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**JOINT STATEMENT FROM THE THREE LGBTQIA+ MEMBERS OF THE  
SAN DIEGO CITY COUNCIL ON RECENT CRIME IN HILLCREST**

SAN DIEGO, CA – San Diego Councilmembers Chris Ward (District Three), Jennifer Campbell (District Two), and Council President Georgette Gómez (District Nine) issued the following joint statement in response to the recent crime and violence in Hillcrest, a neighborhood in San Diego.

**“Over the past week, we have seen an increase in crime and violence in a community that has historically identified as LGBTQIA+. From the cowardly vandalism of Pride Plaza to last night’s shooting on University Avenue, it is clear that more must be done to address the rising public safety concerns of our residents. As members of the LGBTQIA + community and the City Council, we stand united against these acts of violence and hate. What is meant to silence our community will only make us stronger, and we look forward to using that strength to work with the Mayor’s office and the San Diego Police Department to ensure we truly are a city that is safe for all.”**

For more information or to interview Councilmember Ward, contact Ansermio Jake Estrada at (619) 227-0421 or EstradaAJ@sandiego.gov

***Councilmember Chris Ward represents San Diego’s Third Council District including communities of Downtown, Little Italy, Bankers Hill, Mission Hills, Middletown, Hillcrest, University Heights, North Park, Normal Heights, Old Town, South Park, and Golden Hill; while also serving as Chair of the Regional Task Force on the Homeless.***

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