

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 304155

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE SEP 29 2008

WHEREAS, Linda Pennington is an activist and community leader, who has dedicated countless hours toward improving the community and quality of lives for all those who live within the City Heights community; and

WHEREAS, Linda Pennington grew up in a Choctaw/Scotch-Irish/Cherokee family in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Linda Pennington graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Houston with a Bachelor of Science in Art Education and a minor in Music and then taught high school art in the Houston area for two years; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Linda Pennington and her husband moved to San Diego's Azalea Park neighborhood of City Heights, where Linda continued to work on her art career and soon became a full-time volunteer; and

WHEREAS, Linda Pennington began working with "I LOVE A CLEAN SAN DIEGO COUNTY, INC." and was able to secure free dumpsters for City Heights' neighborhood clean-ups; and

WHEREAS, Linda Pennington soon became involved with Neighborhood Watch, was one of the founding members of the Azalea Park Neighborhood Association and started "Project CLEAN," which evolved from local neighborhood clean-ups to include the entire community of City Heights; and

WHEREAS, considering the community as her canvas, in 1989, Linda Pennington and a small group of regulars began patrolling City Heights, painting out graffiti on all major thoroughfares; and

WHEREAS, since 1995, through "Project CLEAN" Linda Pennington has trained community members to control graffiti and keeps paint available for immediate graffiti removal; and

WHEREAS, Linda Pennington was instrumental in working with the San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture to complete the artwork applied to the City Heights Tower, located at University and Euclid, she also worked within the City Heights Urban Village Focus Group to secure a \$15,000 grant, matched equally by Price Charities, to hire six artists to incorporate their paintings, hand made tiles, etchings, mosaics and stitcheries into the new City Heights Weingart Library, and

WHEREAS, Linda Pennington currently contracts with Community Housing Works as FaceLift/Project CLEAN project manager, where homes in various City Heights neighborhoods are painted and restored with fences and landscaping; and

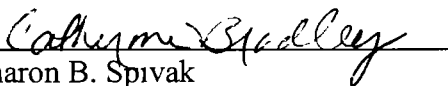
WHEREAS, Linda Pennington loves her neighborhood and rarely takes a break, constantly beginning new projects and clean-ups, most recently, the Swan Canyon revitalization, and

WHEREAS, Linda Pennington is a shining example of how one person can make an enormous difference in a community – she truly is an invaluable asset to City Heights; 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 Linda Pennington for the contributions she has made to the City of San Diego's City Heights community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that September 9, 2008, be and is hereby proclaimed to be, "LINDA PENNINGTON DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By 
Sharon B. Spivak
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 SEP 23 2008

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved 9.29.08
(date)


JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor