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Council President Campbell and Councilmember Campillo Win Full City Council Approval for New Inclusive Language Policy

SAN DIEGO — Raul A. Campillo, District 7 Councilmember and Vice Chair of the Rules Committee, in partnership with Council President and Chair of the Rules Committee Jennifer Campbell, won full Council approval for their proposed Inclusive Language Policy, which was unanimously passed by the Council's Rules Committee in July.

"To truly be America's Finest City, we must be an inclusive and welcoming City for all. I am proud to have shepherded this Inclusive Language Policy through the Rules Committee in July and through the Council this afternoon to make our City more properly reflect its diverse and dynamic residents and employees. As a proud LGBTQ+ Ally, I believe it is time for this Council to stand shoulder to shoulder with the organizations who have fought for inclusivity in San Diego and promote inclusivity in the legislation we pass. I am grateful to Council President Campbell for her leadership and for joining me in this effort." Campillo said in a statement.

Today's action required that moving forward, the City must draft its Council Policy Statements, regulatory legislation, proposals to amend the City Charter by ballot, and amendments to the current municipal code in a gender-neutral, non-binary manner when referring to a person or group of people to promote inclusive language in San Diego.

Council President Dr. Jennifer Campbell, who chairs the Rules Committee, also co-sponsored and spoke in favor of the Inclusive Language Policy. She also released a statement saying, "As a member of the LGBTQ+ Community, I am thrilled to see this item approved at Council. It is an important step to make our governance a more welcoming place for all of San Diego's people; especially those who do not see themselves reflected within a gender binary. We heard loud and clear from our community and from our LGBTQ+ Employee Resource Group about how damaging it feels to be forced to make a choice that does not reflect your identity. Today is a great day for inclusivity in San Diego. "

About Councilmember Raul A. Campillo

Councilmember Raul A. Campillo proudly represents the Seventh Council District of the City of San Diego. District Seven includes the neighborhoods of Allied Gardens, Del Cerro, Grantville, Linda Vista, Mission Valley, Serra Mesa, San Carlos, and Tierrasanta. District Seven is home to the new San Diego State University Mission Valley campus, Mission Trails Regional Park and Cowles Mountain, the Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá, Lake Murray, the San Diego River, and Skateworld.