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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 312089

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A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING THE SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SIGN PURCHASE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the San Diego Police Department's (Police Department) mission is to maintain peace and order by providing the highest quality police services; and

WHEREAS, neighborhood watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of residents in cooperation with law enforcement to reduce crime, solve problems, and improve the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, neighborhood watch groups are one of the most effective means of fighting crime in communities; and

WHEREAS, Community Relations Officers with the Police Department work to help set up neighborhood watch groups, talk to members about the crime and disorder problems in their area, and how best to partner with the police; and

WHEREAS, neighborhood watch groups can cover areas ranging from several single-family homes on one side of a street to several blocks with homes on both sides of the streets, or single apartment building or several apartment complexes, and can include parks and canyons in the area; and

WHEREAS, neighborhood watch groups learn how to coordinate the efforts of their neighbors and work together to recognize and report crimes and suspicious activities;

WHEREAS, people living in a neighborhood know more about what is going on in their areas and are most likely to be the first to see a crime and call for help; and

WHEREAS, the posting of neighborhood watch sign helps deter crime; and WHEREAS, keeping neighborhood watch groups active is important to public safety; and WHEREAS, presently neighborhood watch groups purchase their own signs; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department wishes to establish a Neighborhood Watch Sign Purchase Program where the Police Department can purchase signs to be used by neighborhood watch groups; and,

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Watch Sign Purchase Program will give neighborhood watch groups the ability to request neighborhood watch signs from the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Watch Sign Purchase Program is not meant to replace groups from purchasing their own signs but rather the program is to help supplement signs in neighborhoods with active watch groups and assist newly formed watch groups; and

WHEREAS, the posting of more watch signs in neighborhoods will help keep neighborhood watch groups active and help deter crime; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that funding for the Neighborhood Watch Sign Purchase Program will come from donations, grants, and City Council Community Projects, Programs, and Services (CPPS) funds, and in the future, possibly from the General Fund; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of San Diego, that the Neighborhood Watch Sign Purchase Program is hereby established, to be administered by the City Manager through the Police Department, for purposes of purchasing neighborhood watch signs for neighborhood watch groups in order to reduce and deter crime, keep neighborhood watch groups active, and help establish new neighborhood watch groups who will report crimes and suspicious activities, effectively fighting crime in communities and improving the quality of life.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the that funding for the Neighborhood Watch Sign

Purchase Program will come from donations, grants, and City Council Community Projects,

Programs, and Services (CPPS) funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CPPS funds will be transferred to the Police

Department through a General Fund transfer, in conformance with Council Policy 100-06, and as

permitted by the City Council Community Projects, Programs and Services section of the

Appropriations Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any donations will be deposited into the

Public/Private Partnerships Fund (Fund 200376).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the future funding for the Neighborhood Watch

Sign Purchase Program may be provided by the General Fund (100000) based on funding

approved in the annual City budget each fiscal year, and provided that the Chief Financial

Officer first certifies that sufficient funds are or will be available in the City Treasury.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to accept

and expend funds from other federal, state, and local agencies or sources to advance the purposes

of the Neighborhood Watch Sign Purchase Program.

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		ELIZABETH S. MALAND City Clerk
Approved:	12/10/18 (date)	Deputy City Clerk  KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor
Vetoed:	(date)	KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

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