WHEREAS, Council Policy No. 000-51, entitled “Comprehensive Homeless Policy,” was adopted as a Council Policy of the City of San Diego (City) on June 12, 1995, and was recently replaced with a new policy entitled, “Comprehensive Policy on Homelessness” (Policy), adopted on May 8, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Policy incorporates a concept referred to as “Housing First,” which is predicated on the principle that individuals experiencing homelessness are ready for housing regardless of how long each has been without housing or his or her ability to meet criteria related to mental health, sobriety, and the like, and that individuals are better equipped to address those issues once they achieve stable housing status; and

WHEREAS, the City has acknowledged and incorporated into various City actions the principles of the updated approach and the Housing First model – for example, through its work with the San Diego Housing Commission and Regional Task Force on the Homeless; and

WHEREAS, the Policy states, in part, that “[t]he supply of permanent affordable housing units should be increased and expedited development processes should be pursued”; and

WHEREAS, based on current data, the City needs approximately 1,260 units to address the needs of the chronically homeless identified in the 2018 point-in-time count; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 point-in-time count demonstrates that homelessness exists in all Council districts; and
WHEREAS, the City desires to create 1,260 new permanent supportive housing units to serve the City’s chronically homeless population; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires that such housing be built throughout the City, and not limited to certain districts or locations; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of San Diego, that the Council formally expresses its intent to support a minimum of 140 new units of permanent supportive housing be built in each Council district by January 1, 2021.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By

Mary T. Nuesca
Assistant City Attorney

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I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of ________________________________.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND,
City Clerk

By ______________________________
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: ______________________________
(date) KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

Vetoed: ______________________________
(date) KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

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