

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 297077

ADOPTED ON SEP 24 2002

WHEREAS, California Youth Vote Platform, a project supported by student associations and voter organizations, has been created to address the steady decline of youth participation in the political elections process; and

WHEREAS, youth voter participation has declined steadily in the last twenty years, with only a 32% turnout among 18-24 year-olds voting in the 2000 elections; and

WHEREAS, California Youth Vote Platform acknowledges the importance of re-engaging young people in the political process; and

WHEREAS, California Youth Vote Platform includes a televised, youth-oriented debate in this year's gubernatorial elections, in which young people write and ask the candidates questions that concern youth; and

WHEREAS, California Youth Vote Platform implements the Federal Higher Education Act, which requires publicly funded colleges and universities to make a "good faith effort" to supply incoming students with voter registration forms; and

WHEREAS, California Youth Vote Platform provides greater inclusion of hands-on civic participation opportunities in the curriculum of high schools and colleges in California; NOW

THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby proclaim September 24, 2002 to be "California Youth Vote Platform Day" in the City of San Diego, in recognition of its efforts to provide

education, gather support and increase participation in the political process for our country's young people.

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