

Item 101  
6/22/2021

(R-2021-504)

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 313609

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUN 28 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
SAN DIEGO IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY  
BILL 915 REGARDING SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED  
BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego (City) economy has suffered greatly due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, all sectors of business and industry in the City, and surrounding areas, have suffered the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, according to the Office of the City Treasurer's listings of businesses with an active Business Tax Certificate, the majority of businesses in the City have less than 100 employees, and approximately 84% of businesses in the City have between 1 and 4 employees; and

WHEREAS, the City is proud to have a diverse community, and many minority small business owners; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2021, the California State Assembly voted 69-0 to pass Assembly Bill 915: Small and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (Assembly Bill 915), which directs the State of California to set a minimum goal of 25% of its procurement dollars to be spent with small businesses, including microbusinesses, and mandating that state departments and agencies create and implement an "Economic Equity First" outreach plan to minority and small business owners to ensure they are effectively involved and benefiting from the procurement process of the state department or agency; and

WHEREAS, as of May 28, 2021, Assembly Bill 915 was received by the California State Senate and referred to the Senate Rules Committee to await a hearing; and

WHEREAS, by San Diego Resolution R-313419 (Feb. 1, 2021), the San Diego City Council (Council) approved the City's 2021-2022 State and Federal Legislative Platform (Legislative Platform), which defines the City's guiding principles and policy priorities and provides a means to advance and protect the City's interest on issues at the state and federal levels; and

WHEREAS, one guiding principle is to promote social justice, equity, and inclusive economic development; and

WHEREAS, the State's "Economic Equity First" outreach plan in Assembly Bill 915 will help minority and small business owners throughout the state, including those in the City, and this in turn will help promote social justice, equity, and inclusive economic development in the City; and

WHEREAS, the tenets of Assembly Bill 915 may also serve as a model for other municipalities and jurisdictions for equitable and accountable procurement practices; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that the Council supports the principles of Assembly Bill 915, and recognizes the merits and ambition of Assembly Bill 915 and supports the efforts of Assemblymember David Chiu, and all co-authors and sponsors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, urges members of the California Legislature to vote to approve Assembly Bill 915 in substantially the same form as when received by the California State Senate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, urges Governor Newsom to sign into law Assembly Bill 915, upon its passage and affirmative vote by the California Assembly and Senate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council requests that the City's Government Affairs Department staff transmit this Resolution to the City's state lobbyists or other appropriate personnel, to ensure this Resolution is received by the California Legislature and by the Governor's Office and made part of the official record for Assembly Bill 915.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By /s/ Hilda R. Mendoza  
Hilda R. Mendoza  
Deputy City Attorney

HRM:jp  
June 4, 2021  
Or.Dept: Council District 7  
CC No.: N/A  
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I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of 6/22/2021

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk

By /s/ Matthew R. Hilario  
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 6/28/21  
(date)

  
TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

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TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on JUN 22 2021, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Whitburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monica Montgomery Steppe	<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"/>
Chris Cate	<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 28 2021

**(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.

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

By , Deputy

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

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