

# Office of Councilmember Raul A. Campillo

## *Initial Consideration of a Proposed Ballot Measure for the November 2026 Election for Parking to Remain Free at City of San Diego Beaches and Bays*

March 18, 2026

## Proposed Action:

*Request that the Council District 7 Office work with the City Attorney and Independent Budget Analyst to provide preliminary fiscal, operational, and legal analyses of the proposal and draft the framework for a ballot measure to for parking at beaches and bays to remain free in the City of San Diego and report back to the Rules Committee.*

# Protecting Beach and Bay Access

- Access to the City's beaches and bays is supported by parking lots that allow residents and visitors to reach these public spaces.
- These publicly accessible lots help facilitate access to coastal recreation and support the continued enjoyment of San Diego's shoreline amenities.
- Currently, the City **DOES NOT** charge for parking in beach and bay parking lots that it owns and operates.

## Proposed Measure

- The proposed ballot measure would add a new section to the San Diego Municipal Code that states parking in City-owned beach and bay parking lots shall remain free of charge.
- Codifying this policy in the Municipal Code would help preserve access to beaches and bays for residents and visitors while maintaining the City's longstanding practice of providing free parking in these coastal lots.

## What the Measure Would Not Do

- The measure would NOT apply to existing parking meters or other paid parking programs elsewhere in the City.
- The measure would NOT prohibit the City from installing meters on public streets adjacent to beach parking lots.

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