

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 316270
DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUN 18 2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO DETERMINING THAT THE APPROVAL OF THE OPERATING AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO PARTNERSHIP, INC. AND CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT UNDER CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15301.

RECITALS

The Council of the City of San Diego (Council) adopts this Resolution based on the following:

A. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.), section 21084, states that the CEQA Guidelines thereto (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15000 et seq.) shall list those classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which shall be exempt from CEQA.

B. Pursuant to that authority, CEQA Guidelines sections 15031 through 15333 list the categorical exemptions promulgated by the California Office of Planning and Research and adopted by the Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency for those classes of Projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment.

C. The City's Economic Development Department will oversee the administration of the Downtown Property and Business Improvement District located in Downtown San Diego (District), which will begin July 1, 2025, and expire June 30, 2035.

D. The Council desires to enter into the Operating and Management Agreement (Agreement) with the Downtown San Diego Partnership, Inc., a California nonprofit corporation (Partnership), whereby the Partnership will operate and manage the District activities for a ten-year period beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2035.

E. The operating and management services that the Partnership will provide the District are described in the Operating and Management Agreement (Agreement). The District activities are described in the Management District Plan (District Plan). The Agreement and District Plan are included in the docket materials accompanying this resolution.

F. The District Plan and the Agreement describe expenditures in the following categories: Cleaning & Maintenance, Safety & Hospitality, Program Management, Business Attraction & Retention, Beautification & Placemaking, and Administrative Services.

G. The City desires to approve the Agreement and associated expenditures of District funds in accordance with the District Plan (collectively, Project).

H. The Council has considered the potential environmental effects of the Project.

I. The Council held a duly noticed public meeting and considered the written record for the Project as well as public comment.

J. The Council, using its independent judgment, has determined that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment and that the Project is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines section 15301 ("Existing Facilities") because certain aspects are non-physical in nature, and the maintenance, improvements, and activities in the District involve care and cleaning of existing facilities, minor repairs and alterations, and regular maintenance tasks and related functions with negligible or no expansion of existing uses.

K. The Office of the City Attorney prepared this Resolution based on the information provided City staff (including information provided by affected third parties and verified by City staff), with the understanding that this information is complete and accurate.

ACTION ITEMS

Be it resolved, by the Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

1. The Project is categorically exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines section 15301.
2. An exception to the exemption as set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 does not apply.
3. The City Clerk, or designee, is directed to file a Notice of Exemption in accordance with CEQA with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for the County of San Diego and the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation regarding the Project.

APPROVED: HEATHER FERBERT, City Attorney

By Daphne Z. Skogen
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Deputy City Attorney

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June 9, 2025
Or. Dept: Econ. Dev.
Doc. No.: 4089342

I certify that the Council of the City of San Diego adopted this Resolution at a meeting held on
JUN 17 2025

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk

By Kyrshell Medina
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 6/17/2025
(date)

Todd Gloria
TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

JUN 17 2025

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on _____, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Campbell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Whitburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Henry L. Foster III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marni von Wilpert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raul A. Campillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vivian Moreno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sean Elo-Rivera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of final passage **JUN 18 2025**

(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the 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
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

(Seal)

DIANA I.S. FUENTES
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By *Linda Irwin*, Deputy

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

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