

(R-83-1528)

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 258219

Adopted on APR 11 1983

WHEREAS, on February 7, 1983, Mr. Ed Hay appeared before the Rules Committee to request City support for a constitutional amendment to directly elect members of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC); and

WHEREAS, the PUC regulates the rates and services of private investor-owned utilities; and

WHEREAS, the PUC is comprised of five commissioners who serve staggered six-year terms; and

WHEREAS, the regulatory authority of the PUC is established in the State Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution currently requires the commissioners to be appointed by the Governor with the approval of the State Senate; and

WHEREAS, if PUC commissioners are to be elected, the Constitution would have to be amended; and

WHEREAS, constitutional amendments can be proposed by either the Legislature (2/3 vote of both houses) or by initiative petition and proposed changes to the Constitution must be approved by a majority vote of electors at a statewide election; and

WHEREAS, many bills have been introduced since 1973 proposing public election of PUC commissioners and all have failed and no initiative petition to accomplish this goal has ever qualified for the ballot; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed appropriate at this time to take no position on the question of electing State Public Utilities Commissioners; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of The City of San Diego, having considered the information and recommendation provided by the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs in his IRD Report No. 83-12 to the Rules Committee, dated February 22, 1983, hereby states that the City takes no position on the question of electing State Public Utilities Commissioners.

APPROVED: John W. Witt, City Attorney

By Jack Katz  
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Chief Deputy City Attorney

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Passed and adopted by the Council of The City of San Diego on \_\_\_\_\_, by the following vote:

Councilmen	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Ineligible
Bill Mitchell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bill Cleator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gloria McColl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
William Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ed Struiksma	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Gotch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dick Murphy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Uvaldo Martinez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mayor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant

AUTHENTICATED BY:

BILL CLEATOR  
Deputy Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

CHARLES G. ABDELNOUR  
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

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By *Barbara Bridges* Deputy.

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