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A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO SUPPORTING CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 569, "THE CALIFORNIA HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT COLLABORATION ACT," FOR THE 2025-2026 CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION.

RECITALS

The Council of the City of San Diego (Council) adopts this Resolution based on the following:

- A. The cost of living in San Diego continues to rise, making it one of the most expensive cities in the country. A significant factor driving this high cost of living is the lack of affordable housing. San Diego County faces a shortage of more than 134,500 affordable homes for low-income renters, exacerbating regional housing insecurity. Homelessness is a significant and growing issue across California, impacting public safety, public health, and the environment.
- B. The City of San Diego (City) is embarking on increased encampment resolution efforts with the help of encampment resolution grant funding and the addition of shelter beds and two safe sleeping sites for people experiencing homelessness.
- C. While the City has made efforts to help homeless individuals, many homeless encampments are located on property that is owned or managed by the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) and adjacent to highways and other transportation infrastructure.

 These encampments pose serious environmental and public safety risks to the people living in them and CalTrans infrastructure, requiring a coordinated approach to effectively and humanely address these encampments.
- D. California Senate Bill 569 (SB 569), titled the California Homeless Encampment Collaboration Act," would allow CalTrans to actively coordinate with local governments to

address and prevent homeless encampments on CalTrans' property and rights-of-way by establishing a dedicated liaison office, developing joint action plans, and creating district advisory committees.

- E. SB 569 promotes a collaborative approach to homelessness by including local governments from within the district's boundaries, CalTrans, the Department of the California Highway Patrol, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the California Interagency Council on Homelessness, and the California Environmental Protection Agency in the district advisory committees. SB 569 also ensures that local governments and state agencies work together to assess encampments, set clear benchmarks for resolution, and provide shelter and services to individuals experiencing homelessness.
- F. SB 569 further requires CalTrans to allocate funds, upon appropriation by the California State Legislature (Legislature), to support collaborative efforts with local governments, including funding for temporary housing, outreach programs, and environmental cleanup.
- G. SB 569 also enhances accountability and transparency by requiring CalTrans to submit an annual report to the Legislature detailing the number of encampments addressed, the outcomes of joint action plans, and recommendations for improving coordination and resource allocation.
- H. Addressing homelessness requires a comprehensive, long-term strategy that balances public safety, environmental stewardship, and the fundamental need for housing and support services.
- I. The Council formally supports SB 569 and urges the Legislature and the Governor to enact this critical legislation.

J. The Office of the City Attorney prepared this Resolution based on the information provided by City staff, and verified by City staff, with the understanding that this information is complete and accurate.

ACTION ITEMS

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of San Diego:

- The Council declares its full support for California Senate Bill 569, "The
 California Homeless Encampment Collaboration Act."
- 2. The Council requests the City's Government Affairs Department staff transmit this Resolution to the City's state lobbyists and other appropriate individuals to ensure this Resolution is received by state representatives and made part of the official record of support for the California Senate Bill 569, "The California Homeless Encampment Collaboration Act."

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