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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 285120

ADOPTED ON DEC 12 1994

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that the City Manager is hereby directed to complete the work program of the Renaissance Project and the Livable Neighborhoods Initiative, as more particularly described in the attachment hereto, and report back to the City Council.

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**DOCKET SUPPORTING INFORMATION**  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

DATE:  
November 4, 1994

**SUBJECT:**

The Renaissance Project, The Renaissance Commission and the Livable Neighborhoods Initiative

**BACKGROUND: (USE ONE-AND-ONE-HALF LINE SPACING)**

**THE RENAISSANCE PROJECT**

The Renaissance Project is designed to stimulate and direct the City's efforts to foster truly livable neighborhoods throughout our City. The Project will be spearheaded by the Renaissance Commission, which will work in concert with each Councilmember and Mayor, community members, and the Livable Neighborhoods Staff Team to recommend and implement changes to revitalize inner city neighborhoods and to prevent deterioration in outlying neighborhoods.

**THE RENAISSANCE COMMISSION**

The Renaissance Commission will include community and business leaders, religious leaders, financial and urban experts, bankers, educators and local law enforcement officials, formed based on the recommendations and suggestions of the Mayor and City Councilmembers. The Commission will recommend ways to bring needed economic resources and specific expertise into the neighborhoods

Specific charges to the Commission will include:

- \* Conduct a "reconnaissance mission" in all of the City's neighborhoods, working with community leaders and other interested parties to identify the most serious impediments to the neighborhoods' livability, as well as exceptional opportunities for invigorating community action.
- \* Work with each Councilmember and Mayor, community leaders and the City's Office of Neighborhoods, as well as other public and private resources, for bringing about effective resolutions to neighborhood-specific problems and opportunities.
- \* Identify problems and opportunities that cross community boundaries, and make recommendations to the Mayor and Council for citywide actions that address them.
- \* Specifically, the Commission will help the Livable Neighborhoods Program to set its priorities for action based on the findings from the Commission's findings of communities' needs and opportunities.

**LIVABLE NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE**

The work program and plan to implement the Livable Neighborhoods Initiative by the City Manager and staff should include; coordination of City services to neighborhoods, proposed consolidation of existing City programs and budget allocations. Efforts will be focused on new approaches to: planning, delivering City services and revitalization, community partnership, and working with other institutions.

**LIVABLE NEIGHBORHOOD DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS**

Seven demonstration areas have been chosen due to the on-going efforts in each which include; San Ysidro, Mid City/City Heights, Mountain View, Barrio Logan, Centre City East, Linda Vista and Mira Mesa.

**BY LINE: (CITY MANAGER / DEPT. HEAD / AUTHOR INITIALS)**

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ORIGINATING DEPT. HEAD

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CITY MANAGER  
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## THE RENAISSANCE PROJECT

The Renaissance Project is designed to stimulate and direct the City's efforts to foster truly livable neighborhoods throughout the City. Spearheaded by a Mayoral level Renaissance Commission comprised of business and community leaders, The Renaissance Project will: (1) conduct a "reconnaissance mission" in all of San Diego's neighborhoods in order to identify significant needs and opportunities within neighborhood boundaries; (2) work with Councilmembers, City and neighborhood leaders, the City's Office of Neighborhoods, and the business and education community, to bring effective resolution to neighborhood-specific problems and opportunities; (3) identify problems and opportunities that cross community boundaries and make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council for actions to address them; (4) to identify and encourage investment of financial and human resources back into the urban neighborhoods, and (5) to make recommendations to help preserve newer neighborhoods.

The Renaissance Commission will do this:

- \* by creating a strategy for revitalizing San Diego's older urban neighborhoods, incorporating ongoing community development initiatives including Livable Neighborhoods, Neighborhood Pride and Protection, Neighborhood Service Centers and Defensible Space. Develop an action plan for the implementation of that revitalization strategy that can be used as the blueprint for service delivery and resource allocation.
- \* by conducting workshops in each Council district to identify the impediments to neighborhood revitalization, as well as assess opportunities for community action.
- \* by identifying and developing new financial, institutional and private resources to assist in the implementation of the Renaissance Strategy to achieve neighborhood revitalization and stabilization.
- \* by studying national models of community participation and determine and incorporate into the Renaissance Strategy those elements which promote public and private community investment.
- \* by recommending a specific plan to coordinate the activities of community-based organizations that are City funded or supported in order to achieve greater focus and impact and to eliminate duplication.