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CITY COUNCIL APPROVES A TEMPORARY SHELTER FOR HOMELESS SAN DIEGANS AT CITY HALL CONCOURSE, GOLDEN HALL

SAN DIEGO, CA – Councilmember Chris Ward (District Three) issued the following statement after Council actions related to the approval of a Temporary Bridge Shelter for single adult women and families.

"Today's decision to utilize the City Hall concourse and Golden Hall as a temporary homeless shelter will keep families together, safe, and near services that provide access to permanent housing. This was the right decision and one that I have advocated for since 2017.

"Moving forward, I will continue pushing city officials to actively look for <u>shelter</u> and <u>housing</u> opportunities throughout San Diego, including on city owned land and facilities.

"While this action was necessary to provide shelter and services for hundreds of San Diegans, we must remain committed to Housing First principles, pursuing affordable and attainable housing opportunities that end homelessness and serve as a platform for San Diegans to improve their quality of life."

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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