

Board of Port Commissioners Proclamation Honoring**Commissioner Robert “Dukie” Valderrama**

- Whereas,** Robert “Dukie” Valderrama was appointed to the Board of Port Commissioners by the City Council of National City in January 2005 and he served as Chairman of the Board in 2010 and 2017; and
- Whereas,** Robert “Dukie” Valderrama has demonstrated immense support for labor and has a special place in his heart for commercial fishermen and longshore workers because members of his family have worked in those industries; and
- Whereas,** Robert “Dukie” Valderrama is a staunch supporter of the environment, especially when it relates to the communities neighboring the terminals. As Chairman of the Board in 2010, he shepherded the Port’s Clean Truck Program, which banned older, diesel trucks from the Port’s two cargo terminals; and
- Whereas,** Robert “Dukie” Valderrama spearheaded the Port’s Voluntary Vessel Speed Reduction Program prompting compliance from cruise and cargo ships during his chairmanship, resulting in reduced air pollution on San Diego Bay and in adjacent communities; and
- Whereas,** Robert “Dukie” Valderrama was instrumental in the establishment of the Port’s Green Business Network, which was initiated during his term as Chair in 2010; and
- Whereas,** Robert “Dukie” Valderrama is an avid cyclist, and has participated in the annual Port-sponsored “Bike the Bay” event. He is a supporter of the Bayshore Bikeway and while he was Chair in 2010, a portion of the bikeway that ran on Port tidelands in Chula Vista was approved; and
- Whereas,** Robert “Dukie” Valderrama was instrumental in the creation of the Maritime Industrial Impact Fund during his tenure; and
- Whereas,** Robert “Dukie” Valderrama served as facilitator of the Maritime Stakeholder Forum and Chairman of the Port’s Accessibility Advisory Committee; and
- Whereas,** Robert “Dukie” Valderrama is credited with several accomplishments in the South Bay, including development of a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of National City for the San Diego Regional Enterprise Zone, establishing funding for the South Bay Aquatic Center, and the start of the National City Balanced Plan; and
- Whereas,** Robert “Dukie” Valderrama’s priorities are family, work, and community; and
- Whereas,** Robert “Dukie” Valderrama always urged his colleagues on the Board to pursue the “win, win, win” in decisions, meaning a win for the community, a win for Port tenants, and a win for the Port itself;

NOW THEREFORE

Be it Proclaimed that the Board of Port Commissioners and the staff at the Port of San Diego hereby honor Commissioner Robert “Dukie” Valderrama with a proclamation and confer the title of Commissioner Emeritus for his productive term of service on the Board of Port Commissioners and for his many contributions to the residents and visitors of our region.
