

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 290119

ADOPTED ON MAY 18 1998

WHEREAS, there is a need for a collective and unified vision for the San Diego/Tijuana border area and for coordinated policies and actions that reflect the objectives and needs of both countries; and

WHEREAS, the Mayors of San Diego and Tijuana have affirmed their commitment to exchange information and enhance cross border cooperation by establishing a Binational Planning and Coordination Committee and working subcommittees to carry out tasks assigned by the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Binational Planning and Coordination Committee has placed lead responsibility for the preparation of a comprehensive binational plan on the Land Use and Planning Working Subcommittee comprised of staff from both cities; and

WHEREAS, local funding resources are insufficient to undertake the needed scope of work required by a binational planning program; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 1997, the Bi-State Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (BTTAC) comprised of representatives from state, regional and municipal governments from both sides of the border voted to support the binational planning effort and agreed to assist in obtaining funding for border planning; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 1997, the Land Use and Housing Committee directed staff to

continue to collaborate with staff from Tijuana in the preparation of a binational plan and referred direction regarding the seeking of funding to the Rules, Finance and Intergovernmental Relations Committee; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 1997, the Rules, Finance and Intergovernmental Relations Committee directed staff to seek state and federal funding to assist in the mutual transportation and planning needs for the border; and

WHEREAS, staff is preparing to apply for funding from Caltrans, the State's Petroleum Violation Escrow Account, and other sources to be identified by the City's state and federal lobbyists; and

WHEREAS, an official resolution by the San Diego City Council endorsing and supporting the pursuit of supplemental funding to address critical border planning issues would enhance the City's position in the highly competitive grant awarding process; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that it hereby directs staff to seek funding from state and federal sources as appropriate, for the purpose of preparing a comprehensive development plan for the San Diego/Tijuana international boundary area, that includes, but is not limited to a transborder travel forecast, and environmental constraints assessment, binational economic development study, impact and mitigation analysis of major transportation proposals and other projects on both sides of the border, and urban design guidelines and renderings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that staff work closely with the Intergovernmental Relations Department and other appropriate agencies to prepare grant applications for funding in a timely manner.

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