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**Councilmember Campillo Fights to Keep Parking at Beaches and Bays Free**

**SAN DIEGO** — Today, San Diego City Councilmember Raul Campillo brought forward an initiative to the City Council’s Rules Committee that would place protections directly into the City’s Municipal Code to ensure that parking at local beaches and bays shall remain free unless and until the voters decide otherwise.

The Committee voted in favor of the proposal, deciding to advance the item to a second Committee discussion for further consideration. If approved at the second reading, the item would advance to the full City Council for final approval and be placed on the ballot in November.

“I brought this item forward in hopes of making sure the City does not repeat the same mistake we saw with the proposed parking fees at Balboa Park,” said Councilmember Raul Campillo. “This is about making sure access to our most treasured public spaces remains clear, protected, and accountable to the people of San Diego – and it’s just one part of a larger series of transparency and accountability initiatives I will be bringing forward in an effort to clean up City Hall and ensure we have the right protocols in place moving forward.”

Currently, the City does not charge for parking in beach and bay parking lots that it owns and operates. The proposed ballot measure would add a new section to the San Diego Municipal Code states parking in City-owned beach and bay parking lots shall remain free of charge.

Codifying this policy in the Municipal Code would help preserve access to beaches and bays for residents and visitors while maintaining the City’s long-standing practice of providing free parking in these coastal lots. The measure would not apply to existing parking meters or other paid parking programs elsewhere in the City.

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The Seventh Council District of the City of San Diego is proudly represented by Councilmember Raul Campillo, who serves as Chair of the Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. His top priorities include improving public safety and fiercely advocating for increased transparency, opportunity, and access in District 7 and beyond. [Sign up here](#) for district-wide updates and more.