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COUNCIL APPROVAL OF TRANSITIONAL STORAGE CENTER LEASE AND OPERATING AGREEMENT

SAN DIEGO, CA – – San Diego Councilmember Chris Ward (District Three) issued the following statement after Council approval of actions related to opening a transitional storage center at 116 South 20th Street.

"The ability to safely store belongings is a turning point for an individual experiencing homelessness, allowing them the opportunity to connect with services, find gainful employment, attend school or address their healthcare needs. I've been calling for such an increase since March 2017 because we have seen the success of the current facility downtown and know the need of those living on our streets.

"This storage facility must deliver for both the clients it will serve and the neighborhood that surrounds it. The additional neighborhood protections in place - related to increased police and environmental services - will ensure we will minimize the community impact. I will be working closely with Mayor Faulconer and community partners to ensure that the protections Council included today are upheld."

For more information or to interview Councilmember Ward, contact Ansermio Jake Estrada at (619) 909-4299 or EstradaAJ@sandiego.gov

Councilmember Chris Ward represents San Diego's Third Council District including communities of Downtown, Little Italy, Bankers Hill, Mission Hills, Middletown, Hillcrest, University Heights, North Park, Normal Heights, Old Town, South Park, and Golden Hill.