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In Light of Trash Fee Debacle, Councilmember Campillo to Bring Two Transparency Proposals to Rules Committee

WHAT: At today's Rules Committee meeting, Councilmember Raul Campillo will bring forward **two transparency proposals** related to how new fees can be implemented in the City of San Diego.

The first proposal would ensure that when residents receive Proposition 218-mandated mailers about a new fee, the **very first page must clearly state** that a fee is being proposed and explain residents' right to protest it. Additionally, the mailer must include a simple, easy-to-find protest form so the public can meaningfully participate in the process.

The second proposal gives the Council the option to require a cost-of-service study or economic impact analysis *before* placing a measure on the ballot that could lead to a future fee, **ensuring voters have the full facts up front.**

WHO: Raul Campillo, San Diego City Councilmember (7th District)

WHERE: Committee Chambers, 202 C St (12th fl), San Diego, CA 92101

WHEN: **TODAY** Wednesday, November 19th, 2025 at 9am; exact time that proposals will be heard subject to meeting speed

WHY: Councilmember Campillo was one of three Councilmembers to vote no on the trash fee – citing in his dissent that while the Independent Budget Analyst estimated the trash fee to be \$23-29 when it was on the ballot in 2022, the final number was over \$43. His proposals tomorrow aim to prevent such situations in the future and ensure residents receive clear, accurate information before any new fee is considered.

“San Diego residents should never feel baited and switched by their own City government,” said Councilmember Raul Campillo. “I urge my fellow Committee members to stand with me in putting clear, transparent processes in place in order to rebuild trust with our citizens.”

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