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COUNCILMEMBER WARD STATEMENT ON APPROVAL OF BRIDGE HOMELESS SHELTER FUNDING

SAN DIEGO, CA – (Tuesday, November 14, 2017) – San Diego Councilmember Chris Ward (District Three) issued the following statement after City Council approval of funding for the Housing Commission to oversee, administer, and manage three temporary bridge shelter programs in Barrio Logan, Midway, and East Village, including performance standards for the programs.

***“The Hepatitis A outbreak is an emergency that demands quick action, and with lives on the line it is crucial to provide safe, sanitary facilities for homeless individuals that connects them to our coordinated entry system. I commend the Mayor and his team, our philanthropic leaders, and my fellow councilmembers for acting quickly to not only get these tents up and running, but also provide programming consistent with best practices that will challenge us to keep our eyes on long-term solutions as we remain committed to Housing First.*”**

“I believe these programs have clear, trackable expectations to ensure that we get the most impact out of every single dollar we invest in addressing homelessness. Our action today reflects a balanced approach to address the immediate public health crisis going forward, and ensure we are making changes to the system so that we’re no longer just managing homelessness, we are taking positive steps to address the crisis.”

For more information or to interview Councilmember Ward, contact Lucas O'Connor at (619) 236-6633 or (619) 368-3153.

Councilmember Ward represents San Diego’s Third Council District including the communities of Downtown, Little Italy, Bankers Hill, Mission Hills, Middletown, Hillcrest, University Heights, North Park, Normal Heights, Old Town, South Park, and Golden Hill.

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