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## **City Attorney Heather Ferbert Launches New Housing Protection Unit to Target Problem Properties, Protect Tenants, and Address Quality-of-Life Issues**

**SAN DIEGO** – City Attorney Heather Ferbert announced the launch of the Housing Protection and Civil Code Compliance Unit (HPU), a new unit within the City Attorney's Office dedicated to ensuring that housing in San Diego is safe, fair, and livable.

The HPU will take a focused approach to addressing persistent code violations, substandard rental housing conditions, unfair business practices, and patterns or practice of violating the Tenant Protection Ordinance or the Short-Term Residential Occupancy Ordinance. The HPU will pursue civil enforcement legal action against repeat violators and work to resolve broader public nuisance issues that undermine housing stability, distort the rental market, and harm quality of life.

Focusing on chronic problem properties and repeat offenders, the unit aims to restore compliance quickly, deter future violations, and improve housing quality citywide. The launch of this unit builds on the City Attorney's broader mission to protect public safety, strengthen neighborhoods, and ensure that the rules protecting San Diegans are applied consistently and fairly.

**"Every San Diegan deserves to live in safe, fair, and livable housing,"** said City Attorney Heather Ferbert. **"With the Housing Protection Unit, we're stepping up enforcement against repeat offenders who ignore the law, threaten tenant safety, and damage our communities. We will hold violators accountable and protect the rights of residents across our city."**

The HPU will continue to work closely with the City's Building and Land Use Enforcement Division (BLUE), the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (SDFD), law enforcement partners, and community members to identify unsafe and unlawful housing conditions and pursue civil enforcement actions where necessary.

While the HPU does not provide legal advice or representation to individuals, complaints about public nuisances, and pattern and practice of code violations can be submitted through the City Attorney's website for consideration.

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