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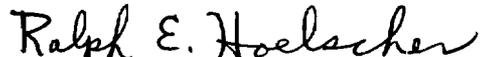
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOM GREEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE ADOPT REVISIONS TO ALLOW
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL TAX ABATEMENT
PROGRAMS .**

- Whereas**, the Tom Green County Commissioners Court recognizes the importance of various economic development programs allowed by the State of Texas to stimulate community growth and revitalization, and
- Whereas**, the Tom Green County Commissioners Court supports sustainable development practices that encourage reinvestment in historic or blighted downtowns, historic or blighted commercial corridors and neighborhoods, as identified in a City's Comprehensive Plan, and
- Whereas**, the Tom Green County Commissioners Court recognizes that historic rehabilitations and other revitalization projects often require overinvestment as compared to the development of raw land, and believes that it is in the interest of all taxing entities to facilitate redevelopment rather than sprawl, and
- Whereas**, the Tom Green County Commissioners Court recognizes the benefits of tax abatement by cities and counties for economic development/revitalization projects, and
- Whereas**, the Tom Green County Commissioners Court recognizes the cities and counties across Texas regularly decide to forgo marginal gains to their ad valorem collections, however, it is imperative that local school districts be allowed to participate, as their rate constitutes the majority of the total ad valorem valuation, and
- Whereas**, the Tom Green County Commissioners Court recognizes that a school district's participation must not adversely impact its annual funding allocation from the State of Texas, and
- Whereas**, the Tom Green County Commissioners Court believes the short term deferral by local taxing entities is clearly overcome by the long term gain.

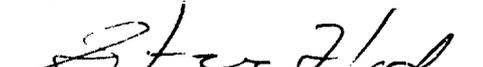
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOM GREEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT:
That the Tom Green County Commissioners Court requests a legislative revision to allow independent school districts to participate in local tax abatement programs for purposes of revitalization and economic development, and that the Tom Green County Commissioners Court requests the revised tax abatement legislation specifically mention commercial and residential revitalization as economic development initiatives, and that Tom Green County Commissioners Court requests the revised legislation allow such an abatement for a term up to 10 (ten) years.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the County Commissioners' Court of Tom Green County, Texas, on this the 27th day of January, 2009


Michael D. Brown, County Judge


Ralph E. Hoelscher, Commissioner Pct. 1

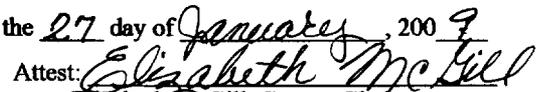

Aubrey deCordova, Commissioner Pct. 2


Steve Floyd, Commissioner Pct 3


Richard Easingwood, Commissioner Pct. 4

ATTEST:
Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Michael D. Brown, County Judge; Ralph E. Hoelscher, Commissioner, Pct. 1; Aubrey deCordova, Commissioner, Pct. 2; Steve C. Floyd, Commissioners, Pct 3; and Richard S. Easingwood, Commissioner, Pct. 4; Tom Green County, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes, therein expressed and in the capacity therein stated.

Subscribed and acknowledged before me by the said County Officials, on this the 27 day of January, 2009

Attest: 
Elizabeth McGill, County Clerk
Tom Green County, Texas

