

TOM GREEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature places a long list of responsibilities on counties to provide vital functions of government; and

WHEREAS, Tom Green County must enforce the laws through the Sheriff’s Department, build and operate the jails and support the state’s criminal and civil court system, maintain county roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, Tom Green County must protect the integrity of, and provide public access to, property ownership and transaction records and other vital public documents; and

WHEREAS, Tom Green County must conduct state, federal and local elections, register vehicles, assess and collect taxes, provide legal counsel for those in need and pay medical bills for the indigent; and

WHEREAS, in Tom Green County, road construction is a large and growing expense because state and federal transportation programs have failed to provide adequate highway construction and maintenance funding to keep pace with the population growth; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Legislature mandates that Tom Green County provide many services but provides no State funding except for a few small grant programs; and

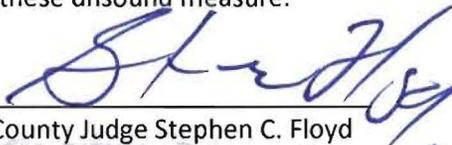
WHEREAS, Tom Green County collects less than 25% of the total property tax bill for our taxing district and Tom Green homeowners have seen no increase in the property tax rate for over 10 years; and

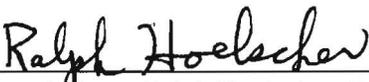
WHEREAS, revenue caps are not a property tax reduction but would diminish local control and would tie the hands of Commissioners Court by limiting its ability to provide services like libraries, 4-H and Extension Service, nutrition programs, and other essential services, such public safety, indigent health, indigent defense; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature’s revenue cap will mandate Tom Green County to conduct an automatic election and cost will be paid by the taxpayers of Tom Green County; and

WHEREAS, Tom Green County applauds the Texas Legislature’s effort to limit the overreach of the Federal Government to control the governing of the Great State of Texas; Tom Green County opposes the Texas Legislature’s overreach in governing the Great County of Tom Green. Such control has been and should remain with the citizens and taxpayers of Tom Green County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tom Green County Commissioners Court on this the 10th day of March, 2015, does hereby express its opposition to efforts limiting local control of local government and does hereby oppose any attempts to impose revenue caps upon Texas counties, and the Commissioners Court expresses its deep appreciation to all legislators who oppose these unsound measure.


County Judge Stephen C. Floyd


Commissioner Ralph Hoelscher, Pct. 1


Commissioner Aubrey deCordova, Pct. 2


Commissioner Rick Bacon, Pct. 3


Commissioner Bill Ford, Pct. 4

