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COUNCILMEMBER CATE RELEASES PRIORITIES FOR ADDRESSESING HOMELESSNESS
Recommendations include land use, social services, public safety, and regulatory reform

San Diego, CA: In advance of tomorrow's City of San Diego Select Committee on Homelessness, Councilmember Chris Cate released homelessness action items.

His priorities and recommendations include: land use, social services, public safety, and regulatory reform.

"I believe my proposed action items will effectively and expeditiously get families and individuals off the street, placed in safe and secure locations, and connected to services that meet their specific needs. These ideas and approaches are not by any means the only pathway to addressing this significantly complex and layered issue, but they are those to which I will be giving my undivided attention and effort. The time is now for City leadership to deliver robust and bold solutions that will yield tangible results for the betterment of our homeless population and San Diego as a whole," stated Councilmember Chris Cate.

Councilmember Cate's proposal addresses:

- Immediate relief to unsheltered clients by increasing the supply of temporary emergency shelter beds and support the proposal of Peter Seidler and Dan Shea;
- Opportunities to expand safe parking zones programs to connect the approximately 800 individuals residing in their vehicles to services and permanent housing;
- Feasibility of four vacant parcels (in District 6) that may be utilized for homeless services and housing;
- Current Compassionate Enforcement protocols to connect clients to necessary social services;
- Identifies opportunities to maximize the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) and Serial Inebriate Program (SIP);
- the City's Resource Access Program (RAP);
- A Citywide Permanent Supportive Housing Ordinance that streamlines planning approvals, zoning compliance, and building requirements for qualifying projects;
- A Citywide Adaptive Reuse zoning ordinance to incentivize the construction of permanent supportive housing, affordable housing, and/or facilities for homeless services.

View Councilmember Cate's Memorandum: <http://bit.ly/2eUBA8Y>

View Councilmember Cate's Proposal: <http://bit.ly/2fhyUmo>