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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 304158

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE SEP 29 2008

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO REGARDING THE FY 2009 HOMELESS EMERGENCY WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, on June 12, 1995, the City Council adopted City Council Policy 000-51, "Comprehensive Homeless Policy" (revised April 21, 2003), which has served as the City's framework for addressing homeless issues, and

WHEREAS, City Council Policy 000-51 supports the operation of emergency shelters and the federal Continuum of Care model, whereby the City, in coordination with businesses, social service agencies, community groups, and other jurisdictions, assess needs and promotes programs that restore homeless persons to their optimum participation in the community; and

WHEREAS, in January 2008, the Regional Task Force on the Homeless reported there was an estimated 4,082 homeless individuals living in the City of San Diego, and of those, approximately 2,424 are sheltered year-round; and

WHEREAS, the weather conditions during the cold weather season create the potential to adversely impact the health and safety of homeless individuals living outside on a long-term or constant basis; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego desires to respond to the needs of the homeless during the cold weather season of 2008-2009 by providing funding to initiate programs and services; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2008, the City Council adopted Resolution No. R-303663, in which the City Council approved, among other things, the allocation of a total of \$680,000 (\$217,891 in Emergency Shelter Grant funds, \$82,109 in Community Development Block Grant funds and \$380,000 in San Diego Housing Commission funds) for the operation of the FY 2009 Homeless Emergency Winter Shelter Program [Program] (known in FY 2007 as the Homeless Emergency Shelter Program, and prior to that as the Winter Shelter Program); and

WHEREAS, in FY 2008, the Single Adult Shelter site was approved at the Tailgate Park location as a one time option; and,

WHEREAS, with the assistance from Centre City Development Corporation (CCDC), a property search to identify potential locations was completed; and,

WHEREAS, after identifying and evaluating thirteen (13) sites, twelve (12) were eliminated due to problems associated with the site's footprint, proximity to public transportation, availability of water, availability of electricity, proximity to "core City area" and disruption to the surrounding area; and,

WHEREAS, the vacant lot located at Island Avenue/16<sup>th</sup> Street/J Street/15<sup>th</sup> Street was the only site physically suitable and available to the City for the single adult shelter's structure and corresponding services, and,

WHEREAS, the Program will serve approximately 400 persons each day, providing the participants (staying at the Single Adult, Veteran, and Family Emergency Shelters) access to programmatic services 7 days a week; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

1. That the City Council hereby finds that a significant number of persons within the City of San Diego are without the ability to obtain shelter, and that the weather conditions during the cold weather season result in a threat to the health and safety of those persons.

2. That a homeless shelter crisis is declared to exist in the City of San Diego, in accordance with California Government Code section 8698.2(a)(1).

3. That the FY 2009 Homeless Emergency Winter Shelter Program [Program] is hereby approved, contingent upon certification of funds availability by the City Auditor and Comptroller.

4. That the City Comptroller is authorized to accept, appropriate, and expend any and all additional contributions, private donations, interest earnings, and other City funds associated with the Program, for the operation of the Program


5. That the vacant lot located at Island Avenue/16<sup>th</sup> Street/J Street/15<sup>th</sup> Street is hereby designated as the temporary site location of the Single Adult Shelter for the FY 2009 Homeless Emergency Winter Shelter Program.

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6. That the Mayor (or his designee) is directed to negotiate and execute an agreement and/or other necessary documents to utilize the vacant lot located at Island Avenue/16<sup>th</sup> Street/J Street/15<sup>th</sup> Street as the temporary site location of the Single Adult Shelter for the FY 2009 Homeless Emergency Winter Shelter Program.

7. That the City will continue to study other shelter locations throughout the City.


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 23 2008.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk

By   
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 9-29-08  
(date)

  
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor