

RESOLUTION NO. 01-97

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO ALLOW MESQUITE CITIZENS THE RIGHT TO VOTE ON AN ADDITIONAL SALES TAX FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, economic development funding through an additional sales tax is available to the vast majority of Texas cities; and

WHEREAS, Mesquite is one of only four cities in Texas which is one-half cent under the constitutional sales tax limit of 8.25 percent but is not eligible to consider an additional sales tax for economic development; and

WHEREAS, a sales tax for economic development provides cities more flexibility to fund needed capital improvements without increasing its ad valorem property tax rate; and

WHEREAS, adoption of a sales tax for economic development is a local option to be voted on by a community's citizens; and

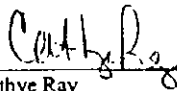
WHEREAS, state law unreasonably excludes Mesquite from permitting its citizens the opportunity to vote on this important issue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite believes its citizens deserve the right to determine whether the economic development sales tax is in the best interests of their community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

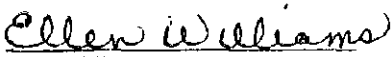
SECTION 1. That the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas supports the introduction of legislation to allow Mesquite citizens the right to vote on the imposition of an additional sales tax for economic development purposes.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas on this the 21st day of January, 1997.

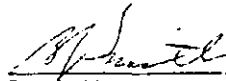


Cathye Ray
Mayor

ATTEST:


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City Secretary

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B. J. Smith
City Attorney