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RESOLUTION No. ___

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BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego as follows:

That the statements on file in the Office of the City Clerk as Document No. '74999 relating to Consumer Protection, Public Employee-Employer Relations, Land Use Planning, Housing and Community Development, Fiscal Support-Revenue Base, Environmental Protection and Energy Conservation and Development be, and the same are hereby adopted as the Legislative Policy Guidelines of The City of San Diego for 1975.

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CONSUMER PROTECTION

Legislative efforts that enhance the position of the consuming public should be encouraged. Legislation should be directed at educating consumers. Efforts providing programs and/or funding for consumer education should be supported.

Legislation should include enforcement provisions which specify penalties for criminal action upon violation of civil code law. Legislation which designates enforcing officers should specifically include the City Attorney as an enforcing officer.

Legislation should also protect businesses from false or inaccurate charges which may be damaging to those businesses.

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PUBLIC EMPLOYEE-PARLOYER DELATIONS

The right of a charter city to establish public employee-employer relations, including hours, wages, employee benefits, meet and confer procedures, appeals procedures and management rights should be fully protected. Any diminution of these rights now reserved to the city by virtue of its charter, should be opposed.

Nitempts to establish a state-wide agency or bound to administer employee-employer relations or attempts to delegate the charter authority to a third party through compulsory and binding arbitration procedures should be opposed.

Legislation providing the expressed right of public employees to "strike" or public agencies to "lock out" should be opposed.

Legislation or regulations which would impose restrictions on the scope and authority of charter cities to control and manage their own retirement systems should be opposed.

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LAND USE PLANNING

The maintenance of existing law plus expansion of local planning and regulatory authority over zoning, annexation, taxation, dedication or fees in lieu thereof for the delivery of public services, is essential to effective local land use planning. Efforts to maintain or expand this roll should be supported.

This strengthening of local land use authority should be extended to include the city's sphere of influence in matters such as the delivery of public services; annexation, condemnations; and dedication of land for public uses or fees in lieu thereof. Local land use plans can and should be coordinated through a regional body composed and created by locally elected officials. Coordination with a regional body recognizes that some land use decisions may appropriately be made and maintained by such a regional body.

Proposals which would restrict local agency authority to rezone or approve subdivision maps as instrumental for achieving a balanced community should be opposed.

Continuing efforts to develop logislation which clearly defines the state's planning roll including the formulation of state planning guidelines should be generally supported recognizing that such authority must not exceed limitations expressed above.

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HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Efforts which enhance the balanced community concept should be supported. Proposals which would develop state participation and support for creative programs to enhance economic plans and provide adequate housing for the elderly, the handicapped, poor and middle income families throughout the community support the balanced community concept.

Legislation creating a state housing finance agency which could provide long term low interest loans to families otherwise excluded from home ownership and which could provide a stimulus for home building should be supported.

Legislation which would provide for guaranteed low interest loans or tax incentives to individuals or to communities for the purpose of rehabilitating structurally sound dwellings and places of business should be supported. Such legislation should contain as its express purpose the upgrading of older neighborhoods as an alternative to abandonment, demolition and forced relocation.

FISCAL SUPPORT-REVENUE BASE

Appropriate authority, responsibility and flexibility for financing our essential community services should continue to rest with charter cities. The limitations placed on property tax rates by the passage of S.B. 90 in 1972 should be offset by expanding the city revenue base.

Expanded opportunities for the city to create new revenue sources or increase outside revenue sources should be fully explored. New or increased revenue sources may include but are not limited to utility users fees, motor vehicle tax and fees, in lieu fees, public license fees, sales tax and local personal income taxes. Legislation should permit retention of a greater portion by local government of the revenue generated by the total federal, state, and local tax burden rather than having those revenues returned by subvention from federal and state government.

Every effort should be made to insure that local entities are fully reimbursed for state mandated costs resulting from legislation, regulations or increased workloads. A new system for annual reimbursement of cumulative minor additional costs within the definition of S.B. 90 should be pursued in addition to regular, periodic reimbursement for major or substantial costs within the definition of S.B. 90.

Attempts to limit or narrow the local revenue base or to preclude the right of charter cities to expand their revenue base should be resisted.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROPERTION

Expanded authority, responsibility and regulatory power for cities for the management and control of environmental quality efforts' should be supported. Continued efforts that insure the establishment of environmental standards in the area of land use, air quality, water quality, solid waste management, open space preservation, etc., should be supported.

Local environmental plans can and should be coordinated with area and state-wide guidelines. However, the authority to execute those plans locally should be maintained.

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ENERGY CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Legislation which would expand the early efforts of the State legislature in 1973-74 directed to the conservation of our swindling energy sources and the development of alternative sources should be supported.

Specifically, we should support efforts to develop solar and other nonfossil energy sources. This effort might include tax incentives for private sector development efforts as well as grants from federal and state government for public sector development efforts.

Similarly, efforts to conserve existing energy sources by the establishment of efficiency and utilization standards should be supported.

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