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## RESOLUTION NUMBER R-280711 ADOPTED ON SEP 2 | 1992

WHEREAS, the San Diego Convention Center opened November 24, 1989; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Convention Center has enjoyed unprecedented success in conventions, tradeshows, consumer shows, meetings and local events; and

WHEREAS, these activities have benefitted the economy of the San Diego region through non-resident direct expenditures in excess of \$195 million per year; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Convention Center, having 254,000 square feet of exhibit space, is experiencing essentially full occupancy; and

WHEREAS, other competitor facilities, including Moscone, Los Angeles, and Anaheim, have already begun or have completed major expansions of their facilities to over 500,000 square feet of exhibit space; and

WHEREAS, according to the 1991 "Market, Financial and Economic Impact Analysis" report performed by Price Waterhouse, growth in convention and tradeshow attendance is greater in the western region than anywhere else in the United States indicating the market and demand for space will continue; and

WHEREAS, the current size of the San Diego Convention Center does not allow for the booking of over 180 major convention and tradeshows that require between 254,000 to 500,000 square feet in

exhibit space; and

WHEREAS, expansion of the San Diego Convention Center would significantly benefit the economy through increased visitor spending, increased tax benefits to the City and County, and lower facility operating costs; and

WHEREAS, The City of San Diego has determined that these benefits warrant the expansion of the Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, the Convention Center Management Agreement, adopted as Ordinance No. 0-16425, on May 13, 1985, between the San Diego Unified Port District and The City of San Diego, section 1, paragraph p, "Expansion of the Convention Center," allows for either party during the first fifteen years of the term of this agreement to deliver written notification electing to meet and confer on whether the Convention Center should be expanded; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that the Council supports the expansion of the San Diego Convention Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council requests The City of San Diego and the San Diego Unified Port District to meet and confer at the earliest possible time on whether the Convention Center should be expanded.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

By

Stuart H. Swett

Senior Chief Deputy

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Or.Dept:Council-Roberts

Adopted .....

SEP 21 1992 Passed and adopted by the Council of The City of San Diego on..... by the following vote: Council Members Yeas Nays Not Present Ineligible Abbe Wolfsheimer Ron Roberts John Hartley George Stevens Tom Behr Valerie Stallings Judy McCarty **Bob Filner** Mayor Maureen O'Connor MAUREEN O'CONNOR **AUTHENTICATED BY:** Mayor of The City of San Diego, California. CHARLES G. ABDELNOUR City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California. (Seal) By BRonda R. Bornes Deputy. Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California SEP 2 1 1992 Resolution