

RESOLUTION 2014-220

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROCLAMATION HONORING CHULA VISTA MAYOR CHERYL COX FOR HER PUBLIC SERVICE, HER DEDICATION TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF CHULA VISTA, AND FOR HER TIRELESS WORK ON BEHALF OF THE STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS OF HER COMMUNITY AND THE STATE OF 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 1, (Port Act); and

WHEREAS, section 35 of the Port Act allows the Board of Port Commissioners to act as is necessary and convenient for the exercise of its powers; and

WHEREAS, in December 2006, Cheryl Cox was sworn in as Chula Vista's 39th mayor, and wasted no time putting her vision for improving Chula Vista into action; and

WHEREAS, in her first year, Mayor Cox initiated an independent financial review that recommended solutions to the city's fiscal problems, both then and into the future; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Cox proved to be an advocate for sustainable development by endorsing the Urban Core Specific Plan – a blueprint for redeveloping northwest Chula Vista; and

WHEREAS, the plan was approved by the full City Council and provides an integrated approach to housing, business development, public transportation, pedestrian-friendly design, and green building standards in a mixed-use community; and

WHEREAS, the plan was so forward thinking that it received an award from the Urban Land Institute; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Cox has been a driving force and a Port partner in clearing the Chula Vista bay front, and other property west of Interstate 5, for future development; and

WHEREAS, an obsolete power station, vacant industrial buildings, and unsightly transmission towers have been removed to clear the way for the 535-acre Chula Vista Bayfront Master Plan adjacent to the existing marina; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Cox has been a supporter of Chula Vista businesses, launching the Shop/Dine Chula Vista campaign in cooperation with the Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce which encourages citizens of Chula Vista to shop and dine within the city to retain local businesses and jobs, and to boost local sales tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Cox has also had a major impact on Chula Vista's education community; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Cox holds a Doctorate in Education from the University of Southern California and has served as a teacher, a school principal, and as a trustee on the Chula Vista Elementary School Board, and has also served on the Governor's Roundtable for Education; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Cox has worked to bring career training and higher education to Chula Vista, where more than 375 acres east of State Route 125 is now owned by the City of Chula Vista for the future home of a University Park and Research Center; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Cox has received numerous honors for her work in government and education, including the Trailblazer Award from the California Women's Leadership Association; the Public Official of the Year award from the Building Owners and Managers Association; the Presidential Award from the Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce; and the Kate Sessions Environment Award from the San Diego Urban Corps; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Cox is married to San Diego County Supervisor Greg Cox, who also served two terms as Chula Vista Mayor and the couple has two adult daughters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, hereby approves a proclamation honoring Chula Vista Mayor Cheryl Cox for her public service, her dedication to the improvement of Chula Vista, and for her tireless work on behalf of the students and educators of her community and the State of California.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:
GENERAL COUNSEL



By: Assistant/Deputy

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 4th day of November, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Bonelli, Castellanos, Merrifield, Moore, and Valderrama.

NAYS: None.

EXCUSED: Malcolm and Nelson.

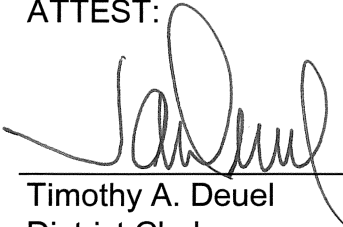
ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.



Robert E. Nelson, Chairman
Board of Port Commissioners

ATTEST:



Timothy A. Deuel
District Clerk



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