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San Diego City Council Unanimously Votes to Support Behavioral Health Package on March 2024 Ballot

Prop 1 package includes reform of the Mental Health Services Act and a \$6.38 billion bond to invest in behavioral health beds and housing across California

SAN DIEGO — Today, the San Diego City Council unanimously passed Councilmember Raul Campillo's resolution declaring the City of San Diego's support for Proposition 1, the behavioral health package on the statewide primary ballot in March 2024.

"San Diegans deserve dignified care," said Councilmember Raul Campillo. "These are our friends, family, and neighbors we're talking about, and they're going through some of the worst demons you can possibly imagine. Proposition 1 will make a real difference in addressing our mental health and addiction crises by providing better treatment and investing in behavioral health infrastructure across the state. I won't stop fighting for more action on behavioral health because it's one of the foremost issues that San Diego faces today."

"The dire shortage of treatment beds for those suffering from mental illness and addiction is driving a public safety crisis in our communities and making solving homelessness harder," said Mayor Todd Gloria. "By providing funding for counties and their partners to create more than 11,000 new beds and roughly 27,000 new outpatient opportunities, Proposition 1 will build on the tools we've advanced through CARE Court and conservatorship reform and get people the help they need. I'm grateful that the City Council has joined me in backing Proposition 1, putting the City of San Diego firmly in support of this measure."

On the City Council, Councilmember Raul Campillo has led the way for more action on behavioral health. In December, Councilmember Campillo won the unanimous support of his colleagues in declaring a Behavioral Health Bed Crisis, which directs City staff to explore updating zoning ordinances in the City of San Diego to ensure barriers to building and operating behavioral health facilities are minimal. Additionally, the action directs City staff to have regular communication with County, local, and regional partners to ensure strong coordination between all parties in order to address the lack of behavioral health beds.

Proposition 1, which won bipartisan support in the California Legislature, was put on the March 2024 ballot by Governor Gavin Newsom after he signed Senate Bill 326 (Eggman) and Assembly Bill 531 (Irwin) in October 2023. Proposition 1 will appear on the ballot statewide during the March 5, 2024 election.

Proposition 1 has two main components. The first component of Proposition 1, Senate Bill 326 (SB326), reforms the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), which was passed as Proposition 63 in 2004. The MHSA places a tax on people with incomes over \$1 million per year and directs that funding toward mental health services. SB326 changes the MHSA in several ways, including specifically directing some of the funds collected from the MHSA towards initiatives like investing in California's mental health workforce and mental illness and substance abuse prevention programs across the state.

The second component of Proposition 1, Assembly Bill 531 (AB531), issues a \$6.38 billion bond to build new behavioral health beds and housing across the state. Proposition 1 would not raise Californians' taxes and would build over 11,000 new behavioral health beds and 26,700 outpatient treatment slots. Additionally, just over \$1 billion of the bond funds would be set aside for veterans experiencing homelessness and with mental health or substance abuse challenges.

The Yes on Prop 1 campaign, which has been branded as Treatment Not Tents and has been championed by Governor Newsom, [lists the following benefits of Prop 1 in this fact sheet](#):

- Expands Community-Based Services
- Builds Supportive Housing
- Provides Treatment Over Incarceration
- Helps Homeless Veterans
- Addresses Shortage of Mental Health Workers
- Requires Strict Accountability

For more information on Proposition 1, [a report from the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office can be found here](#). Additionally, [this press release put out by the Governor's office in October 2023 provides more information and context around Proposition 1](#).

About Councilmember Raul Campillo

Councilmember Raul Campillo proudly represents the Seventh Council District of the City of San Diego and serves as the Chair of the Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

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