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## **Parking Reduction Requirements in Transit Priority Areas Approved by Council**

*Item First Introduced by CM's Sherman and Alvarez Over Two Years Ago*

**San Diego** – Today, the City Council voted to reduce parking requirements at new multifamily residential developments within Transit Priority Areas (TPAs). This measure was first introduced over two years ago as a part of a 20-point housing plan by Councilmember Scott Sherman and former Councilmember David Alvarez. This reform will decrease the cost of developing multifamily developments, helping to fix the dire housing crisis San Diegans face.

The ordinance will reduce parking requirements for multifamily residential developments within TPA's from a minimum of one parking space to zero. In addition, building applicants will be required to provide varying levels of transportation amenities based on a Transportation Amenity Score.

San Diego is facing a serious housing crisis. The cost of living is far outpacing incomes in the region. In fact, middle class families are spending 50 percent of their incomes on housing – a much larger percentage than the recommended standard of 30 percent. The high cost of living is a significant reason why many San Diegans move out of the region.

Minimum parking requirements for mutli-family developments dramatically increase construction costs, which is passed on to the consumer. With the elimination of minimum parking requirements in TPAs, building construction would be less expensive with the benefit passed on to the homebuyer.

“While it took way to long to get this ordinance approved, I praise my colleagues for finally getting it across the finish line,” said Councilmember Sherman. “This is good news, but our work to fix San Diego’s housing crisis is nowhere near complete. We must continue pushing innovative strategies to improve housing affordability and we can’t wait two years for approval.”

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