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Tiny Houses: A Real Solution to Our Housing Crisis

City Council Poised to Add Movable Tiny Homes to San Diego's Housing Menu

SAN DIEGO – The City Council on Tuesday will continue to address the city's housing emergency when it considers adding movable tiny homes to the City's menu of options.

“We have to attack the housing crisis from every possible angle,” said City Council President Georgette Gómez. “The Housing Action Plan I released in 2017 included adding tiny homes to our housing mix because it’s a commonsense, low-cost option that can work for many San Diegans struggling to find an affordable place to live. It’s a great way to encourage property owners to be part of the solution.”

Cost-effective and requiring very little land, movable tiny homes are constructed offsite and wheeled into place. More like a conventional house than a mobile home in appearance, they total between 150 and 430 square feet and are equipped with the basics for living, sleeping, cooking, and sanitation.

Currently, the City allows homeowners to build accessory dwelling units (ADU) on their properties. Tuesday's action would add regulations for tiny homes to the section of the Municipal Code that governs ADUs.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, only City staff and credentialed members of the press may attend the July 21 meeting in person. However, those wishing to register support for tiny homes can submit a comment through [this online form](#) or call in to the meeting and make a comment when the extension item is announced by the City Clerk. The call-in number is 619-541-6310, and the access code is 877861, followed by #. [Here](#) are the full call-in instructions. Council meetings are broadcast on Channel 24 through Cox and Time-Warner cable systems and Channel 99 through AT&T. They are also [streamed online](#).

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Council President Gómez represents the Ninth Council District of the City of San Diego, which includes the communities of Alvarado Estates, City Heights, College Area, College View Estates, El Cerrito, Kensington, Mountain View, Mt. Hope, Rolando, Southcrest, and Talmadge. She chairs the City of San Diego Rules Committee and sits on the Metropolitan Transit System Board of Directors and on the SANDAG Board of Directors and Executive Board.