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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 304092

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE SEP 16 2008

WHEREAS, Richard Valdez earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of California, at San Diego, in 1985; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Richard Valdez graduated in the top quarter of his class from the University of San Diego's School of Law, where he earned a Juris Doctor; and

WHEREAS, Richard Valdez served the law in the offices of Robert B. Coffin, Hughes & Campbell, and Procopio, Cory, Hargeaves & Savitch LLP, where he was responsible for drafting motions, pleadings, trial and appellate briefs and handled full case responsibilities including discovery and court appearances; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2000, Richard Valdez became a full partner in Sandler, Lasry, Laube, Byer & Valdez LLP; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Richard Valdez became an Instructor at the University of San Diego's Lawyer Assistant Program, where he currently educates paralegal students on the methods of legal research and writing; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Richard Valdez was appointed by Mayor Dick Murphy to the Mayor's LGBT Advisory Board, which he served on for three years; and

WHEREAS, Richard Valdez has served as Vice President for the American Civil Liberties Union of San Diego & Imperial Counties, since 2001; and

WHEREAS, Richard Valdez has served as Chair of the San Diego LGBT Community Center for three terms, since 2002; and

WHEREAS, during his time as Chair of the San Diego LGBT Center, Richard Valdez successfully guided the establishment of The Center Advocacy Project, greatly increased the Center's civil and human rights educational work, guided the development and opening of the Sunburst Apartments Youth Housing Project, elevated the annual fundraising Gala to be one of San Diego's premiere charitable events, increased senior services to the LGBT community and oversaw the successful integration of the Family Matters Program; 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 Valdez for the contribution he has made to the City of San Diego's LGBT community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that August 17, 2008, be and is hereby proclaimed to be, "RICHARD M. VALDEZ DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, 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 SEP - 9 2008.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 9.16.08
(date)


JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor