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Councilmember Campillo Announces Intention to “Safeguard San Diego” alongside Workers’ Rights Advocates

SAN DIEGO — Raul A. Campillo, District 7 Councilmember and Chair of the Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, today announced his intention to bring an item forward to the City Council’s Rules Committee: a ballot measure for the November 2022 election to “Safeguard San Diego” by bringing the City into compliance with State law for infrastructure funding.

Since the 2012 passage of Measure A established a prohibition on Project Labor Agreements (PLAs), the City has been ineligible for millions of dollars of State funding. The Safeguard San Diego proposal will update the City’s contracting policies to prevent it from continuing to lose access to these funds that could be used for projects that benefit San Diegans and create good local jobs.

“Since banning Project Labor Agreements (PLAs), the City has been ineligible for State funding for our critical projects. This means our roads, our firehouses, our core City services. I am proud to be bringing this item forward on Wednesday to Safeguard San Diego and give residents the opportunity to vote to open up our City to all sources of infrastructure funding.” Campillo said in a statement.

Also present at the press conference was Council President Pro Tem Stephen Whitburn, Brigitte Browning of the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council, Gretchen Newsom of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 569, Doug Hicks of the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters Local 619, Carol Kim of the San Diego Building and Construction Trades Council, and Valentine Macedo Jr. of LIUNA Local 89.

“This measure will ensure San Diego can continue receiving millions of dollars in state funding for streets, parks, housing, and other neighborhood investments. It will also help the City support local workers and businesses. I look forward to meeting with San Diego voters and discussing how this measure will grow our economy and improve our city.” -Council President Pro Tem Stephen Whitburn, District 3

“Common sense efforts like this one will make sure that the City and its taxpayers receive its fair share of state funding for infrastructure, and will also empower the City to hire local workers for good paying jobs. Safeguard San Diego is a simple but important fix to our City contracting rules that will put us back

in compliance with state law, and ensure there are no unnecessary impediments to our ability to access every resource available to us to repair and maintain our communities.” -Brigitte Browning

“Safeguard San Diego restores the City’s ability to use project labor agreements for local hiring so we can get San Diegans back to work and rebuild our economy. Additionally, the measure adds public disclosures, strict accountability, and oversight of taxpayer dollars. It is critically important to fix the failures of anti-worker special interests that have put our City and taxpayers at risk of losing millions of dollars in infrastructure funds. We are thankful for Councilmember Raul Campillo for taking this measure forward to safeguard San Diego.” -Gretchen Newsom

“Unless we fix these outdated city contracting rules, San Diego risks losing millions in critical funding to fix our roads and repair our neighborhoods. This measure is a simple fix to safeguard San Diego’s infrastructure funding and ensure more construction projects in our City pay good wages and hire local workers. I’ve heard a lot of cheap talk lately about rebuilding the economy, but in stepping up to protect San Diego’s fair share of infrastructure funding, Councilmember Raul Campillo is taking real action on a measure to actually get it done.” -Carol Kim

About Councilmember Raul A. Campillo

Councilmember Raul A. Campillo proudly represents the Seventh Council District of the City of San Diego. District Seven includes the neighborhoods of Allied Gardens, Del Cerro, Grantville, Linda Vista, Mission Valley, Serra Mesa, San Carlos, and Tierrasanta. District Seven is home to the new San Diego State University Mission Valley campus, Mission Trails Regional Park and Cowles Mountain, the Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá, Lake Murray, the San Diego River, and Skateworld.

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