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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 304271

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE OCT 27 2008

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2007, several devastating fires broke out in and around the City of San Diego, destroying and damaging nearly 1,400 homes and businesses in the region;  
**and**

WHEREAS, the Witch Creek Fire, the most devastating of the blazes, destroyed 1,000 homes, 362 of them in the community of Rancho Bernardo; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2007, the Rancho Bernardo Local Assistance Center [RBLAC] opened under the direction of Debra Fischle-Faulk, to serve as a one-stop-shop to aid in the rebuilding and recovery process of displaced families, not only from the City of San Diego, but from all over the County; and

WHEREAS, the RBLAC housed 55 organizations, including the San Diego Development and Environmental Services Departments, the San Diego County Assessors Office, the San Diego Police Department's Crisis Intervention Team, the United States Postal Service, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Red Cross and the Salvation Army; and

WHEREAS, in the days following the fires, the RBLAC was continuously staffed with City employees and volunteers and served as headquarters for fire survivors needing immediate recovery essentials including breathing masks, sifting materials, clothing, toiletries, disaster assistance kits and other important items to get them through the beginning stages of recovery;  
**and**

WHEREAS, the RBLAC serviced 5,997 individuals and families during the first month of operation, providing a haven for our neighbors to obtain the necessary tools for recovery; and

WHEREAS, to date, the Development Services Department at the RBLAC has issued 172 building permits and has seen the completion of five homes in the City of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the RBLAC continues to serve the residents of San Diego who were effected by this tragedy; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, hereby proclaims October 21, 2008, as "**RANCHO BERNARDO LOCAL ASSISTANCE DAY**" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney


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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 OCT 21 2008.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk

By   
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 10.27.08  
(date)

  
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

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

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor