

CITY OF IRVING
COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. RES-2016-343

WHEREAS, the proposed high speed rail project will connect North Texas to Houston in under 90 minutes at speeds in excess of 200 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the North Texas station in Dallas will provide efficient passenger connectivity to and from the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) System; and

WHEREAS, the high speed rail project will be privately developed and will not require public dollars to support its operations; and

WHEREAS, the population of Texas is projected to continually increase over the next 30 years and much of the new population will reside within the Houston and North Texas regions; and

WHEREAS, the existing and planned highway infrastructure will be inadequate to address the increased interaction between Texas cities as a result of this growth, and

WHEREAS, the implementation of high speed passenger rail services provide an efficient, safe and cost-efficient mode of transportation, providing a valuable alternative to travel by highway; and

WHEREAS, the project is projected to generate a direct impact of \$36 billion to the Texas economy over the next 25 years; and

WHEREAS, taxing entities along the proposed route will receive an estimated \$2.5 billion in property, sales and ad valorem taxes over 25 years from the high speed train project; and

WHEREAS, the project is estimated to create 10,000 full-time construction jobs each year during the anticipated four-year construction period, and 1,000 full-time jobs after the system goes into revenue service; and

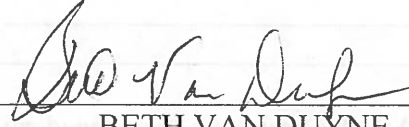
WHEREAS, a strong transportation system is fundamental to the region's quality of life and economic vitality, attracting new businesses and generating new jobs;

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

SECTION I. THAT the City Council hereby supports High Speed Rail from Houston to the North Texas Region.

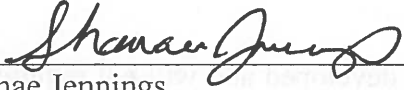
SECTION II. THAT this resolution shall take effect from and after its final date of passage, and it is accordingly so ordered.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVING, TEXAS,
on September 22, 2016.



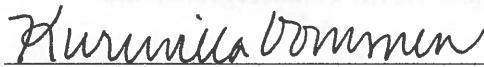
BETH VAN DUYNÉ
MAYOR

ATTEST:



Shanae Jennings
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kuruvilla Oommen
City Attorney

