



# **PRESS RELEASE**

## **CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE**

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
JAMES MAKSHANOFF, CITY MANAGER

**Contact:** Erik Sund, Assistant City Manager  
(949) 361-8341, SundE@san-clemente.org

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**5/23/2019**

### **San Clemente Responds to Attorney Letter Objecting to the City's Recently Adopted Urgency Ordinance**

May 23, 2019...San Clemente, California...On Tuesday, May 21, 2019, the City of San Clemente City Council adopted an Urgency Ordinance related to the prohibition of camping on public property. Due to the increasing health and safety risks arising from the prevalence of people experiencing homelessness, the City Council passed an Urgency Ordinance that allows for the designation of an area or areas for public camping and, by doing so, enables the City to enforce the camping prohibitions in Chapter 8.86 of the San Clemente Municipal Code.

Subsequently, on May 22, 2019, the Law Office of Carol A. Sobel submitted a letter addressed to City Attorney Scott Smith outlining complaints about the City's recently enacted ordinance. The attached letter is a response from City's special counsel to the letter received.

###