

RESOLUTION NO. 29-99

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSITION ON THE BALLOT FOR THE AUGUST 14, 1999, SPECIAL ELECTION TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO ADOPT AN ADDITIONAL ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX TO BE USED FOR TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC PARKS AND PUBLIC SAFETY PROJECTS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 4B, ARTICLE 5190.6, VERNON'S ANNOTATED TEXAS CIVIL STATUTES.

WHEREAS, a group of interested citizens known as the 4B Quality of Life Political Action Committee (the Committee) has petitioned the City Council to call an election for the purpose of determining whether to adopt an additional one-half of one percent sales and use tax to be used for projects authorized by Section 4B, Article 5190.6, Vernon's Annotated Texas Civil Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, after certification of the petition, has passed an ordinance calling the election to be held on August 14, 1999; and

WHEREAS, the Committee urges the City Council to support this election as a matter of good public policy and this election is endorsed by the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce, Mesquite Police Association, Mesquite Firefighters Association and Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the 4B sales tax is expected to generate between \$7 and \$8 million in sales tax annually to be utilized for transportation, parks, and public safety projects to help shift anticipated costs of the General Fund and help reduce the reliance on property taxes; and

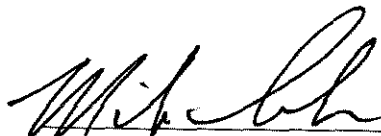
WHEREAS, the Committee has challenged the City Council to return the savings that will be realized from an additional sales tax to the General Fund and pass on to the citizens in the form of reduced property taxes;

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

SECTION 1. That the City Council hereby expresses support of passage of an additional sales tax to be used for transportation, parks and public safety projects as authorized by Section 4B, and urges all citizens to vote for approval.

SECTION 2. That the City Council hereby commits to lower the ad valorem tax by four cents and increase the exemption for citizens over 65 to \$65,000, which is currently the highest for Dallas County cities, if the additional sales tax election is successful.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 19th day of July, 1999.



Mike Anderson
Mayor

ATTEST:



Ellen Williams
City Secretary

APPROVED:



B.J. Smith
City Attorney