

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, TO SUPPORT HIGH SPEED RAIL

WHEREAS, the California high-speed rail system is intended to alleviate crippling congestion on California's roads and airports, some of the most crowded in the nation; and

WHEREAS, high-speed rail is intended to improve air quality by reducing harmful greenhouse gas and other emissions; and

WHEREAS, high-speed rail will connect Fresno to other regions of the state more efficiently, reducing travel times and making the San Joaquin Valley more accessible; and

WHEREAS, construction of high-speed rail has already employed hundreds of Fresnans and brought work to several area small businesses; and

WHEREAS, this economic stimulus will continue to be felt as Fresno will be more closely tied to the other major economic centers of the state – the Bay Area and Los Angeles Basin; and

WHEREAS, the California High-Speed Rail Authority's (Authority) 2016 Business Plan lays out a plan to begin operations on a line connecting the Central Valley with the Silicon Valley, offering significant benefits to Fresno as part of the first high-speed rail line in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has worked closely with the Fresno County Economic Development Corporation to ensure that impacts to Fresno businesses from

construction are minimized and mitigated appropriately, allowing several businesses the opportunity to expand; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno has built a successful partnership with the Authority to plan and construct high-speed rail in Fresno.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The Fresno City Council fully supports the location of high-speed rail facilities, such as the maintenance facility and passenger station, in or near the City of Fresno, and directs staff to transmit this resolution to the Office of the Governor and the California High-Speed Rail Authority.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2016.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: _____
Katie Doerr [Date]
Chief Assistant

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