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### **STORAGE FACILITY FOR HOMELESS SAN DIEGANS WILL KEEP ITS DOORS OPEN WITH CITY FUNDING**

*San Diego Housing Commission will serve as the City's contract administrator*

**San Diego, CA** — Homeless San Diegans living on the streets of downtown San Diego will continue to have a place to store their belongings while they look for work or use public transportation to connect with social services.

The downtown facility, known as the Water Man Check-in Center, received much-needed funding to stay in operation with the unanimous vote today of the San Diego City Council. The action will provide temporary program funding through June 30, 2012, which will be administered by the San Diego Housing Commission.

“The San Diego Housing Commission is pleased to be able to help ensure the continuation of this valuable service,” said Richard C. Gentry, President & CEO of the San Diego Housing Commission. “The Check-in Center plays one part of the network of essential housing and services necessary to reduce homelessness and lessen its impact on our community.”

The Check-in Center will continue to be operated by the non-profit Isaiah Project.

The City Council allocated a total of \$45,000 in funding from seven districts to keep the Check-in Center in operation while the Isaiah Project continues its fundraising efforts. The downtown center, located at 917 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, provides free weekly storage to homeless San Diegans. The Check-in Center also serves to reduce the amount of homeless belongings on downtown sidewalks.

The facility serves 350 people per day at a program cost of about 79 cents per person.

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