

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 254798

Adopted on AUG 11 1981

WHEREAS, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 as amended is presently before Congress for reauthorization; and

WHEREAS, the Voting Rights Act has had a major impact on the minority communities by increasing their political participation; and

WHEREAS, the Voting Rights Act has afforded minorities at the local level protection from manipulation of local voting laws that dilute their voting strength; and

WHEREAS, the Voting Rights Act has afforded minorities an opportunity, for the first time ever, to be represented on local school boards, city, county, state and federal elective offices; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego has created a cost effective targeting system that guarantees to non-English-speaking citizens voting assistance in their language and that complies with the Voting Rights Act which Congress should use as a model for other U. S. counties to follow; and

WHEREAS, the continued survival of the democratic process in the United States depends on the participation of a significant majority of the citizens of the United States and the effectiveness of the enforcement of the Voting Rights Act would be diminished if it were to apply nationwide; and

WHEREAS, our democracy must include the participation of all citizens regardless of racial and ethnic origin at all levels of government in order to remain valid and San Diego has experienced an increase in the confidence citizens have in City government as a result of reforms encouraged by the Voting Rights Act; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of itself and its citizens, hereby urges President Reagan and members of Congress to reauthorize the Voting Rights Act as it is presently written, including the minority language provisions adopted by Congress in 1975.

APPROVED: John W. Witt, City Attorney

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AUTHENTICATED BY:

PETE WILSON

Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

CHARLES G. ABDELNOUR

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By Ellen Roward, Deputy.

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