

BEFORE THE
COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2010-08

In the Matter of:)
)
ENTERPRISE ZONE)
INCENTIVE PROGRAM)
)
_____)

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
TO KEEP ENTERPRISE ZONE
INCENTIVE PROGRAM IN PLACE
IN CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, the Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG) has been designated the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Fresno County by the Secretary of the Business and Transportation Agency pursuant to Section 29532 of the California Code of Regulations (as amended by AB 402, 1977); and acting as the Metropolitan Planning Agency (MPO) (Federal Highway Act of 1974 and the Urban Mass Transportation Administration Act of 1964 as amended pursuant to the joint regulations - Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Part 450; Title 49, Part 613); and

WHEREAS, the Fresno COG is in support for urging the State of California legislature to keep the enterprise zone incentive program in place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Enterprise Zone provides a geographically-targeted economic development tool for poor and blighted communities; and

WHEREAS, The origins of California's Enterprise Zone came through enactment of two separate programs in 1984 – the enterprise zone act and the employment and economic incentive act; and

WHEREAS, the Enterprise Zone act provided tax credits for businesses that hire certain residents living in distressed areas; and

WHEREAS, the County of Fresno, and the City of Fresno, have qualified Enterprise Zone programs in place defining the duties and responsibilities of each party in the Fresno Regional Enterprise Zone Program (the "ENTERPRISE ZONE Program"); and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2006, the State of California designated the Parties to implement the ENTERPRISE ZONE Program, which offers employers (the "Employers") located within certain geographical areas of Fresno County (the "Targeted Employment Areas") tax advantages and incentives;

WHEREAS, the Enterprise Zone program in Fresno County produced approximately 1250 new jobs from outside investment, and another 6,000+/- in expanded and retained jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Enterprise Zone program in Fresno County in the last 9 months has been utilized to fill 7,263 new or existing positions, creating a total first-year potential savings of \$60,428,160 and five-year potential savings of \$181,284,480; and

WHEREAS, the results of Fresno County economic development efforts in the first year of the Enterprise Zone program outperformed the previous three years combined; and

WHEREAS, the companies moving to Fresno County have stated specifically that the Enterprise Zone equaled the playing field in their pro-forma when looking at California, Arizona, and Nevada to locate their businesses; and

WHEREAS, during the last two years of Enterprise Zone activity, the County and City of Fresno have come to recognize the Enterprise Zone as the most impactful state incentive to create new jobs, grow existing businesses, and compete with other states to attract outside investment to California; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council of Fresno County Governments believes that eliminating the most critical business assistance program in the state would be a huge setback to improving California's business climate and its struggles to reach an economic recovery, and urges the state of California to support the Enterprise Zone program.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Council of Fresno County Governments this 25th day of March, 2010.

AYES: Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma and Fresno County.

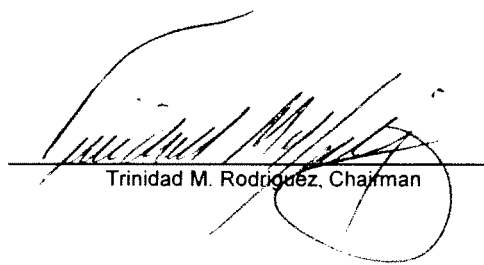
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ATTEST:

Signed:


Trinidad M. Rodriguez, Chairman

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Council of Fresno County Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 25th day of March, 2010.

Signed: Tony Boren
Tony Boren, Executive Director