WHEREAS, the California Coastal Zone Conservation
Act of 1972 has declared the California coastal zone to
be a distinct and valuable natural resource belonging
to all the people; and

WHEREAS, the California coastal zone is defined to include all lands extending seaward to the outer limits of the State jurisdiction, and extending inland to the highest elevation of the nearest coastal mountain range, or in certain areas five miles from the mean high tide line; and

WHEREAS, the properties contained within the coastal zone have traditionally served as the main tax base to support the services provided by the numerous local governmental entities having jurisdiction within this zone; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the passage of the California Coastal Zone Conservation Act of 1972, property values within the coastal zone are being reassessed downwards, thus causing a negative effect on the tax base for many local governmental agencies; and

WHEREAS, there are presently strong pressures by the people of the State to use public tax monies and state surpluses to purchase large tracts of park and open space lands within the coastal zone, thus totally removing them from the local tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, the recent passage of the Property Tax

Relief Act of 1972 restricts local jurisdictions from

increasing their property tax levels on the property

remaining on the tax rolls, which must continue to support

the required level of services; and

WHEREAS, the extent and nature of many of the local public services provided within the coastal zone are required to accommodate the influx of the State's people who visit the coast, but who are not presently required to pay taxes to support these services, such as road maintenance, police protection, traffic control, fire protection, rescue operations, ambulance services, litter control, sanitary facilities, etc.; and

WHEREAS, because it is in the interest and for the benefit of the people of the State as a whole to maintain the coastal zone for their pleasure and recreational use; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that The City of San Diego urges that all the people of the State of California be afforded the opportunity of sharing in the cost of coastal preservation and maintenance for their pleasure, through a state-wide tax subsidy to the governmental agencies within the coastal zone.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of The City of San Diego urge the Legislature of the State of California

to study and enact legislation that will equalize the tax burden within the coastal zone which is now being borne solely by the local taxpayers.

> JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney APPROVED:

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