

December 5, 2002

Honorable Mayor and Members of
the Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of
December 10, 2002

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A COOPERATIVE EFFORT OF SOUTH BAY CITIES
FOR HOMELAND SECURITY THROUGH MUTUAL AID**

Recommendation:

That the City Council adopt the attached resolution confirming our participation in this important cooperative program.

Background:

The attached resolution expresses the City's continuing support for the mutual aid program. The resolution has been adopted by the South Bay Cities Council of Governments and is being considered by the other South Bay cities. As you know, the cities are also members of Area "G" of the Office of Disaster Management, which coordinates on a countywide basis with other areas in Los Angeles County.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen R. Burrell
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING A COOPERATIVE EFFORT AMONG SOUTH BAY CITIES TO COORDINATE HOMELAND SECURITY, PROVIDE MUTUAL AID FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF INCIDENTS, AND WORK TOGETHER AFTER A DISASTER TO RESTORE PEACE AND NORMALCY TO THE SOUTH BAY AREA.

WHEREAS, disaster preparedness has always been an important city function; and,

WHEREAS, the security of the U.S. homeland is increasingly threatened and is becoming a critical and prominent issue at the federal, state and local level; and,

WHEREAS, the South Bay is a subregion of one of the largest counties in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, due to the size of the South Bay and its proximity to a major international port and airport, the South Bay could face a large scale manmade or natural disaster of some kind; and,

WHEREAS, it is the federal Homeland Security Office's desire for local agencies to work cooperatively in creating "Hometown Security"; and,

WHEREAS, the South Bay Cities Council of Governments is uniquely positioned to assist in enabling a cooperative program between South Bay cities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Hermosa Beach encourages all of the cities in the South Bay to ensure that their emergency preparedness plans are current and are working documents understood and practiced by city staff and officials;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Hermosa Beach promotes the development of coordinated preparedness plans which include not only public safety departments but also all other departments in the South Bay cities to enable our area to work cooperatively in advance preparation for the prevention, management and recovery from a manmade or natural disaster;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Hermosa Beach supports the development of city coordinated preparedness plans with:

- a) nearby special districts such as the Los Angeles World Airport and the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach;
- b) critical infrastructure providers such as Caltrans and the L.A. County Sanitation District;
- c) the South Bay Business community; and,
- d) citizen volunteers such as CERT and Citizen Corps programs.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Hermosa Beach encourages all local governments to join this effort by adopting similar resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 10th day of December, 2002

PRESIDENT of the City Council and MAYOR of the City
of Hermosa Beach, California

ATTEST:

_____, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____, CITY ATTORNEY