

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 302694DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUN 13 2007

WHEREAS, Richard Leja earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from San Diego State University in 1989, where he was ranked fifth in his class, holds certificates in Surveying and Civil Engineering from Cuyamaca Community College and is a California Registered Civil Engineer; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Richard Leja joined the City of San Diego as a Junior/Resident Engineer in the Engineering and Development Department, Field Engineering Division; in 1991, he promoted to Assistant Engineer in the Water Utilities Department, Engineering Division; in 1993, he served as an Assistant Engineer in the Water Utilities Department, Water Production Division; in 1994, Richard advanced to Associate Engineer in the Engineering and Capital Projects Department, Water and Wastewater Facilities Division; in 1999, he progressed to Senior Civil Engineer and Deputy City Engineer; and in 2000 he was appointed the Acting Deputy Director of Engineering and Capital Projects, Transportation Engineering Division; and

WHEREAS, Richard Leja produced the Ardath/La Jolla Parkway project, numerous median projects including: College Avenue, Navajo Road, Montezuma Road, Tierrasanta Boulevard and Balboa Avenue, and prepared the upcoming Genesee Avenue Widening Project; and

WHEREAS, Richard Leja received the William Earl Hayden Award, the Project Management Award, and numerous other awards for the Fay Avenue Realignment Project from the City of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, Richard Leja received awards from the ASCE and APWA local chapters for the Lisbon Street Roadway and Utilities Improvement Project, which was the first project of its kind in the City of San Diego's Engineering Department where Engineering staff partnered with the local utility companies to design and construct a joint roadway and utility improvement project, to be administered under one contract, which included installation of private utility services; and

WHEREAS, Richard Leja has served as the Vice-Chair of the Regional City-County Transportation Committee at SANDAG, Representative of Transportation Project Evaluation Criteria Working Group at SANDAG, Founder and Chair of the City's Benchmarking Committee, Representative for California Municipal Benchmarking Task Force, Chair of the City of San Diego's Transportation Policy Advisory Group, Developer of several major City policies including Transportation CIP project prioritization, Lead Member of City-wide GIS project coordination systems (CityWorks) Implementation Team, Member of GASB 34 Implementation Team, and Staff Advisory Member of Public Arts Committee; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby commend and thank Richard Leja for his commitment to the City of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that June 1, 2007, be and is hereby proclaimed to be,
"RICHARD LEJA DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By Catherine M. Bradley
Catherine M. Bradley
Chief Deputy City Attorney

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of JUN 05 2007.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By Tracy Guzman
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 6.13.07
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor