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### **DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO PARTNERSHIP PRESIDENT & CEO ISSUES STATEMENT ON MAYOR GLORIA'S 2024 STATE OF THE CITY**

**SAN DIEGO – Jan. 10, 2024** – The Downtown San Diego Partnership's President & CEO Betsy Brennan issued the following statement regarding Mayor Todd Gloria's State of the City address.

"During tonight's State of the City address, Mayor Todd Gloria outlined the key issues facing our city and how he plans to lead San Diego in the next year. In our work, the DSDP is often positioned at the crossroads of two of those issues, economic development and homelessness, because we believe these issues are intimately connected. We have therefore strategically aligned our organization to prioritize and address these issues in service of our mission. We look forward to working with the Mayor, the City Council, City staff, and our community members to make progress on these issues and that mission in the year ahead.

The Mayor's speech included several items that align with the priorities we have heard from our Downtown community, including his support to amend Proposition 47 regarding retail theft and drug possession. This reform is important to the safety and security of our Downtown neighborhoods. Additionally, as one of the operators of the City's second safe sleeping site at O Lot, we were pleased to hear that shelter bed expansion is to come in the new year. By providing additional places for people experiencing homelessness to connect with safety and shelter we can continue to address this humanitarian crisis on our streets with person-centered solutions.

For more than 30 years, the DSDP has been working with the Downtown community of residents, businesses, employees, visitors and more to create a Downtown that inspires innovation, creativity, and a sense of belonging. Listening to the needs of our community is

always a top priority, and this was shown in [DSDP's most recent strategic plan](#) which focuses on four goals: Champion a Welcoming and Resilient Community, Actualize the Full Potential of Clean & Safe, Create America's Outdoor Downtown, and Guide and Promote Economic Prosperity.

We are committed to making Downtown San Diego a more welcoming and vibrant community and look forward to working with the Mayor in the coming year to continue to make this a reality.”

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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 Property and Business Improvement District, otherwise known as the Clean & Safe program, which provides enhanced public services in 275 blocks of Downtown. For more information, visit [downtownsandiego.org](http://downtownsandiego.org).*