SUBJECT: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS (Board) MEETINGS

PURPOSE: To establish policy for public participation during Board meetings.

POLICY STATEMENT:

1. The public is guaranteed the right to participate in all public (open) sessions of the Board subject to the provisions of this policy.

2. No person may address the Board without the permission of the Chairperson.

3. Persons wishing to address the Board shall complete a Request to Speak form prior to commencement of the meeting. Failure to complete a form shall not preclude testimony, if permission is granted by the Chairperson to address the Board.

4. If many persons have indicated a desire to address the Board on the same issue, the Chairperson shall suggest that various parties on a side consolidate their testimony. Testimony by members of the public on any item shall be limited to 15 minutes (total for all speakers) to those in favor of an agenda item.
   a. The Chairperson, with the consent of a majority of the Board, may extend the amount of time given to proponents or opponents. If an extension of time is granted to one side, the same extension shall be offered to the other side.

5. After a public hearing has been closed, and after a motion has been made (and seconded), no person shall address the Board without first obtaining permission to do so.

6. Public Comment shall be limited to three (3) minutes. However, the Chairperson, with the approval of the Board, may decrease or modify the total amount of time allocated for public testimony and for each individual speaker, consistent with the intent of the Brown Act.

RESOLUTION 2008-106

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, as follows:

That Board of Port Commissioners Policy No 060, Public Participation in Board of Port Commissioners (Board) Meetings, as amended, a copy of which is on file in the office of the District Clerk, is hereby adopted.

ADOPTED this 10th day of June, 2008.