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**CITY OF SAN DIEGO
SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 1981**

**ONE PROPOSITION FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE
NO. 15375 (NEW SERIES)
TOGETHER WITH ARGUMENTS**

**ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THE
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Yes →

No →

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This proposition requires a majority vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 15375 (NEW SERIES)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THAT CERTAIN LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AND THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE COLUMBIA REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTER.

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of San Diego (the "Agency") proposes to acquire a certain site (the "site") within the Columbia Redevelopment Project and proposes to construct certain public facilities thereon (the "Facility") and to lease the Site to the City of San Diego (the "City") for use as a Convention and Exhibition Center facility (the "Lease Agreement"), a copy of which is on file with the office of the City Clerk as Document No. 00-15375;

WHEREAS, the Agency proposes to finance such acquisition and construction through the issuance of lease revenue bonds pursuant to the Community Redevelopment Law (Part I of Division 24 of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California), such bonds to be payable as to principal and interest from certain revenues including the proceeds of rents to be paid by the City under the terms of said Lease Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Article 9, Chapter 5, Part I, Division 2, Title 5 (commencing with Section 54240) of the Government Code of the State of California requires that prior to entering into said Lease Agreement the City shall have approved it by ordinance which shall be subject to referendum;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

Section 1. This Council hereby approves the Lease Agreement in the form on file with the City Clerk, provided that the amount of annual base

rent payable by the City thereunder shall not exceed Twenty Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000).

Section 2. Subject to the provisions of Section 1 and subsequent to the effective date hereof, the City Manager is hereby authorized and empowered to execute said Lease Agreement and the City Clerk is authorized and directed to attest thereto and to affix the official seal of the City thereto and to cause said Lease Agreement, following execution by the Agency, to be recorded with the County Recorder of San Diego County.

Section 3. Any provisions of the San Diego Municipal Code, or appendices thereto inconsistent herewith, to the extent of such inconsistencies and no further, are hereby repealed or modified to that extent necessary to effect the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance. The Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each and every section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any portion of the ordinance would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance by a two-thirds' vote of the Council and cause the same to be published once in the official newspaper within fifteen (15) days after its adoption, and it shall take effect on the 31st day after its final passage.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

By: HAROLD O. VALDERHAUG, Deputy

Passed and adopted by the Council of The City of San Diego on Oct. 28, 1980, by the following vote:

Yeas: Mitchell, Cleator, Lowery, Williams, Stirling, Killea, Wilson.

Nays: Schnaubelt, Gotch.

Absent: None.

AUTHENTICATED BY:

PETE WILSON
Mayor of
The City of San Diego, California

CHARLES G. ABDELNOUR
City Clerk of
The City of San Diego, California

By: RITA ANDREWS, Deputy.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was not finally passed until twelve calendar days had elapsed between the day of its introduction and the day of its final passage, to wit, on Oct. 14, 1980, and on Oct. 28, 1980.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the reading of said ordinance in full was dispensed with by a vote of not less than a majority of the members elected to the Council, and that there was available for the consideration of each member of the Council and the public prior to the day of its passage a written or printed copy of said ordinance.

CHARLES G. ABDELNOUR
City Clerk of
The City of San Diego, California

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION A

FOR THE GOOD FUTURE OF SAN DIEGO, VOTE YES ON A!

For years, homeowners and renters of San Diego's neighborhoods have paid an undue share of the taxes because downtown has suffered blight and failed to pay its fair portion.

Revitalization of downtown will change that because new development will increase the tax base for the whole city.

Key to achieving this direction — and 10,000 new jobs — is construction of a major convention center. San Diego now loses major convention business because our largest facility is smaller than that of Pine Bluffs, Arkansas.

The center will be built NOT WITH YOUR TAX DOLLARS BUT WITH REVENUE BONDS SOLD TO PRIVATE INVESTORS.

The bonds will be paid off from convention center revenues — NOT YOUR TAXES. To claim otherwise is a deliberate distortion.

Even in the implausible event of default, PROPOSITION 13 PROHIBITS BY LAW THE RAISING OF TAXES TO PAY OFF THE BONDS.

Proposition A will not take away money from vital city services. To the contrary, in just the first nine years of operations, the new center will generate economic benefits of some \$1.4 billion — almost the entire city operating budget for the same period!

Remember: This is money paid by visitors to San Diego, whose spending is needed by the Zoo, the arts, museums, sports and the many other cultural and recreational pleasures we enjoy.

Look who signed this argument: Community leaders, including Police Chief Kolender, who know that a revitalized downtown — to replace porno parlors, crime and blight — depends on the new center.

They know that the visitors' industry, the city's third largest, puts to work young people who otherwise might be seeking welfare or be on the streets adding to the crime problem.

Now comes the handful of obstructionists who say we cannot afford to renew downtown and build the center.

We can't afford not to!

VOTE YES ON A!

Don Coryell

Head Coach, San Diego Chargers
Honorary Chairman, Citizens for
America's Finest Downtown

Pete Wilson

Mayor
City of San Diego

Bill Kolender

Joseph Francis

Secretary-Treasurer
San Diego-Imperial County
Labor Council

Anthony Ghio

President
San Diego Convention
and Visitors Bureau

ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION A

You are being asked to approve a Convention Center lease, that will cost the City \$25 million a year for 30 years or \$750 million. Including other costs the total is almost \$1 billion.

President Reagan and Governor Brown are bringing runaway government spending and inflation under control. Local politicians however, are on a spending spree, having voted to triple the city's debt with the most costly public works project in San Diego history.

The City Council wants to spend hundreds of millions of dollars to obtain an additional 20 large conventions a year, which will result in less than a 1% increase in visitors coming to the City. Private investors have already said "NO" to risking their own money on this highly questionable project.

The City Manager has estimated city budget shortages will increase from \$106 million to \$127 million over the next six years, a \$21 million increase due solely to this proposed convention center.

The money spent for this convention center will benefit out-of-towners. But we believe San Diego residents should come first.

Instead of spending close to one billion dollars for these visitors, the people already living here could benefit more if the same amount of money were available for projects such as needed housing, industrial parks, improvements to Mission Bay and Balboa Park. This would create more jobs than will the proposed convention center.

We wholeheartedly encourage tourism and the convention business but not by building a billion dollar boondoggle.

Proposition 13 and the Gann Initiative were passed to limit taxation — don't let the politicians fool you — you the taxpayer will ultimately be responsible for the \$25 million annual lease payments on this proposed convention center.

YOUR "NO" VOTE WILL HELP STOP THE GROWTH
OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING

VOTE "NO"

Kimball H. Moore
Retired San Diego City Manager

William P. Brotherton
Former Executive Manager
San Diego Convention &
Visitors Bureau

Fred Schnaubelt
City Councilmember

Mike Gotch
City Councilmember

Lucy Goldman
Businesswoman

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