



COUNCILMEMBER DAVID ALVAREZ
City of San Diego
Eighth District
MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 12, 2018

TO: Honorable Mayor Kevin Faulconer

FROM: Councilmember David Alvarez

SUBJECT: Community Outreach and Engagement for Transitional Storage Facility

During the State of the City address last month, you announced that a transitional storage facility for homeless individuals' possessions would be located at 20th and Commercial. To the best of my knowledge, the Logan Heights community had not been notified or informed of this decision prior to the announcement. Since then, residents have raised many questions and concerns that have gone unaddressed by the City regarding this facility.

It is important that the City engage in outreach. The ability for the community to ask questions and express concerns is critical to ensure that a fair, public and transparent process takes place before a potential facility is opened. As such, it is vitally important that the City hold a series of community forums in order to discuss the decision to place the facility at the proposed location. It is my understanding that the City is willing to host community forums to discuss the proposed facility. I understand that the first forum will be on February 23rd at 6pm at the Sherman Heights Community Center, and that another forum will be held in Logan Heights at a date and location to be determined. I appreciate your willingness to listen and be responsive to the concerns of the impacted community and engage directly with residents regarding this proposed facility.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

CC: Kris Michell, Chief Operating Officer