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SAN DIEGO CITY COUNCIL APPROVES REPLACING CITY'S WINTER TENTS WITH YEAR-ROUND INTERIM HOUSING FACILITY FOR HOMELESS SAN DIEGANS

The San Diego Housing Commission recommendation adopted by the City Council also includes new day center facility; both will be operated by St. Vincent de Paul Village

SAN DIEGO, CA—The San Diego City Council today unanimously approved a San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) recommendation for year-round interim housing in a permanent facility for homeless San Diegans to replace the temporary tents the City of San Diego (City) has provided during the winter months for nearly 30 years.

“We have to change the way we’re doing business,” said City Councilmember Todd Gloria, whose district includes Downtown San Diego. “In the communities where they’re solving homelessness, they’re not doing it with tents.”

The 9-0 vote establishes a City-funded year-round interim housing program to be operated by St. Vincent de Paul Village, Inc. (St. Vincent) at its Downtown campus. It will assist as many as 2,835 homeless individuals—compared to 800 individuals served annually by the winter tents.

SDHC oversaw the selection process for the interim housing program. This effort was directed by Mayor Kevin Faulconer, who played a key leadership role in finding a year-round interim housing solution to replace the temporary tents, which included identifying additional funding resources.

"One of my top priorities as mayor is creating more opportunities for San Diegans, and that includes homeless individuals and Veterans in need," Mayor Faulconer said. "This permanent, year-round interim housing is the latest change to how the City cares for homeless individuals. We're shifting to results-driven programs that provide opportunities and help our fellow San Diegans get off the streets for good."

The year-round interim housing begins full operation with 350 beds on July 1, 2015, at the Paul Mirabile Center at St. Vincent's Downtown San Diego campus.

“This is the right thing to do and the next step forward in the way the City of San Diego addresses homelessness,” SDHC President & CEO Richard C. Gentry said.

The City's Homeless Shelters and Services Programs have been administered by SDHC since July 1, 2010. The City's two emergency shelter tents for single adults and Veterans will close on April 1, 2015.

Approximately 100 beds at the Paul Mirabile Center will be immediately available on April 1, 2015, to assist with the three-month transition from the previously scheduled closing of the City's emergency shelter tents to the beginning of the interim housing program. The beds will be funded with \$250,000 in City General Funds.

For more information about the interim housing program, read the [SDHC News Release](#) about the proposal, issued March 13, 2015, and the proposal [Report to the City Council](#).

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