

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 315088

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE AUG 08 2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO DESIGNATING THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AS A
BEE CITY USA AFFILIATE AND SUPPORTING THE
CREATION OF A BEE CITY USA PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, pollinators such as bees, butterflies, beetles, and other insects are responsible for pollinating three-fourths of the world's flowering plants and approximately 35 percent of the world's food crops; and

WHEREAS, bees and other pollinators have experienced population declines due to a combination of habitat loss, disease, parasites, poor nutrition, climate change, and environmental contaminants such as pesticides, including insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides; and

WHEREAS, the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation is an international non-profit organization that protects the natural world through the conservation of invertebrates and their habitats; and

WHEREAS, the Xerces Society's Pollinator Conservation Program aims to recruit cities to join in declaring themselves to be Bee City USA affiliates to galvanize communities to sustain pollinators by increasing the abundance of native plants, providing nest sites, and reducing the use of pesticides; and

WHEREAS, pollinator-friendly communities can benefit the local and regional economies through healthier ecosystems, increased vegetable and fruit crop yields, and increased demand for pollinator-friendly plant materials from local growers; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego (City) supports the creation of a Bee City USA program committee through a partnership with a local non-profit organization and the City's designation as a Bee City USA community from the Xerces Society, which will foster broad-

based community engagement in environmental awareness and sustainability as well as support and encourage healthy pollinator habitat creation, maintenance, and enhancement; and

WHEREAS, the City has previously enacted policies and initiatives to preserve local habitat and open space, to protect wildlife, and to improve the quality of life for its citizens and visitors, and should be certified by the Xerces Society as a Bee City USA community; and

WHEREAS, the City has enacted the Biodiverse SD Program, which includes the City's Multiple Species Conservation Program, to protect endangered species unique to San Diego and to protect the region's biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, the City has utilized integrated pest management (IPM) practices since 1999, which trains employees to maintain healthy landscapes and facilities that minimize risks to people and environment by identifying and removing the cause of pest problems rather than simply attacking the symptoms, and employs pests' natural enemies along with cultural, mechanical, and physical controls when prevention is not enough, and uses pesticides only when no other method is feasible or effective; and

WHEREAS, the City's Parks Master Plan, adopted in August 2021, calls for the increased use of native plants, shrubs, and trees in City parks and developments; and

WHEREAS, since 2021, Mayor Todd Gloria has taken the National Wildlife Federation's Mayor Monarch Pledge to help save the monarch butterfly by committing to create habitat for the monarch butterfly and other pollinators, and to educate residents on how they can make a difference at home and in their community; and

WHEREAS, the City created the Resiliency Advisory Board to serve as an advisory body to the Mayor and the City Council on natural resource conservation, climate resiliency and

adaption, wetlands, habitat preservation, biodiversity, and the Climate Resilient SD Plan, and to assist the City in attaining its stated goals in these areas; and

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

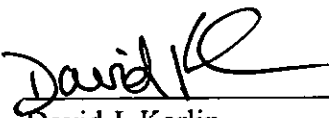
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that the City of San Diego is hereby designated as the Bee City USA sponsor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of San Diego designates the Office of Councilmember Joe LaCava, as the Bee City USA Liaison .

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of San Diego assigned and authorizes the Resiliency Advisory Board to facilitate the City's participation in the Bee City USA program, and to take necessary actions as required by the program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Resiliency Advisory Board will advise on the execution of the Bee City USA requirements until a recognized Bee City USA program committee is established.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By 

David J. Karlin
Senior Deputy City Attorney

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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 AUG 01 2023

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk

By *Krystell Medina*
(Deputy) City Clerk

Approved: 8/8/23
(date)

Todd Gloria
TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on AUG 01 2023, 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"/>
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 AUG 08 2023.

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

By Kristell Medina, Deputy

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

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