

RESOLUTION 2014-27

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPORT FOR THE AMERICA'S CUP 35 EVENT 2017

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, the America's Cup 35, a prestigious, high performance, international sailing race, desires to hold its event on San Diego Bay in August, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the races offer the public close-up views of the America's Cup sailing crews, who will be competing in this world-class event; and

WHEREAS, the close-to-shore races will be held near the downtown San Diego waterfront and are expected to attract thousands of people to the bay front; and

WHEREAS, the District supports the America's Cup as part of its goal to activate the waterfront around San Diego Bay, providing economic benefit to District tenant businesses and enjoyment to spectators; and

WHEREAS, adding to the on-the-water action, near the Port Pavilion on Broadway Pier—a premier race viewing area—a free America's Cup Village offers landside entertainment; and

WHEREAS, ORACLE Racing, one of several teams racing in the America's Cup; returned the America's Cup to American shores after a 15-year absence when it swept the 33rd America's Cup match in Valencia, Spain in 2010, and defended the Cup in San Francisco in 2013; and

WHEREAS, ORACLE Racing trained in San Diego for 16 months preparing for an America's Cup victory, and returned—along with other America's Cup competitors—in March 2011 to compete in the RC44 'stadium-style' sailing races held on San Diego Bay; and

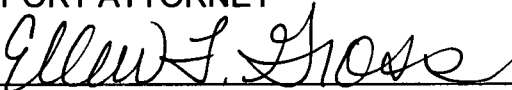
WHEREAS, hosting the America's Cup World Series continues San Diego's prominent ranking as an international sailing venue—a distinction that dates back to when the America's Cup races were held offshore of Point Loma in 1988, 1992 and 1995; and

WHEREAS, San Diego's America's Cup is supported by Sailing Events Association San Diego and the America's Cup Event Authority.

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

That the Executive Director or his designated representative is hereby authorized to proclaim the District's support of the America's Cup 35 2017 Event and participate in any responses and discussions to bring the America's Cup 35 2017 Event to the Port of San Diego, subject to negotiations culminating in successful mutually beneficial agreements between the parties.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:
PORT ATTORNEY



By: Assistant/Deputy

2014-27

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 11th day of February, 2014, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

EXCUSED: None.

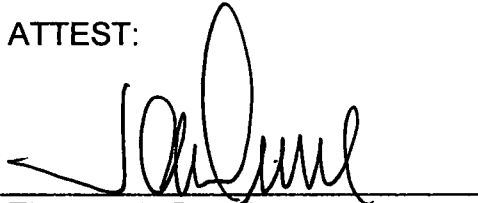
ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.



Robert E. Nelson, Chairman
Board of Port Commissioners

ATTEST:



Timothy A. Deuel
District Clerk

(Seal)