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## RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 276271 ADOPTED ON JUL 31 1930

WHEREAS, on November 28, 1988, the City of San Diego executed an agreement with the University of San Diego Law School (USD) to develop an 18 month pilot project to: 1) use mediation and other dispute resolution methods to resolve appropriate code enforcement cases; and 2) study the feasibility of creating an Environmental Court to hear government initiated criminal and civil actions in the field of municipal and land-use law; and

WHEREAS, the City and USD each contributed one-half of the Project's initial funding; and

WHEREAS, the USD Project Team satisfied the terms of this previous agreement and accomplished the following goals and objectives: 1) completed a comprehensive evaluation of the City's code enforcement system; 2) studied the feasibility of creating an Environmental Court in San Diego; and 3) developed the Environmental Mediation Office to resolve code enforcement violations by using various dispute resolution models; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Mediation Office has conducted 143 mediations since September 1989, of which 95% resulted in a written agreement between the City and alleged violator and 75% of these written agreements have resulted in complete compliance with the Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the City and USD wish to continue this pilot project without interruption as 83 active cases are ready to be scheduled for mediation or need further monitoring; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 1990, the Public Services and Safety
Committee recognized that mediation is a cost effective and quick
enforcement alternative in appropriate cases and voted 5-0, to
direct the City Manager to fund the Environmental Mediation
Office for the next fiscal year at a cost of \$89,000 from the
following combination of resources: 1) \$31,000 from the Code
Enforcement Fund; and 2) \$58,000 from the Building Inspection
Enterprise Fund; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 1990, the Public Services and Safety

Committee also approved a motion that future increases in Housing

Permit Fees or the Business Tax would be used to reimburse the

\$58,000 cost to the Enterprise Fund; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has subsequently advised the City Manager that the use of Housing Permit Fee revenues from the Building Inspection Enterprise Fund is limited to the department's pro rata share of the services provided by the Environmental Mediation Project; and

WHEREAS, the Building Inspection Department's pro rata share is based on the use of the program services and the amount of the housing inspection costs actually recovered through housing permit fee revenues; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager wishes to avoid an interruption in the existing workload of the Environmental Mediation Project and has thus directed the Building Inspection Department to immediately advance \$44,500 from the Building Inspection

Enterprise Fund to be reimbursed in Fiscal Year 1990-1991 from increases in Housing Permit Fees which will result in full cost recovery and/or increases in Business Tax revenues or other funds identified by the City Manager. The remaining balance will be allocated from the Code Enforcement Fund (\$31,000) and General Fund (\$13,500) or other funds identified by the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, the City and USD have agreed to each carry over \$3,500 from the Project Team's existing budget for fiscal year 1991 at a total of \$7,000; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego that the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to execute, for and on behalf of the City, an agreement with the University of San Diego Law School to operate the Environmental Mediation Project to resolve appropriate code enforcement cases by using various dispute resolution methods, as set forth in the terms and conditions of the Agreement, on file in the office of the City Clerk as Document No. RR- $\frac{276271}{276271}$ 

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Auditor and Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to expend an amount not to exceed \$96,000 for fiscal year 1991 from The City of San Diego to the University of San Diego Law School for purposes of the above agreement.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

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Joseph M. Schilling Deputy City Attorney

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Note: Contingent upon approval of FY91 appropration ordinance. AC 9100060

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