RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 300876

ADOPTED ON SEP 2 6 2005

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS TO CONDUCT A MUNICIPAL SPECIAL RUN-OFF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2006, TO FILL VACANCIES IN COUNCIL DISTRICTS 2 AND 8.

WHEREAS, Councilmembers Michael Zucchet and Ralph Inzunza, holding the office of Council Member for Districts 2 and 8, respectively, resigned from their offices effective July 25, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Section 12 of the Charter of the City of San Diego provides that if a vacancy occurs in the office of a Council District for any reason other than a successful recall election and the vacancy occurs with more than one year remaining in the term, the City Council shall call a special election to be held within ninety days of the vacancy, unless there is a regular municipal or statewide election scheduled to be held within 180 days of the vacancy, in which case the City Council may consolidate the special election with that regular election; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2005, the City Council called a special election for November 8, 2005, for the purpose of electing candidates to fill the vacancy of Council Member for District 2 and District 8, and ordered that such election be consolidated with the special statewide election on that same date; and

WHEREAS, Section 12 of the Charter provides that if one candidate receives the majority of votes cast at the November 8, 2005, special election, the candidate shall be deemed to be and declared by the Council to be elected to the vacant office. However, if no candidate

receives a majority of the votes cast, a special run-off election between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be held within 49 calendar days of the first election; and;

WHEREAS, the special run-off election cannot be conducted within 49 calendar days of the first election because of various time constraints imposed by California elections law with respect to certification of the votes in the first election, absentee balloting, and restrictions against holding elections on the day after a holiday; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting on SEP 2 6 2005, the City Council adopted
Ordinance No. O-19416 (N.S.), calling a Municipal Special Run-off Election in the City
of San Diego on Tuesday, January 10, 2006; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

- 1. That the Registrar of Voters of the County of San Diego is hereby requested to provide services relating to the conduct of the Municipal Special Run-off Election for the office of Council Member for District 2 and 8, to be held in the City of San Diego on January 10, 2006, in coordination with the San Diego City Clerk.
- 2. That the Registrar of Voters is hereby authorized to canvass the returns of the Municipal Special Run-off Election.
- 3. For the purpose of said election, the election precincts, polling places, and officers of the election shall be as established by the Registrar of Voters of the County of San Diego, in consultation with the San Diego City Clerk.
- 4. That the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego is hereby requested to authorize and direct the Registrar of Voters of the County of San Diego to perform the following:

- (a) Furnish a tabulation of the number of registered voters in each Council district by precinct;
- (b) Examine and verify the signatures on nominating petitions;
- (c) Provide minority language election materials in accordance with federal law;
- (d) Canvass the returns of the election, including absent voter ballots;
- (e) Furnish a tabulation of the number of votes given in each precinct; and
- (f) Furnish a tabulation of the number of votes given in each Council district by precinct; and
- (g) Complete any and all tasks related to the legal conduct of this election upon the request of the City Clerk or the City Council.
- 5. Because the County Registrar of Voters is authorized to canvass the returns of this Municipal Special Election, the method of voting shall be as provided in the California Elections Code.
- 6. The polls for this Municipal Special Run-off Election shall be open from 7:00 a.m. (local time) on January 10, 2006, and remain open continuously until 8:00 p.m. (local time) on the same day. The polls shall close at 8:00 p.m., except as provided in California Elections Code section 14401.
- 7. That the City Clerk of the City of San Diego is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Board of Supervisors and Registrar of Voters of the County of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Auditor and Controller is authorized to reimburse the County of San Diego for the actual and direct cost of the services performed by the

Registrar of Voters for the City of San Diego in connection with the election services herein described, provided that the City Auditor and Comptroller first furnishes one or more certificates certifying that the funds necessary for expenditure are, or will be, on deposit with the City Treasurer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of San Diego agrees to indemnify and to save free and harmless the County, its officers, agents, and employees from expense or liability, including reasonable attorney's fees, as the result of an election contest initiated pursuant to the California Elections Code sections 16000 through 16900.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By

Catherine M. Bradley
Deputy City Attorney

CMB:jab 09/19/2005

Or.Dept: Clerk Aud.Cert: 2600215

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The City of San Diego CERTIFICATE OF CITY AUDITOR AND COMPTROLLER

CERTIFICATE OF UNALLOTTED BALANCE

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Amount	: -	\$525,000.00					Fund: 100/601				
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