

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 299076

ADOPTED ON APR 12 2004

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO INITIATING A COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT TO REMOVE THE BAY-TO-BAY CONCEPT AND MAKE OTHER CHANGES AND UPDATES IN THE MIDWAY/PACIFIC HIGHWAY COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, for several decades, there have been various proposals to build a "Bay-to-Bay" canal to link San Diego Bay and Mission Bay; and

WHEREAS, the City commissioned a Bay-to-Bay Feasibility Study, which concluded that a Bay-to-Bay Link would be cost prohibitive and would involve engineering, environmental, real estate, and other issues that could be detrimental to the Midway Community; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2004, the Midway/Pacific Highway Community Planning Group voted unanimously to recommend that the Bay-to-Bay Concept be removed from the Midway/Pacific Highway Community Plan; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2004, the North Bay Redevelopment Project Advisory Committee voted 13-1 to: (1) oppose the Bay-to-Bay water link, and (2) support the development of alternative strategies to create multiple parks in the North Bay area; and

WHEREAS, a group of business and community representatives has developed the North Bay Conceptual Plan, which envisions the Midway Community as an urban, pedestrian-friendly neighborhood with open space provided by a series of parks, rather than by a Bay-to-Bay Link; and

WHEREAS, a community plan amendment to remove Bay-to-Bay and insert policies without limitation relating to open space and recreation, landscaping, architectural design, and mixed-use urban development would allow the Midway Community to move forward with its vision for promoting mixed-use, pedestrian-oriented development that includes parkland in multiple location; and

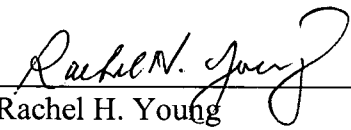
WHEREAS, the first step in this process is for the City Council to initiate the community plan amendment which would allow staff to proceed with the analysis of proposals and preparation of any necessary revisions to the adopted land use documents; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council initiates the plan amendment process to:

1. Remove the Bay-to-Bay concept from the Midway/Pacific Highway Corridor Community Plan and Local Coastal Program Land use Plan;
2. Insert into the community plan an alternative strategy for open space and recreation, in which several parks would be developed in the Midway Community, to be linked by pedestrian/bike routes;
3. Insert into the community plan architectural and landscaping guidelines that are similar to those identified for implementation by the Midway Community Planning Advisory Committee in the North Bay Conceptual Plan;
4. Identify portions of the community where mixed-use, urban, transit-oriented development should be encouraged;

5. Make other appropriate changes needed to bring the community plan up to date with relevant community and redevelopment goals for the area.

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