

**AGENDA FOR THE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014, AT 2:00 PM
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 12TH FLOOR
202 “C” STREET
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

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ROLL CALL

ADOPTION AGENDA, DISCUSSION, OTHER LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

RESOLUTIONS:

ITEM-600: Approval of Agreement between the City of San Diego and United States Golf Association (USGA) to host the 121st United States Open Championship at Torrey Pines Golf Course. (Torrey Pines/Citywide. District 1/Citywide.)

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

This action is to approve entering into an Agreement between the City of San Diego and the United States Golf Association (USGA) to host the 121st United States Open Championship at Torrey Pines Golf Course. The Championship will be held in June 2021. The City of San Diego successfully hosted the 108th U.S. Open Championship June 9-16, 2008, at Torrey Pines. The 2008 U.S. Open generated a total economic impact to the San Diego region of \$142 million, including \$1.5 million in Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) and \$1.6 million in local sales tax. Hosting the 2021 U.S. Open at Torrey Pines is consistent with the Golf Business Plan as adopted by the City Council.

STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the following resolutions:

Subitem-A: (R-2014-551)

Authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute, for and on behalf of the City, an Agreement for the 2021 United States Open Championship between the United States Golf Association and the City, for the hosting of the 2021 Championship, including lease of the Torrey Pines Golf Course for both exclusive and non-exclusive periods of time for a total rental amount of \$2,500,000, and for such other benefits as set forth in the Agreement, all on the terms and conditions as set forth in the proposed Agreement, together with any reasonably necessary modifications or amendments thereto which do not increase project scope or cost and which the Mayor shall deem necessary from time to time in order to carry out the purpose and intent of the Agreement.

Subitem-B: (R-2014-554 Cor. Copy) (Rev. 3/13/14)

Declaring that the Council of the City of San Diego determines that the Project is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15304, and 15323 as it is the leasing of existing facilities with no expansion of use, minor alteration of the land which does not involve removal of healthy, mature or scenic trees, and public gatherings for which the facility was designed and there is past history of the facility being used for the same purpose;

Declaring that the Council of the City of San Diego has determined that an exception to exemption as set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 does not apply;

Directing the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption regarding the Project with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for the County of San Diego.

STAFF SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

It is anticipated that the 2021 U.S. Open will bring significant direct and indirect revenue to the City. The 2008 U.S. Open generated a regional economic impact of \$142 million with specific benefits to the City of San Diego of \$1.5 million in TOT and \$1.6 million in local sales tax. For additional information, see Report to City Council No. 14-023.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL AND/OR COMMITTEE ACTION: N/A

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