

**RESOLUTION No. 2013-103
CITY OF SHOREACRES**



Agenda Item 8.8

A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO CONTINUE LOCAL CONTROL AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT; FINDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

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WHEREAS, the 2012 Sunset Advisory Commission report recommends actions to strengthen governance of The Port of Houston Authority (the Authority);

WHEREAS, seven of the eight Sunset Advisory Commission recommendations either have already, or are being implemented by the Authority;

WHEREAS, the current Commission is appointed as follows: two by Harris County; two by the City of Houston; one by the Harris County Mayors' and Councils' Association and one by the City of Pasadena; while the City of Houston and Harris County jointly appoint the Chair of the Commission;

WHEREAS, the Authority is a local authority created with local tax dollars to develop and support a specific facility located in Harris County;

WHEREAS, local citizens of Harris County through taxes paid, and indebtedness incurred through bond sales, have funded operations, maintenance and expansions, that has seen the Authority successfully drive the economic benefits of the port region;

WHEREAS, the current appointing bodies of the commission are directly elected by the taxpayers of Harris County, are accountable to those citizens, and are capable of identifying qualified and responsible citizens to serve on the Port Commission;

WHEREAS, the local control and experience and knowledge of commissioners appointed from the Houston port region provides informed oversight of this regional asset that is beneficial to the cities adjacent to and most impacted by port operations, and commissioners who reside in the impacted area and are appointed by locally elected officials who are accessible, responsible and accountable to the most impacted taxpayers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

The Shoreacres City Council hereby strongly urges the Sunset Advisory Commission and our state legislative leaders to continue to allow the current appointing bodies of the Port Commission to maintain local control on decisions, including making appointments as they, and the citizens who elected them, deem appropriate and necessary to best represent the interests of the public they serve as well as in the best interest of the Port of Houston.

If appointments from other bodies are to be made, those appointing bodies should also accept responsibility for its proportional share of the Authority's debt;

The Shoreacres City Council supports allowing the Authority to continue to implement seven of the eight recommendations contained in the Sunset Advisory Commission staff report and be provided the opportunity to demonstrate the effectiveness and success of these new modifications.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 14th day of January, 2013.



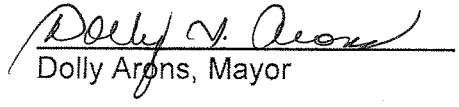
ATTEST:



David K. Stall, City Secretary

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By:



Dolly Arons, Mayor