



## Official Public Statement Hepatitis A Outbreak and Action on Homelessness

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**San Diego, CA** – Our city is currently facing a deadly outbreak of Hepatitis A that is compounded by our rapidly growing homeless population. This is why we believe that the Mayor and City Council should work together immediately to develop a ballot measure that is focused only on a long term funding source to prevent and respond to homelessness and affordable housing.

In the interim, we suggest that the Mayor redirect the \$5 million previously earmarked for a special election to accelerate the citywide efforts to combat homelessness.

In the last year, the Council has taken several actions including establishing a Select Committee on Homelessness and holding a special meeting of the Council focused on housing.

We need to do more, and the time for action is now.

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