RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 314367

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A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO SUPPORTING THE SAN DIEGO HOUSING COMMISSION'S REQUEST TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHERS AND TO MAKE THE EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM PERMANENT.

WHEREAS, communities across the United States, including the City of San Diego
(City), are experiencing an ongoing scarcity of housing that families with low income can afford,
and requests for housing assistance continues to rise; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Housing Commission (Housing Commission) receives funding to help a baseline of 16,339 households pay their rent annually, but, through administrative efficiencies and programs, the Housing Commission provides assistance to a higher number of households than this baseline; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Commission's voucher utilization rate is 104 percent with 17,035 households receiving rental assistance, representing 38,758 individuals; and

WHEREAS, approximately 80 percent of households receiving Housing Commission's rental assistance have income at or below 30 percent of San Diego's area median income, currently \$39,050 per year for a family of four, and approximately 60 percent of voucher households are designated as "elderly/disabled"; and

WHEREAS, of the 70,000 Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) made available nationwide by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Housing Commission accepted all 480 EHVs allocated by HUD's formula and quickly made EHVs available to qualifying households; and

WHEREAS, as of August 5, 2022, the Housing Commission has successfully leased up 391 households using EHVs; and

WHEREAS, the remaining 89 EHVs have been assigned to eligible households and Housing Commission staff are working to help these families identify rental homes; and

WHEREAS, as HUD considers the recapture and redistribution of underutilized EHVs from public housing authorities nationwide, on August 10, 2022, the Housing Commission sent a letter to HUD Secretary Fudge requesting additional EHVs to assist more families in the City, and for HUD to make the Emergency Housing Voucher Program (Program) permanent; and

WHEREAS, additional vouchers will have broad, positive impacts in providing affordable and accessible homes to the most vulnerable populations in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Attorney has drafted this resolution based on the information provided by City staff, including information provided by affected third parties and verified by City staff, with the understanding that this information is complete, true, and accurate; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of San Diego (City Council) supports the Housing Commission's request to HUD for additional EHVs to provide rental assistance to more low income families in the City and for HUD to make the Program permanent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council requests the City's Government

Affairs Department transmit this Resolution in support of the Housing Commission's request to

the City's federal lobbyists or other appropriate person	nel, to ensure this Resolution is received
by HUD Secretary Fudge.	
APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney	
By /s/ Justin R. Bargar Justin R. Bargar Deputy City Attorney	
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I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the meeting of	he Council of the City of San Diego, at this
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Approved: 101211	TOPD GLORIA Mayor
Vetoed:	TODD GLORIA, Mayor

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Stephen Whitburn	Z				
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Chris Cate			<u>Z</u>		
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