

Proclamation

Resolution Appointing Bob Nelson as Commissioner Emeritus

Effective June 20, 2017

WHEREAS, Bob Nelson has ably represented the City of San Diego as a Port Commissioner for the San Diego Unified Port District from 2011 through May 2017, including service as Chairman in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Bob Nelson devoted his time and energy to further the vision, goals and projects of the Port; and

WHEREAS, Bob Nelson served with purpose and integrity while furthering landmark projects to benefit the Port of San Diego and the region, including the North Embarcadero Visionary Plan, development of the Lane Field North and South hotels, the Chula Vista Bayfront Master Plan, the adoption of a vision for integrated planning; and

WHEREAS, Bob Nelson, served with a dedication to the environment and the Port's surrounding communities during a time when the Port reported unprecedented improvements in Port-wide greenhouse gas emission reduction and air quality; and

WHEREAS, he was a champion for improving Port-Community interaction globally through his participation in l'Association International Villes et Ports (AIVP) in Durban, South Africa and Dublin, Ireland; and

WHEREAS, he advocated for the sustainability of the Environmental Fund as a way to safeguard the environment; and

WHEREAS, he advocated for alternative energy sources and, supported the adoption of new "smart" technologies that leverage the power of data and automation to increase the efficiency of Port operations; and

WHEREAS, he participated in national forums on smart technology in Washington D.C. and Silicon Valley in California, through the Smart Cities Council; and

WHEREAS, he represented the District as a Board member for Clean-tech San Diego, participating in regional conversations on the use of Smart technology, and the sharing of data across jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Bob Nelson was one of the key contributors to the development of the Climate Action Plan, which was adopted by the Board in 2013 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on Port tidelands, and reduce the Port's environmental impact for years to come by managing energy and water use; and

WHEREAS, during his chairmanship, he formed an ad hoc committee on Energy Supply to advise the full Board on issues related to energy sustainability, clean energy and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, as well as a blue ribbon roundtable of industry, scientific, and academic leaders to share their knowledge and experience with the ad hoc committee; and

WHEREAS, Bob Nelson, upon becoming Chairman of the Board, adopted the theme “Building our Future Together, Adellante!” for the Port of San Diego and embodied the spirit of the word, “Adellante!” which means Forward! In Spanish; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District that this Board, on behalf of its members, staff, and employees, hereby extends its appreciation to Bob Nelson and wishes him continued success and happiness upon the conclusion of his service on the Board of Port Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bob Nelson is hereby appointed to the honorary office of “Commissioner Emeritus” of the San Diego Unified Port District with all privileges attendant.

All commissioners to sign----**except Nelson**