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STATEMENT

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Councilmember Gloria Comments on County *Getting to Zero* Initiative

SAN DIEGO, CA (March 1, 2016) – Councilmember Todd Gloria today released the following comment in response to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors' approval of the *Getting to Zero Initiative* to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic in San Diego County .

"I am grateful for the leadership shown by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors in taking this momentous step towards connecting the 20,000 residents living with HIV/AIDS with treatments in order to stop the spread of the disease," said Councilmember Gloria. **"The *Getting to Zero* initiative is a meaningful commitment to the public health of all San Diegans to drastically reduce and perhaps eliminate new HIV infections."**

Councilmember Gloria participated in the Ad Hoc Task Force to Address HIV Education, Prevention, Testing and Treatment which offered its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration. The Board directed their Chief Administrative Officer to bring back an implementation plan for the task force's goals and recommendations. Among the task force's recommendations are adoption of routine HIV testing and use of pre-exposure and post-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP and PEP) for high risk HIV negative individuals.

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