RESOLUTION <u>20xx-xxx</u>

RESOLUTION SELECTING AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH JGC GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, INC. FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE CONSULTING SERVICES, FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2026 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$495,000.00. FUNDS FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR ARE BUDGETED. ALL FUNDS REQUIRED FOR FUTURE FISCAL YEARS WILL BE BUDGETED IN THE APPROPRIATE FISCAL YEAR, SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL UPON ADOPTION OF EACH FISCAL YEAR'S BUDGET

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; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Port Commissioners (BPC) adopted BPC Policy No. 110 to establish a policy governing the processing and administration of public projects, consulting and service agreements, the purchasing of supplies, materials, and equipment, and grants; and

WHEREAS, the District utilizes legislative consulting professionals to represent the District's interests and assure that there is two-way communication with state and federal legislative branches and regulatory agencies; and

WHEREAS, areas of specific interest to the District include but are not limited to:

- Assisting with securing approval by the California State Lands Commission as related to state tidelands issues;
- Acting as a liaison with several industry groups and state agencies on District matters;
- Facilitating responses to requests for information from members of the Legislature and agencies concerning matters of interest to the District; and
- Reviewing and commenting on state project submissions, such as grant proposals; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the District brought together a team from Procurement, Government & Civic Relations, and the Aquaculture and Blue Tech Departments to work on procuring a new agreement for state legislative consulting; and **WHEREAS**, staff developed and issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for state legislative consulting services in August 2021; and

WHEREAS, the District received three responses, and staff interviewed two firms in October 2021; and

WHEREAS, JGC Government Relations, Inc. is a full service, bi-partisan firm located in Sacramento and has represented the District with distinction for more than 18 years; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends the selection of JGC Government Relations, Inc., for an agreement from February 1, 2022 through January 31, 2026, for state legislative consulting services, in an amount not to exceed \$495,000.00.

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 on behalf of the San Diego Unified Port District to select and authorize an Agreement with JGC Government Relations, Inc. for state legislative consulting services for an amount not to exceed \$495,000, from February 1, 2022 through January 31, 2026.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY: GENERAL COUNSEL

By: Assistant/Senior/Deputy

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 11th day of January 2022, by the following vote: