

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 298797

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WHEREAS, local data indicates that there are more than 15,000 homeless people in the San Diego region, including single adults, people with disabilities and chronic medical conditions, families with children, senior citizens, youth, veterans, farmworkers, and day laborers; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego revised its Comprehensive Homeless Policy in 2003 and the County Board of Supervisors adopted its Comprehensive Homeless Policy in 2000 to reflect a continuum of care that works to meet the needs of all episodically, transitionally, and chronically homeless persons and to break the cycle of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, these policies provide a framework for the implementation of all homeless services in the San Diego region, including an emphasis on a variety of service and housing strategies, to address the needs of the broad diversity of individuals and families who experience homelessness; and

WHEREAS, San Diego's existing homeless services and affordable housing providers face significant obstacles to ending homelessness for chronically or long-term homeless individuals and families, who are afflicted not only by poverty but also by chronic conditions such as mental illness and substance dependencies; and

WHEREAS, chronic homelessness is recognized as a continuing problem on both a national and local level, and the federal government, including the Interagency Council on homelessness and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, has called for a 10-year Initiative to End Chronic Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, many individuals and families cycle repeatedly through City and County programs including shelters, hospital emergency rooms, psychiatric care units, detox programs, and law enforcement and criminal justice systems; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) assists the region with millions of dollars annually in federal Housing and Community Development funds; and

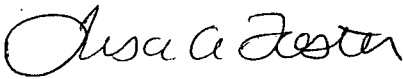
WHEREAS, the abolition of chronic homelessness requires collaboration and coordination of resources at all levels of government, together with community institutions, businesses, and faith-based organizations, to best determine how to implement prevention and intervention strategies; and

WHEREAS, it is a goal within the San Diego region to develop a 10-year Blueprint to End Homelessness and this Plan would be integrated into that Blueprint; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council hereby, in a joint effort with the County of San Diego, will actively collaborate to develop a 10-year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness for the region by engaging a broad spectrum of representatives from service providers, cities, the state, businesses, faith-based organizations, advocates, community

institutions, healthcare institutions, the foster care system, and law enforcement agencies to promote and implement the necessary policies to work toward the elimination of chronic homelessness.

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