

Councilmember David Alvarez City of San Diego-- District Eight

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STATEMENT FROM COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ REGARDING WATER PURIFICATION DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

San Diego, CA- Today City Councilmember David Alvarez released the following statement:

Today the City Council took a giant step forward to provide San Diegans with a safe and sustainable source of drinking water for decades to come.

Upon the recommendation of the committee I chair, the Natural Resources and Culture Committee, the Council unanimously approved the results of the <u>Water Purification</u> <u>Demonstration Project</u> and committed to the next steps needed to build upon this successful project.

San Diego currently pays over \$1,000 per acre foot of imported water and that cost is increasing every year. The study shows that building a system that recycles our wastewater will cost less than continuing to pay for imported water today and it does it in an environmentally responsible way.

I will be holding a hearing on the options to move forward with a potable reuse system at the Natural Resources and Culture Committee in the coming months.

Alvarez is the Councilmember for the Eighth Council District of the City of San Diego, which includes the southern communities of San Ysidro, Otay Mesa, Ocean View Hills, Nestor, Egger Highlands and the Tijuana River Valley. He is currently the chair of the City Council's Natural Resources and Culture committee.