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Councilmember Jennifer Campbell's All-Gender Restroom Requirement Unanimously Passes Committee

SAN DIEGO – On July 25th, the Community & Neighborhood Services Committee, chaired by Councilmember Campbell, unanimously approved the staff recommendation for Council District 2 staff to work with the City Attorney's office to draft the appropriate documents to require that there be all-gender restroom facilities at all newly constructed or significantly remodeled City facilities.

"All-gender restroom policies make public restrooms safer and more accessible for all people, including transgender and gender non-conforming people, people with disabilities or personal caretakers of a different gender, and for people with children of a different gender," said Councilmember Campbell.

"As Chair of the Community & Neighborhood Services Committee and a proud member of the LGBTQ+ community, it is important for me to ensure that the City of San Diego's libraries, parks, beaches, recreation centers, and other City facilities are safe and accessible for all San Diegans. I am proud that the City of San Diego continues to be the leader and champion of equality and inclusion and this all-gender restroom requirement initiative demonstrates the City's unwavering commitment to the basic rights, respect, and dignity of all people."

All-gender restrooms provide many benefits to the community over gender-specific restrooms. All-gender restrooms increase public safety and health for transgender and gender non-conforming people, who often face stress, anxiety, and harassment when accessing gender-specific public restrooms. They provide easier and safer accommodations for parents with young children and people with special needs, who may otherwise not be able to utilize a public restroom alone. Furthermore, single-stall,



all-gender restrooms decrease wait times for public restrooms by letting all people use whichever stall is available.

With the unanimous approval of the Community & Neighborhood Services Committee, Council District 2 staff can move forward and work with the City Attorney's office to put together the appropriate documents to direct future construction projects or remodel projects at City facilities to include all-gender restroom facilities. This proposal will come before the full Council later this year, after the legislative recess in August.

Councilmember Jennifer Campbell represents District 2, which includes Clairemont, Mission Bay Park, Mission Beach, Old Town, Midway, Ocean Beach, and Point Loma.

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