RESOLUTION NUMBER R- **284715**

ADOPTED ON **OCT 03 1994**

WHEREAS, one non-traditional crime fighting technique is a crime prevention and community planning technique known as "Defensible Space"; and

WHEREAS, Defensible Space approaches to crime prevention and planning employ physical barriers to criminal activity by closing certain streets and the placement of strategic barriers and speed bumps that reduce access to would-be criminals; and

WHEREAS, Defensible Space measures against crime have been pioneered by the City of Dayton, Ohio and, since initiating a Defensible Space program in 1991, certain communities have seen a reduction in crime rates; and

WHEREAS, total crime in these communities declined by 26% and violent crimes were reduced by one-half during 1993; and

WHEREAS, the placement of such barriers can be effective in reducing crime while still conveying a sense of community; and

WHEREAS, tastefully designed gates placed at strategic locations bearing the logo of the specific community can be a deterrent to crime while instilling a sense of community pride and ownership; and

WHEREAS, crucial to the success of such programs is the active involvement and leadership of community members who, working directly with the Planning and Police Departments, would be able to design a successful program that is specific to the needs and desires of the community; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council approves the concept of "Defensible Space Planning Techniques" as a means to combat crime in neighborhoods with high crime rates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is directed to initiate a program to define communities within the City with high crime rates and to establish a pilot program, and to report back to the City Council within 30 days on an implementation plan, including potential funding sources such as TransNet, CDBG, and the crime bill enacted by Congress.

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