

DRAFT**RESOLUTION 20xx-xxx****RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROCLAMATION
AND APPOINTING ROBERT “DUKIE”
VALDERRAMA AS COMMISSIONER EMERITUS
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 3, 2021**

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 35 of the Port Act allows the Board of Port Commissioners (BPC) to do all acts necessary and convenient for the exercise of its powers; and

WHEREAS, Section 21 of the Port Act allows the BPC to pass all necessary resolutions for the regulation of the District; and

WHEREAS, BPC Policy No. 040 establishes a Commissioner Emeritus status for former Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Commissioners who have held office for a period of at least 42 consecutive months since the formation of the District are eligible for appointment to Commissioner Emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, Robert “Dukie” Valderrama was appointed to the BPC 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 and, as Chairman of the Board in 2010, he shepherded the District’s Clean Truck Program, which banned older, diesel trucks from the District’s two cargo terminals; and

WHEREAS, Robert “Dukie” Valderrama spearheaded the District’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

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WHEREAS, Robert “Dukie” Valderrama was instrumental in the establishment of the District’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 District-sponsored “Bike the Bay” event, and he is a supporter of the Bayshore Bikeway and while he was Chair in 2010, a portion of the bikeway that ran on District 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 District’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 BPC to pursue the “win, win, win” in decisions, meaning a win for the community, a win for District tenants, and a win for the District itself;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, does 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.

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 19th day of January 2021, by the following vote: