

RESOLUTION 2014-103

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROCLAMATION
HONORING CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY
SPEAKER-ELECT TONI ATKINS FOR HER
EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE, HER
DEDICATION TO CREATING GOOD-PAYING JOBS
IN THE SAN DIEGO REGION, AND HER FOCUS ON
IMPROVING WATER QUALITY IN SAN DIEGO BAY
AND THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA**

WHEREAS, the San Diego Unified Port District (District) is a public corporation created by the Legislature in 1962 pursuant to Harbors and Navigation Code Appendix I, (Port Act); and

WHEREAS, section 21 of the Port Act states that the Board of Port Commissioners (BPC) may pass all necessary ordinances and resolutions for the regulation of the District; and

WHEREAS, California State Assembly Speaker-elect Toni Atkins will become the first lawmaker from San Diego to serve as Assembly Speaker, the most powerful person in the California State Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Speaker-elect Atkins has established an extensive and sterling track record of public service, both in and outside of government; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Speaker-elect Atkins served as Director of Clinic Services at WomanCare Health Center after moving to San Diego in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Speaker-elect Atkins served as a staff member for San Diego City Councilmember Christine Kehoe before serving two terms on the San Diego City Council from 2000 to 2008; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Speaker-elect Atkins was a leader on the San Diego City Council in promoting affordable housing, workers' rights, and neighborhood services and neighborhood revitalization; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Speaker-elect Atkins helped push through the City of San Diego's first inclusionary housing policy, led the City Council to adopt a Living Wage Ordinance, and improved her council district by paving streets and completing and revitalizing three parks; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Speaker-elect Atkins worked in support of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Community to persuade the

mayor and City Council to add the City of San Diego to a friend-of-the-court brief in support of marriage equality in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Speaker-elect Atkins was selected by her colleagues on the San Diego City Council to serve as mayor from July to December 2005 following the resignation of the sitting mayor, bringing a calm, steady leadership to a city government in turmoil; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Speaker-elect Atkins played a vital role in obtaining state approval of the Phase III expansion of the San Diego Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Speaker-elect Atkins authored the Port-sponsored Assembly Bill 425 to help improve water quality in San Diego Bay and other water bodies across the state by requiring the state Department of Pesticide Regulation to determine the leach rate for copper-based antifouling paint used on the hulls of recreational vessels, and to make recommendations for appropriate mitigation measures to address the protection of aquatic environments from the effects of exposure to that paint if it is registered as a pesticide; and


WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 425 was signed into law by California Governor Jerry Brown on October 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Speaker-elect Atkins works in close cooperation with the San Diego Unified Port District, the southernmost U.S. gateway to the Pacific and within her own district; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Speaker-elect Atkins rose from impoverished beginnings in a home without running water in southwestern Virginia to the top leadership position in the Assembly of America's most populous state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Port Commissioners that the San Diego Unified Port District hereby supports the good works of California State Assembly Speaker-elect Toni Atkins, wishes her continued success in her public service to the people of the State of California and approves the Proclamation testimony thereto.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:
PORT ATTORNEY


By: ~~Assistant~~ Deputy

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 6th day of May 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Bonelli, Castellanos, Malcolm, Merrifield, Moore, Nelson, and Valderrama

NAYS: None.

EXCUSED: None.

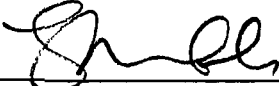
ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.



Robert E. Nelson, Chairman
Board of Port Commissioners

ATTEST:



Laura Nicholson
Deputy District Clerk

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