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RESOLUTION NO. 2101R.05

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAN ELIZARIO, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES FOR THE 87TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION IN TEXAS, AND AUTHORIZING REPRESENTATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY IN ADVOCATING CERTAIN POSITIONS

- WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of San Elizario, Texas (City Council) is committed to good governance, intergovernmental cooperation, and the furtherance of democracy at the local level;
- WHEREAS,** the City Council finds it to be in the public interest, and necessary for the public health, safety and welfare, that the City Council take positions on matters that may arise before the 87th Texas Legislature when it convenes during the Spring of 2021;
- WHEREAS,** the City Council finds legislative involvement to be a legitimate exercise of its elected duties as the governing body serving those who live, work, visit and own property in the city limits and the extraterritorial jurisdiction;
- WHEREAS,** the City Council acknowledges that the Governor and members of the Texas Senate and the Texas House of Representatives can benefit from the ongoing exchange of information with locally elected public officials; and
- WHEREAS,** the City Council has identified the following topics worth memorializing on behalf of the people of San Elizario.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of San Elizario :

A. SUPPORT-

1. ***Interlocal Cooperation:*** The City Council hereby supports legislation that enhances federal, state, and local cooperation.
2. ***Local Democracy:*** The City Council hereby supports legislation that upholds the principle of local government and reinforces the lawful statutory authority of the locally--elected leaders to respect to the priorities of their citizenry and respond to community challenges and opportunities.
3. ***Preserves Municipal Authority:*** The City Council hereby supports legislation that maintains or expands the ability of locally elected legislative bodies to enact local laws and administer regulatory programs.
4. ***Protect Municipal Revenue:*** The City Council hereby supports legislation that protects the ability of locally elected legislative bodies to assess taxes and impose fees necessary to fund municipal programs, projects, and facilities.

B. OPPOSITION-

1. ***Preemption:*** The City Council hereby opposes legislation that erodes weakens or supersedes the ability of locally elected leaders to respond to local challenges or opportunities unique to the community.
2. ***Revenue Reduction:*** The City Council hereby opposes legislation that expands appraisal caps, imposes revenue caps on *ad valorem* (property) taxes, restricts sales taxes, limits administrative fees, caps right-of-way fees, commandeers municipal court fines or fees, or otherwise reduces local revenue sources.
3. ***Intergovernmental Communications:*** The City Council hereby opposes legislation that prohibits the expenditure of municipal funds on professional communications and advocacy services, including lobbying and trade association memberships that would help the City track, understand, or influence legislation.

C. ADMINISTRATION-

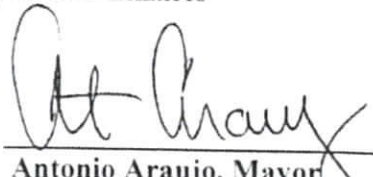
1. ***Delegation:*** The City Council directs staff to provide a copy of this Resolution to the City's legislative delegation, that being State Senator Cesar Blanco, and State Representative Mary Gonzalez.
2. ***Media:*** The City Council directs staff to provide a copy of this Resolution to reporters of our local media outlets.
3. ***Advocacy:*** The Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, City Manager, and City Attorney are hereby

authorized to advocate on behalf of the City consistent with this Resolution and otherwise convey the positions expressed herein.

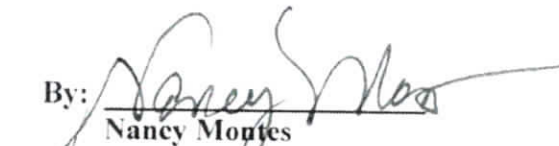
4. **TML:** The City Council directs City staff to provide a copy of this Resolution to the Texas Municipal League.

PASSED & APPROVED this, the 2 day of March 2021 by a vote of 5 (ayes) to 0 (nays) to 0 (abstentions) of the City Council of San Elizario, Texas.


City of San Elizario

By: 
Antonio Araujo, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: 
Nancy Montes
City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

By: 
Sylvia Borunda Firth
City Attorney