget year, this partnership provides critical supplies and services at no cost to the City. The Harm Reduction Coalition receives Naloxone and other materials through state grants designed to combat opioid overdoses.

Today's pilot event at the Linda Vista Library marks the first in a series of planned library-based distribution and training sessions, with more expected across the City in the coming months.

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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