

RESOLUTION NUMBER R-_____

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A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 76068

WHEREAS, on January 27, 1942, the Council of the City of San Diego adopted Resolution No. 76068, which called upon the Federal Bureau of Investigation to remove individuals of Japanese ancestry from San Diego, considered a vital defense area, due to wartime concerns of potential subversive activities; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 1942, United States President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order No. 9066 (E. O. 9066) which incarcerated more than 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry under the guise of military necessity in 10 concentration camps scattered throughout several western states and the State of Arkansas during World War II; and

WHEREAS, E. O. 9066 inflicted great human costs on both Japanese Americans and residents of Japanese ancestry in terms of abandoned homes, lost businesses and farms, thwarted career and professional advancements, disrupted family life, and caused public humiliation; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, the United States Congress created the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians to examine the actions and impact of E. O. 9066. The commission held 20 days of public hearings, conducted 18 months of investigation, and published its findings in 1983, which concluded that E. O. 9066 was not justified by military necessity and, instead, was caused by racial prejudice, wartime hysteria, and a failure of political leadership; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 1988, United States President Ronald Reagan signed the federal Civil Liberties Act of 1988, codified at 28 C.F.R. §74 (1989) into law declaring that a grave injustice had been done to both citizens and permanent residents of Japanese ancestry by

their evacuation, relocation, and internment during World War II; that these actions were without security reasons and without any acts of espionage or sabotage; that the excluded individuals suffered enormous damages for which appropriate compensation has not been made; and for which the United States Congress apologizes on behalf of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, it is important to learn from the mistakes of the past and to ensure that such an assault on freedom never happens again to any community in the United States, including San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Attorney has drafted this resolution based on the information provided by City staff, with the understanding that this information is complete, true, and accurate; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that Resolution No. 76068 adopted on January 27, 1942, is hereby rescinded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of San Diego apologizes to all people of Japanese ancestry for its past actions in support of the unjust exclusion, removal, and incarceration of Japanese Americans and residents of Japanese ancestry during World War II, and for its failure to support and defend the civil rights and civil liberties of these individuals during this period.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By _____
David J. Karlin
Senior Deputy City Attorney

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I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of _____.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By _____
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor