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**STATEMENT FROM COUNCILMEMBER STEPHEN WHITBURN FOLLOWING
THE FINAL PASSAGE OF THE UNSAFE CAMPING ORDINANCE**

SAN DIEGO – Third-District Councilmember Stephen Whitburn issued the following statement following the final passage of the Unsafe Camping Ordinance in which prohibits camping on public land when shelter is available and at all times in sensitive areas like schools and parks.

“Today, the City Council gave final approval to the Unsafe Camping Ordinance which puts reasonable regulations on encampments on city property. Today’s action puts us one step closer to having safer and healthier neighborhoods, including around schools, parks, canyons, and other sensitive areas.

I thank the many residents citywide who contacted my office to express support for this ordinance as well as councilmembers LaCava, Campbell, von Wilpert, and Campillo for voting in favor of these common-sense regulations. I also want to express my appreciation to Mayor Gloria for his partnership on this measure.

Within a week, the city will open its first Safe Sleeping Site. This will give people experiencing homelessness a safer and healthier alternative to living in encampments on our sidewalks. The Safe Sleeping Sites will have bathrooms, showers, security, meals, and connections to housing and services.

The Unsafe Camping Ordinance is now on its way to Mayor Gloria’s desk for his signature, and it will go into effect 30 days after the first Safe Sleeping Site opens.”

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