

RESOLUTION 2015-177

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROCLAMATION HONORING SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER PRESIDENT AND CEO CAROL WALLACE FOR HER IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE REGION'S TOURISM INDUSTRY AND OVERALL ECONOMY AS THE SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER'S TOP ADMINISTRATOR FOR MORE THAN TWO DECADES

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, Carol Wallace was hired in 1991 as general manager of the San Diego Convention Center and promoted to the office of President and CEO in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Carol Wallace helped spearhead the drive to expand the San Diego Convention Center that led to the opening of the enlarged Convention Center in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Carol Wallace and her staff have established the San Diego Convention Center as one of the premier convention and meeting facilities in the world; and

WHEREAS, Carol Wallace has over a 35-year career earned a reputation as a global leader in the convention and meeting industry; and

WHEREAS, Carol Wallace has led the San Diego Convention Center to be recognized by the convention industry as a place of excellence, including 11 "Planners' Choice Awards," 10 "Prime Site Awards," as well as "Best Convention Center;" and

WHEREAS, Carol Wallace has served with distinction, earning a 2015 "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the International Association of Venue Managers for outstanding service in the convention industry, as well as being named "Professional Supplier Honoree" in 2014 by the Professional Convention Management Association, among many other awards; and

WHEREAS, Carol Wallace has established a reputation as a tenacious trailblazer in the convention industry, becoming the first woman of color to lead a major United States convention center when she was selected President and CEO of the Colorado Convention Center in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Carol Wallace currently serves on the United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board, a prestigious body that advises the U.S. Secretary of Commerce on ways to strengthen the travel and tourism industry so that American businesses can expand and produce new jobs; and

WHEREAS, Carol Wallace and her staff have worked tirelessly to increase convention tourism for the benefit of District tenants and the entire region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District that it hereby honors San Diego Convention Center President and CEO Carol Wallace for her important contributions to the region's tourism industry and overall economy as the San Diego Convention Center's top administrator for more than two decades and approves the Proclamation attached to the corresponding agenda report.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:
GENERAL COUNSEL

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Allen Gross", written over a horizontal line.

By: Assistant/Deputy

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 8th day of December 2015, by the following vote:

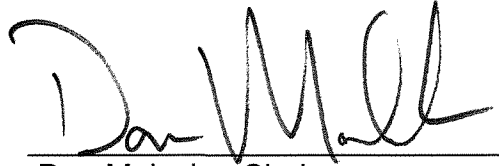
AYES: Bonelli, Castellanos, Malcolm, Merrifield, Moore, Nelson, and Valderrama.

NAYS: None.

EXCUSED: None.

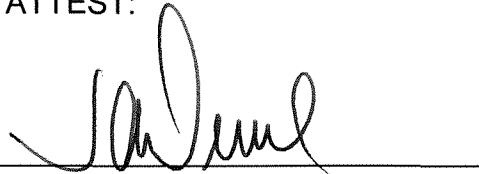
ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.



Dan Malcolm, Chairman
Board of Port Commissioners

ATTEST:



Timothy A. Deuel
District Clerk

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