

RESOLUTION NO. 216535

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WHEREAS, the management and research consultant firm of McManis Associates, Inc. was commissioned by the City Council to study citizen participation in City government in San Diego and to develop an ongoing, implementable citizen participation program capable of meeting all requirements contained in the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as well as providing for the continuation of exchange of communications relative to matters beyond the scope of the requirements of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the resultant report from McManis Associates entitled "The Citizens Voice in San Diego, California" was presented to Council and was referred to the Rules Committee for review; and

WHEREAS, the Rules Committee held a series of public hearings to provide for public input and discussion on the matter of citizen participation in The City of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the Rules Committee has concluded review of the matter of citizen participation in The City of San Diego and has recommended the following items for adoption by the City Council; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of The City of San Diego that the current structure of Community Planning Groups shall be used as a basis for establishing comprehensive City-wide planning areas, adjusting existing boundaries to encompass areas void of community planning and/or defining

new boundaries where nonexistent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the primary function of Community Planning Groups should remain the development and implementation of community plans. The Council further encourages Community Planning Group involvement in the development of City programs and policies that affect the community planning areas. This includes a commitment of Planning Department and City Manager personnel to provide necessary staff services and information to the Community Planning Groups; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the McManis proposal to establish a City-wide Policy Development Advisory Board is rejected. There is great merit in the current system of elected officials receiving citizen input concerning the establishment of priorities from a wide variety of sources on policy issues. Only the elected officials could or should determine the value or weight to be given to the citizen input received from each of these sources. The establishment of a Policy Development Advisory Board would represent a marked departure from that system and is, therefore, rejected; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that staff assistance to Community Planning Groups will continue to be provided for planning purposes by the Planning Department. The Council reaffirms its commitment to citizen participation in City government and directs the Planning Director and City Manager to cooperate fully with recognized community groups to

provide them with the background information necessary for them to provide advice to the Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an additional position in the Citizens Assistance Department be and the same is hereby authorized to provide the necessary staff in order to meet the expected increased workload in that department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is directed to compile a comprehensive listing of all City departmental publications for which there is an established mailing list for the purpose of informing citizens and citizen groups of what City publications are available; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is directed to establish a telephone "hot line" for the purpose of providing notification to the public and the media of major items to be discussed by the Council and the Standing Committees thereof and of the actions that Council and the Standing Committees take on such items; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is directed to invite representatives of citizen groups that frequently deal with the City to address supervisory training classes and other training classes as he deems appropriate to better inform City employees of the perspectives that citizen groups have in dealing with the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the League of Women Voters and other interested Community Organizations are requested to sponsor a series of community dialogues to determine what various citizens and citizen organizations think could be

done to improve citizen participation in The City of San
Diego within the existing structure.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

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Passed and adopted by the Council of The City of San Diego on AUG 4 1976,
 by the following vote:

Councilmen	Yeas	Nays	Excused	Absent
Gil Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maureen F. O'Connor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lee Hubbard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leon L. Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Floyd L. Morrow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Gade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jim Ellis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jess D. Haro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Pete Wilson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

AUTHENTICATED BY:

PETE WILSON
 Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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