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COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR'S MISGUIDED HOUSING NAVIGATION CENTER PROPOSAL

*APPROVED PROPOSAL IS WITHOUT ADDITIONAL HOUSING UNITS FOR CLIENTS
OR ANY PLAN TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS*

SAN DIEGO, CA – San Diego Councilmember Chris Ward (District Three) issued the following statement after Council voted to approve the Mayor's proposed "housing navigation center".

"The departure from the original concept of this Navigation Center compared to what has been narrowly approved today is extremely disappointing," said Councilmember Ward.

"This no longer aspires to be a one-stop, low-barrier shelter model with access to multiple providers and on-site services, targeting the chronically homeless and those living in encampments. Instead, this proposal will provide zero additional shelter beds, zero additional housing units, and zero additional services for our vulnerable population.

"Experience has proven that our biggest need is identifying and producing housing into which we can successfully navigate homeless clients. Until we address the amount of housing available to all San Diegans, this concept – from inception to conclusion – will continue to be a navigation center to nowhere."

For more information or to interview Councilmember Ward, contact Ansermio Jake Estrada at (619) 236-6633 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.

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