

RESOLUTION NO. 35576

Declare and demonstrate support of the City of Portland for the hosting of the US-South Africa Trade Connection 1997 International Conference & Trade Show, April 20-27, 1997, and the welcoming of South Africa President Nelson Mandela to Portland.
(Resolution)

WHEREAS, one of the primary objectives of the US-South Africa Trade Connection conference is to cement democracy in South Africa through mutual economic development and job creation; and

WHEREAS, Oregon engendered the transition to democracy in South Africa by being one of the first states to withdraw its pension fund investments from South Africa; and

WHEREAS, it is symbolic that Oregon should be the first state to host a gathering that will further support democracy through mutual economic development and job creation, and

WHEREAS, the members of the community of Portland residents of South African descent have encouraged the hosting of and have expressed support for the conference; and

WHEREAS, members of the business community in South Africa have expressed support for the hosting of the conference in Portland; and

WHEREAS, the South Africa Desk of the US Department of Commerce in Washington has expressed support for the conference, and

WHEREAS, the South Africa Business Council in Washington, D.C., part of the National Business Council, has encouraged the hosting of the conference in the West; and

WHEREAS, the Vice-Consul of South Africa has encouraged the development of the conference; and

WHEREAS, officials of Portland Oregon Visitors Association have encouraged the siting of the conference in Portland, and

WHEREAS, several large US businesses have expressed interest in coming to Portland for the conference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Portland, Oregon, that the City declares support for the conference and encourages its officials to assist the conference organizers in planning a welcome for President Nelson Mandela and the various other South African dignitaries.

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Adopted by the Council **DEC 11 1996**

Mayor Vera Katz
Commissioner Mike Lindberg bj
December 2, 1996

BARBARA CLARK
Auditor of the City of Portland
By *Barbara Olson*
Deputy

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Mayor Vera Katz & Commissioner Lindberg	Barbara Clark Auditor of the City of Portland
NOTED BY COMMISSIONER	
Affairs	By <u>Cay Krahmer</u> Deputy
Finance and Administration	For Meeting of _____
Safety	
Utilities <i>MDL/GW</i>	
Works	
BUREAU APPROVAL	ACTION TAKEN
Bureau	
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Budget Impact Review ___ Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required	
Bureau Head	

AGENDA		FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS		
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Consent	Regular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hales	Hales	✓	
NOTED BY		Kafoury	Kafoury	✓	
City Attorney		Lindberg	Lindberg	✓	
City Auditor		Sten	Sten	✓	
City Engineer		Katz	Katz	✓	