

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 308684

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JAN 2 2014

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
SAN DIEGO SUPPORTING AN OPEN DATA POLICY

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego is committed to open, transparent, and accessible government; and

WHEREAS, Open Data is defined as data produced or commissioned by government that can be easily and freely used, reused and redistributed by anyone, for any purpose; and

WHEREAS, Open Data can be used for various purposes, including enabling participatory governance, as a means of ensuring transparency, and as a catalyst for economic development; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego is currently one of the largest cities in the country without an Open Data policy; and

WHEREAS, disclosing City data is a foundational element of open government, is consistent with residents' right to public information, and promotes engagement with the potential benefit of civic development of technology products and infrastructure to improve service delivery through expanded and innovative applications, among other things; and

WHEREAS, by creating an Open Data policy, the City of San Diego seeks to develop opportunities for civic engagement, economic development, commerce, and increased investment; and

WHEREAS, an Open Data policy must include a robust cyber security element to reduce the potential for cyber attacks; and

WHEREAS, open and accessible data must be delicately balanced with privacy protections for the City and its citizens to reduce legal risk to the City of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, making data open and accessible must be done in a manner that satisfies the legal requirements contained in any software license or other legally binding agreement to which the City is a party; and

WHEREAS, valuable information pertaining to Open Data was presented to the Rules and Economic Development Committee (now the Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee) by both Code for America and the Office of the Independent Budget Analyst; and

WHEREAS, while an Open Data policy has the potential to benefit the community and consideration must be given to how to equitably bridge the “digital divide” for the greatest number of citizens; and


WHEREAS, the Independent Budget Analyst noted that the potential benefits associated with Open Data will need to be weighed against the potential public benefits of open government strategies; and

WHEREAS, one goal of an Open Data policy is to decrease the number of Public Records Act requests submitted to various City departments as public information is more readily accessible; and

WHEREAS, the use of Open Data exchange standards improves transparency, access to public information, and improved coordination and efficiencies among organizations across the public, non-profit and private sectors, including within internal city departments; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of San Diego supports the creation of an Open Data policy.

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

By   
Prescilla Dugard  
Chief Deputy City Attorney

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12/13/2013  
Or.Dept: Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee.  
Doc. No.: 690217

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of DEC 17 2013.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk

By   
Deputy City Clerk

Approved pursuant to Charter section 265(i):

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(date)

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TODD GLORIA, Council President

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on DEC 17 2013, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Sherrri Lightner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Faulconer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Todd Gloria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Myrtle Cole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mark Kersey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lorie Zapf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Sherman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Alvarez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marti Emerald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of final passage JAN 2 2014.

(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Council President as interim Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY:

TODD GLORIA, COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
as interim Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By *Mary Zumaiga*, Deputy

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