

RESOLUTION NO. 32-91

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, APPROVING THE SUPPORT OF THE PASSAGE OF PROPOSITION 4 ON THE NOVEMBER 5, 1991 BALLOT GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE STATE TO ISSUE BONDS TO BUILD 13,500 NEW PRISON BEDS AND 12,000 BEDS DEDICATED FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT OF NON-VIOLENT DRUG OFFENDERS.

WHEREAS, the lack of available prison space to incarcerate violent criminals for a reasonable length of time has caused the early release of these criminals back on our streets and is threatening the public safety causing an outcry from the citizens of this great state, and;

WHEREAS, it has been reported that eighty-seven percent (87%) of all inmates in Texas prisons have a history of drug or alcohol abuse, and studies show that drug abuse fuels crime and the lack of adequate drug treatment of convicted addicts has caused the recidivism rate in Texas to soar to an all time high, and;

WHEREAS, research findings clearly demonstrate that drug treatment is cost effective not only because it reduces crime thus reducing money spent on prosecution and incarceration, but also enables former addiction-driven criminals to become law-abiding, productive citizens, and;

WHEREAS, numerous county jails in Texas are grossly overcrowded and the counties are financially oppressed due to the fact that the Texas Department of Criminal Justice lacks adequate capacity and cannot accept these felons and;

WHEREAS, Texas counties, due to the limited sources of revenue available to raise further revenues from continued increases in property taxes, can no longer bear the financial burden resulting from holding the backlog of state prisoners, and;

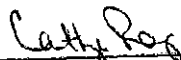
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Mesquite does hereby support and encourage the passage of Proposition 4 on the November 5, 1991 ballot granting authority to the state to issue bonds to build 13,500 new prison beds and 12,000 beds dedicated for substance abuse treatment of non-violent drug offenders.

SECTION 1 That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage as the law in such cases provides.


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DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the
7th day of October, 1991.


Cathye Ray
Mayor

ATTEST:


Lynn Prugel
City Secretary

APPROVED:


B. V. Smith
City Attorney