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**San Diego City Council Unanimously Passes
Councilmember Stephen Whitburn's Resolution in
Support of Senate Bill 569, the California
Homeless Encampment Collaboration Act**

SAN DIEGO, CA – The San Diego City Council has unanimously passed a resolution introduced by Councilmember Stephen Whitburn in support of [SB 569](#), the California Homeless Encampment Collaboration Act, authored by California State Senator Catherine Blakespear (SD-38). The bill would require that the state collaborate with cities to help resolve encampments on state property, including freeways, and the state would reimburse the city for those costs.

"Addressing homelessness requires collaboration at every level of government," said Councilmember Stephen Whitburn. "I want to thank my City Council colleagues for supporting this resolution, which strengthens our partnership with the state to address encampments on state-owned right-of-ways. SB 569 will help ensure people living in unsafe conditions—such as along freeways and highways—can access shelter and services while improving public safety for everyone in our communities."

Betsy Brennan, President & CEO of the Downtown San Diego Partnership, emphasized the importance of this collaboration, “Downtown San Diego has made great strides in connecting individuals with care and enhancing public safety, but the challenge remains in areas that require additional state and local collaboration. SB 569 aligns with one of the needs identified in our Downtown Safety Plan and would remove jurisdictional roadblocks to ensure encampments along state highways are addressed and those experiencing homelessness are provided with vital resources.”

SB 569 establishes a streamlined, more efficient approach to addressing encampments on state right-of-ways by improving communication with local governments, providing guidance on best practices, and overseeing the development of Delegated Maintenance Agreements (DMAs). Additionally, it creates a publicly accessible digital record of resolved encampments through DMAs, increasing transparency and accountability. The bill also facilitates reimbursement—subject to legislative appropriation—for essential services such as outreach, encampment resolution, and environmental restoration, ensuring a comprehensive and sustainable response to the region’s homelessness crisis.