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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 273322

ADOPTED ON APR 25 1989

WHEREAS, on April 11, 1989, Mayor Maureen O'Connor and Councilmember Wes Pratt attended a community meeting attended by an estimated one thousand (1,000) San Diego residents concerned with the proliferation and use of illegal drugs; and

WHEREAS, this meeting, organized by the San Diego Organizing Project Church Community Federation, resulted in a Resolution presented to Mayor O'Connor and Councilmember Pratt for their support, with their agreement to present the Resolution to the full City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution, supported by Mayor O'Connor and Councilmember Pratt, contains the following recitals and is hereby presented to the City Council for their consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Council of The City of San Diego agrees with the San Diego Organizing Project Church Community Federation that San Diegans are experiencing an illegal drug epidemic that is destroying our families and threatening the health of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Council of The City of San Diego declares that addressing this epidemic is a critical and fundamental priority, and that there is a need for a multi-year, coordinated and comprehensive strategy that will unify our communities in responding to this crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Council of The City of San Diego states its willingness to participate with other elected and appointed officials to develop and implement enforcement, treatment and prevention strategies that will halt and reverse this epidemic; and

WHEREAS, as the police department is understaffed, and a strategy must be developed to hire additional police to bring greater police resources to bear on illegal drug trafficking, the Council supports the expansion of WECAN and other pro-active police tools, and finds that nuisance abatement laws need to be aggressively pursued to close drug houses and fine landlords; and

WHEREAS, since drug dealers are often merely cited, or if arrested, are often back on the streets that same day, the Council supports: a local detention facility, the immediate filling of the nine (9) Superior Court Judge vacancies, the revision of the bail schedule to provide for the safety of our communities by increasing bail for drug dealers, the encouraging of judges to impose maximum allowable sentences as the norm for repeat drug offenders to reflect the concern that drug violence is destroying our families, and the encouragement of judges to review the procedures governing "negotiated dispositions" which allow for plea-bargaining and reduced sentencing with the goal of increasing felony sentences for drug dealers; and

WHEREAS, the Council urges the District Attorney to establish a street dealing unit to more effectively prosecute those smaller dealers who are so effectively destroying our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, inasmuch as the future of our families is at risk, the Council urges the County to establish a goal of making recovery and treatment programs available for all families affected by drug addiction, and further encourages the State to immediately make available more resources to the County for drug rehabilitation by raising the per capita funding to the Statewide average; and

WHEREAS, since our youth are most at risk, the Council supports the expansion of detoxification and residential treatment facilities for youth as a priority; and

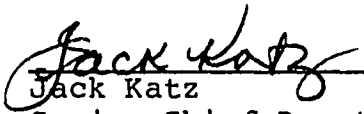
WHEREAS, in that D.A.R.E. needs to be in every elementary school, the Council support the quick implementation of public school prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, the Council agrees to work jointly toward the development and implementation of a strategy that addresses the comprehensive needs of our communities by recognizing that the long term resolution of the drug epidemic rests in the development of oppourtunities in the areas of education, housing, employment and recreation; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council agrees to work with appropriate City and County personnel to designate a person with the authority and resources to coordinate and introduce legislative agendas that will

creatively tap resources and bring before the respective legislative bodies those agendas translating policy into programs.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

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Senior Chief Deputy

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by the following vote:

Council Members	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Ineligible
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Ron Roberts	<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"/>
H. Wes Pratt	<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"/>
J. Bruce Henderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mayor Maureen O'Connor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

AUTHENTICATED BY:

MAUREEN O'CONNOR
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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

By *June A. Blackwell*, Deputy.

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