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COUNCIL COMMITS TO EQUITABLY FACILITATING PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNITS THROUGHOUT SAN DIEGO

140 UNIT GOAL PER COUNCIL DISTRICT WOULD MEET CITYWIDE CHRONIC HOMELESS COUNT NUMBERS

SAN DIEGO, CA – San Diego Councilmember Chris Ward (District Three) issued the following statement after Council approval of a resolution in support of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) in every council district. PSH is a distinct model of affordable housing that provides additional services on top of basic housing needs for individuals struggling with chronic homelessness.

"This action demonstrates the commitment of this City Council to creating real housing opportunities designed to lift individuals and families out of crisis and move them into the safety and security of a home," said Councilmember Ward.

"I look forward to working with my Council colleagues to ensure supportive housing is distributed equitably throughout San Diego so we can effectively meet citywide housing needs."

Permanent Supportive Housing is an evidence-based housing model proven to end someone's homelessness while decreasing overall costs to the public. Increasing the number of PSH units available will move more families and individuals struggling with chronic homelessness off our streets and into safer environments. The need for additional PSH units was underscored by the 2018 Point in Time Count which identified 1,227 chronically homeless households in the City of San Diego that may be best served through PSH. Adding 140 units of PSH in each Council District would provide enough housing to address the total number of the City's identified chronically homeless households.

For more information or to interview Councilmember Ward, contact Ansermio Jake Estrada at (619) 909-4299 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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