

RESOLUTION NUMBER R-294659

ADOPTED ON MARCH 19, 2001

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego is the sixth largest city in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Southern District of California has less than one half the number of authorized federal district judgeships of other metropolitan areas of similar size; and

WHEREAS, the Southern District of California ranks as the busiest federal district court in the nation in terms of trials, total cases filed, total weighted caseload, and felony cases filed per federal district judgeship; and

WHEREAS, the weighted caseload per judgeship in this district is more than double the national average; and

WHEREAS, the United States Judicial Conference has authorized five permanent and three temporary judgeships for the Southern District of California to enhance the administration of justice in the district; and

WHEREAS, there is a serious need for eight additional federal judgeships to facilitate our community's access to the courts and improve the district's ability to handle its criminal and civil caseload; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council respectfully requests our Congressional Representatives and Senators take immediate action to secure eight additional federal district judgeships for the Southern District of California.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is directed to have the Intergovernmental Relations Department's staff and the City's lobbyists in Washington, D.C. work aggressively on this matter.

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