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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

## Councilmember Raul Campillo to Hold Special Behavioral Health-Focused Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations (EDIR) Committee Meeting

Intention of special EDIR meeting is to draw attention to the lack of behavioral health beds in San Diego and to inspire action across local agencies to address bed shortage

**WHAT:** Special EDIR meeting to discuss the lack of behavioral health beds in the City of

San Diego and the pathway to creating more robust behavioral health

infrastructure.

WHO: Raul Campillo, San Diego City Councilmember and Chair of EDIR Committee

City Councilmembers Campbell (D2), Montgomery-Steppe (D4), and Lee (D6)

County of San Diego Behavioral Health Services Department

**Hospital Representatives** 

First Responders

Behavioral Health Bed Providers Housing and Homelessness Experts

**WHERE:** San Diego City Council Chambers

202 C St., 12<sup>th</sup> Floor San Diego, CA 92101

WHEN: Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm

WHY: Despite advancements in the behavioral health landscape in San Diego in recent

years, the capacity of the system is not close to sufficient to handle increasing mental health and addiction challenges, including difficulties posed by fentanyl. Councilmember Campillo wishes to foster interagency coordination with the

County, State, and Federal government to address this issue.

**VISUALS:** Chair Campillo and Councilmembers on Dais

Providers, First Responders, and Experts Making Presentations via PowerPoint

1:1 Interviews