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Proposal Could Threaten Section 8 Funding to Needy Families

San Diego – Councilmember Sherman expressed deep concern regarding a proposal that became public one week ago which intends to prohibit housing discrimination based on a tenant’s income. While the motivations of this proposal are well-intended, it could inadvertently take away much needed funding used to house needy San Diego families.

Allocation of funds used for enforcement of the ordinance still remains unclear. The San Diego Housing Commission confirmed, in a committee meeting today that funding sources would come from Section 8 voucher funds used to place needy families in homes. This proposal will reroute up to \$1 million away from the voucher funds, which could help nearly 100 families for a year.

“This misguided proposal has only been public for a week and it’s unclear how funding and enforcement will take place. Before potentially taking millions away from important voucher housing programs, we need more answers,” said Sherman.

Instead of risking important housing voucher funds, Councilmember Sherman proposed a robust education and outreach program to stakeholders about the benefits of accepting section 8 voucher holders.

The item was forwarded for consideration to the full City Council on a split 2-2 vote at today’s Smart Growth & Land Use Committee meeting.

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