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## LAND USE AND HOUSING COMMITTEE APPROVES MIDDLE-INCOME HOUSING INCENTIVES

SAN DIEGO –Today, the City of San Diego's Land Use and Housing Committee approved the Middle-Income Density Bonus Program. This program would add City regulations that incentivize construction of middle-income housing.

"My proposal would result in the production of more middle-income units, and increase the overall supply of housing in San Diego. We need to ensure that professionals like teachers, police officers, fire fighters, and nurses have housing opportunities in the City of San Diego," said Committee Chair Vivian Moreno. "It is vital that a middle-income program truly serve the population that is not eligible for affordable housing programs, and has been priced out of the housing market."

The proposed regulations (Item 3) include the following:

- Middle-income units built through this program would be available for households with a combined income that ranges from 80%-120% of area median income.
- Projects proposed to include middle-income and affordable housing may allow both affordable and middle-income units to receive a higher density bonus.
- The terms of affordability mirror the requirements of the City's Affordable Housing Regulations; rental dwelling units are required to be affordable for 55 years and for-sale dwelling units are required to be affordable for 15 years with an equity sharing agreement with the San Diego Housing Commission.

This proposed action passed by the Committee is designed to increase the overall production of housing units throughout San Diego.