(R-2010-332) AGENDA

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE NOV 24 2009

WHEREAS, the San Diego Workforce Partnership collaborated with the Coalition of Neighborhood Councils and the Metro United Methodist Urban Ministry to employ youth through the federally funded Summer Youth Employment Program, known locally as Hire-A-Youth, this summer (2009); and

WHEREAS, the program was paid for with federal stimulus funds as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, provided jobs for twenty young people ages 14 to 24, and placed them on-site at the offices of the Southeastern Economic Development Corporation (SEDC); and

WHEREAS, the youth obtained hands-on work experience in activities such as business and resident surveying, removal of graffiti tagging, feeding the homeless, Chollas Creek cleanups, painting of the Jackie Robinson YMCA, and gang intervention, and received education and training on job etiquette, local water conservation measures, government, redevelopment, and the democratic process; and

WHEREAS, the youth formed a mock Project Area Committee to represent youth throughout southeastern San Diego, voted on leaders, and developed an implementation plan with strategies and specific questions for the surveys given to the businesses in the area; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of the youth, in communicating with area businesses and working with local community organizations, helped to develop a better sense of civic pride and assisted in efforts to further eliminate blight in the neighborhoods of the SEDC Area of Influence; and

WHEREAS, the youth were able to learn hands-on about the redevelopment process and to directly help improve the quality of life for residents in southeastern San Diego; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby proclaim November 17, 2009 as "HIRE A YOUTH DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

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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 NOV 17 2009.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND

City Clerk

Approved: 1-24-67 (date) JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: JERRY SANDERS, Mayor