

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 290126

ADOPTED ON MAY 18 1998

WHEREAS, the San Diego Convention Center has generated over \$3 billion in regional economic impact since its opening in 1989, and is directly responsible for 7,500 jobs throughout San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, expansion of the San Diego Convention Center is projected to produce an additional 4,000 jobs and a total regional economic impact of over \$900 million annually; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Convention Center cannot accommodate larger conventions, which are being lost to Los Angeles, Anaheim, Las Vegas and San Francisco, each of which has a convention center over twice the size of San Diego's; and

WHEREAS, over 70 conventions which would have produced spending in excess of \$600 million have already been lost because of delays in the expansion, and failure to expand the Convention Center will cause San Diego to fall from the top tier of convention destinations; and

WHEREAS, organizations as diverse as the North County Convention and Visitors Bureau, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Carlsbad's LEGOLAND, the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO, the San Diego Zoological Society and the County Taxpayers Association have all enthusiastically endorsed Proposition A; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, and the City Council of the City of San Diego support continued growth of the region's visitor industry as part of a healthy regional economy; NOW,

THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council hereby supports Proposition A on the June 2, 1998 ballot in The City of San Diego, and urges residents throughout the region to lend their support to this important project.

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