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DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO PARTNERSHIP CALLS FOR COMPASSIONATE, RESULTS-BASED SOLUTIONS FOR PROPOSED STATE BUDGET RESOURCES

Following Visit by Governor Newsom Announcing Intended Tenfold Increase in Specific Resources in State Budget

SAN DIEGO – Jan. 12, 2022– The morning of Jan. 12, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom visited San Diego to announce his intention of pursuing additional funding at the state level to address the homelessness crisis. Downtown San Diego Partnership President & CEO Betsy Brennan released the following statement about the visit, proposed funding, and ongoing need for action to address need in San Diego’s urban neighborhoods.

“We are grateful Governor Newsom visited San Diego this morning to announce his intention to pursue additional funding at the state level to address the homelessness crisis. The Downtown Partnership is committed to continuing to grow the impact of our work in homelessness diversion through our Family Reunification Program as well as our advocacy efforts to call for:

- 1) Expanding shelter capacity
- 2) Adding safe non-congregate shelter options
- 3) Increasing outreach with professionals trained to assist those with behavioral health or substance abuse needs
- 4) Deploying resources in a coordinated, compassionate, and data-driven way

We remain hopeful that the significant resources that have been committed by the City and County to Downtown will make a difference and help people experiencing homelessness. The Downtown Partnership and many members of our community stand ready to support the implementation of those resources to achieve both short- and long-term results.

We look forward to hearing more from Mayor Todd Gloria tonight at his annual State of the City Address.”

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*The **Downtown San Diego Partnership** is a nonprofit organization that serves as the principal voice and driving force behind the economic and cultural prosperity of Downtown San Diego through membership, advocacy and public services. It also serves as the managing organization for several special districts including the Clean & Safe program that provide essential public services in the 275 blocks of Downtown. For more information, visit downtownsandiego.org.*