

RESOLUTION NO. 68-78

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PURCHASE BAJA CALIFORNIA, MEXICO, FROM THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING THAT TERRITORY THE FIFTY-FIRST STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

WHEREAS, this Council believes it to be in the best interest of the people of the United States of America and the citizens of the State of California to own property directly south of the State of California, known as Baja California; and

WHEREAS, the peninsula of Baja California is attached to California by a greater land boundary than it is to Mexico and is separated from the Country of Mexico by the body of water known as the Gulf of California; and

WHEREAS, there is a tremendous amount of travel by the American people crossing the border seeking the recreational advantages Baja California has to offer; and

WHEREAS, the ties between Baja California and the State of California are so strong that the people already think of Baja California as an extension of California except for the customs and immigration check points at the border; and

WHEREAS, part of the greatness of America was achieved by the foresight and imagination of acquiring valuable, useable territory through the purchase of adjoining areas, such as the remarkable Louisiana Purchase in 1803 for fifteen million dollars, the Gadsden Purchase of land from Mexico in 1853 which extended the southern borders of Arizona and New Mexico, and the outstanding acquisition of Alaska from Russia in 1867; each was a bargain, each helped make America great;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa, California, hereby requests that the Congress of these United States of America investigate the possibility of purchasing Baja California from the Mexican Government;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa, California, that this Council goes on record as being highly in favor of Baja California becoming the fifty-first state of the United States of America.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of November, 1968.

A. B. ...
Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa

ATTEST:

C. K. Priest
City Clerk of the City of Costa Mesa

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) SS.
CITY OF COSTA MESA)

I, C. K. PRIEST, City Clerk of the City of Costa Mesa and ex-officio Clerk of the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa, hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution No. 68-78 was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa at a regular meeting held on the 18th day of November, 1968.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of Costa Mesa, this 19th day of November, 1968

C. K. Priest
City Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa