WHEREAS, Dr. Murtaza Baxamusa is the Director of Research and Policy at the Center on Policy Initiatives [CPI], certified by the American Planning Association and is a member of the Urban Land Institute; and

WHEREAS, as Research and Policy Director at the Center on Policy Initiatives, Dr. Murtaza Baxamusa develops and presents policy proposals to the City Council and other local entities on issues related to economic development, affordable housing, community benefits, budgeting and finance and development planning; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Murtaza Baxamusa directs CPI's larger research program, where he produces reports on healthcare coverage by employers of various industries, the costs of living versus wages in San Diego, the overuse of temporary work, poverty and income in San Diego, employment rates and other issues; and

WHEREAS, through his work with CPI, Dr. Murtaza Baxamusa has written numerous issue briefs, including background documentation, on topics under consideration by local government agencies, and he is frequently interviewed in the local media and publishes opinion pieces on many of these topics; and

WHEREAS, last month, Dr. Murtaza Baxamusa received his doctoral (PhD) degree in Planning from the University of Southern California; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Murtaza Baxamusa is the author of “The Bottom Line” report, which looks at structural issues surrounding the City of San Diego’s budget; and
WHEREAS, Dr. Murtaza Baxamusa currently serves on the Board of Directors of the San Diego City-County Reinvestment Taskforce and has previously studied economic development for the United States Department of Commerce and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies for cities in the Los Angeles region, while working for the University of Southern California Center for Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, originally from India, Dr. Murtaza Baxamusa and his wife Alephia have lived in San Diego for eight years and have two daughters, four-year-old Sakeena and two-year-old Nooriya; 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 commend and thank Dr. Murtaza Baxamusa for the imprint he has left and continues to leave on the City of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that June 17, 2008, be and is hereby proclaimed to be, "DR. MURTAZA H. BAXAMUSA DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By [Signature]
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 **JUN 17, 2008**.

Approved: **6-24-08**

Vetoed: ****

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By: [Signature]
Deputy City Clerk

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