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WHEREAS, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which was initialed by the leaders of Canada, Mexico and the United States December 17, 1992, proposes to create a free trade zone which contains 364 million consumers and \$6.3 trillion in total output; and

WHEREAS, this agreement, if ratified by the three countries, will generate great opportunities and challenges to cities through which increased trade and investment will pass including the City of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, President Clinton and Congressional Leaders have expressed an intent that supplemental agreements be negotiated regarding environmental protection, job loss and labor conditions and import surges; and

WHEREAS, President Clinton and Congressional Leaders have also expressed the intent to provide implementing legislation to provide impacted areas with assistance in dealing with displaced workers and over burdened infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego has the potential to become a primary investment and trade center, because of its strong academic and private research and development resources, its strong collaborative program with its Sister City Tijuana, its growing twin industry/maquiladora program and its existing commitment to the development of expanded world trade activity;

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and

WHEREAS, the Department of Legislative Services Report
No. 93-20, dated June 7, 1993, which describes the challenges and
opportunities NAFTA presents to the City of San Diego, was heard
at the City Council Committee on Rules, Legislation and
Intergovernmental Relations on June 28, 1993; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of San Diego call upon the President and Congress to ensure that supplemental agreements and implementing legislation accompany the ratification of the North American Free Trade Agreement, which protect impacted cities from environmental pollution, over burdened infrastructure, and provide displaced workers and businesses assistance in converting to the new jobs which NAFTA will create.

RE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council direct that a Strategic Plan be developed to position San Diego to benefit fully from the increased international trade and investment which will be generated by this Agreement.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, Sity Attorney

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