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## RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 263280 ADOPTED ON MAY 2 8 1985

WHEREAS, the California Constitution provides that judicial, school county, and city offices shall be nonpartisan; and

WHEREAS, in late 1984, the California Supreme Court ruled that the Constitution was not clear as to whether a political party or party central committee may endorse or support a candidate for nonpartisan office and, thus, case law ostensibly authorizes endorsements and/or financial support of candidates for nonpartisan offices by a political party or party central committee; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Member Mountjoy (R-Monrovia) has introduced ACA 7 which will provide that no political party or party central committee may endorse, support, or oppose a candidate for nonpartisan office; and

WHEREAS, the League of California Cities supports ACA 7, and adopted a motion to clearly state that local government elected officers remain nonpartisan positions; and

WHEREAS, in a related measure, Assemblyman Robinson (D-Santa Ana) has introduced AB 434 which would prohibit a political party or party central committee from endorsing, supporting or opposing a candidate for judicial office; and

WHEREAS, because of the similarity of the issues, this bill should be supported if amended to apply to any nonpartisan office and not just judicial offices; and

WHEREAS, the Rules Committee at its regularly scheduled meeting of May 13, 1985, considered the proposals set forth in IRD Report No. 85-55, dated May 8, 1985 and approved (4-0) the recommendations contained therein; and

WHEREAS, the Rules Committee now forwards the matter to the full Council for necessary action; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council hereby approves the recommendations set forth in IRD Report No. 85-55, dated May 8, 1985 and directs the City's Sacramento legislative representative to support ACA 7 in its present form and AB 434 if it is amended to prohibit a political party or party central committee from endorsing, supporting, or opposing any candidate for a nonpartisan office.

APPROVED: John W. Witt, City Attorney

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Jack Katz, Chief Deputy

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