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Alvarez Proposal for Increased Funding for Homeless and Housing Moves Forward

SAN DIEGO, CA (July 11, 2018) –The City of San Diego Rules Committee today moved forward a ballot measure proposal by Councilmember Alvarez to the full Council, which would increase the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenues. This measure would be accompanied by a companion measure asking whether the voters would advise the Mayor and Council to use the revenue to implement programs to address homelessness in the City.

Alvarez’s [proposal](#) would increase the existing TOT from 10.5 cents to 11.5 cents. If voters approve the measure and also advise the Mayor and Council to spend that revenue on activities related to homelessness prevention and housing, the City would have a new source of revenue to address the ever-growing homelessness crisis.

“The City Council must act with urgency,” stated Alvarez. “It is time to take this crisis seriously and increase funding for homelessness programs.”

If approved by the Council, this proposed ballot measure would be placed on the November 2018 ballot.

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