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Resolution No. 14-88

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, ENDORSING
THE DALLAS COUNTY BOND PROPOSAL FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW JAIL FACILITY.

WHEREAS, the current jail capacity in Dallas County is 3,566, but the average daily jail population in Dallas County between January 1st, 1988, and March 25th, 1988, was 3,697; and

WHEREAS, the average daily jail population has increased 37.1 percent during the last five years and is projected to reach 4,232 by 1990, 5,701 by 1995 and 7,170 by the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Dallas County and especially this City demand excellent support from the judicial system in maintaining a safe and secure community and our citizens realize this safety and security can only be maintained if the judicial system has enough room to incarcerate criminals; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas is currently under a federal court order that restricts the number of prisoners that can be admitted into Texas Department of Corrections facilities and, thus, creates a backlog in the transfer of prisoners from Dallas County to TDC; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that the growth of the Dallas County jail population will continue and that additional capacity will be required, the Dallas County Commissioners' Court retained a planning firm to develop a feasible, workable plan to meet future jail needs; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this study, the Dallas County Commissioners' Court called an election for May 7, 1988 to authorize the construction of a 14-story 2,304 bunk jail tower at the Lew Sterrett Justice Center.

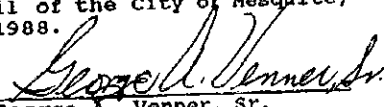
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Mesquite, Texas does hereby commend the Dallas County Commissioners' Court, our Sheriff's Department and our County courts for their careful scrutiny of the needs of our criminal justice system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this City Council endorses the passage of this proposal on the May 7 ballot and urges all of its registered voters to approve the construction of the new jail facility.

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DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite,
Texas, on the 2nd day of May, A.D., 1988.


George A. Venner, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:


Lynn Prugel
City Secretary

APPROVED:


Jonathan Graham
City Attorney