

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-11155C**

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUNCANVILLE, TEXAS, SUPPORTING IN PRINCIPLE THE TEXAS CENTRAL HIGH SPEED TRAIN PROJECT FROM HOUSTON TO THE NORTH TEXAS REGION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS,** the passenger rail station will be built south of downtown Dallas, complementing and helping to accelerate the growth in South Dallas and the Best Southwest communities; 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; 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,** strong economic growth and increased populations are projected in Texas over the next 30 years and much of the new growth will occur within the Best Southwest communities, North Texas and Houston regions; and

**WHEREAS,** traffic congestion in North Texas and Houston is expected to double by the year 2035; and

**WHEREAS,** the existing, plus committed, infrastructure for highway modes will be inadequate to address the increased interaction between Texas cities as a result of this growth; and

**WHEREAS,** the implementation of the high speed passenger train provides an efficient, safe and cost-efficient mode of transportation, shifting a significant volume off existing and committed highways, and

**WHEREAS,** the train project by Texas Central will connect North Texas and Houston in under 90 minutes at speeds in excess of 200 miles per hour; and

**WHEREAS,** the train tracks will be grade separated, thereby ensuring there are no intersections with roadways or rail tracks; and

**WHEREAS,** the project provides an alternative to additional taxpayer-funded construction and reduces carbon emissions; 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 taxes over 25 years from Texas Central; and

**WHEREAS,** the North Texas to Houston high-speed train project will be privately developed and will not take public money for its operations; and

**WHEREAS,** the project will be good for the Best Southwest communities, the region and the state.

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

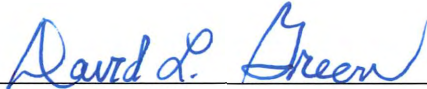
**SECTION 1:** That the City of Duncanville, Texas supports in principle the Texas Central High-Speed Train Project from Houston to the North Texas Region.

**SECTION 2:** That this Resolution shall take effect from and after its final date of passage.

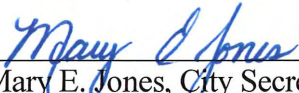
**DULY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Duncanville, Texas, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

**CITY OF DUNCANVILLE, TEXAS**

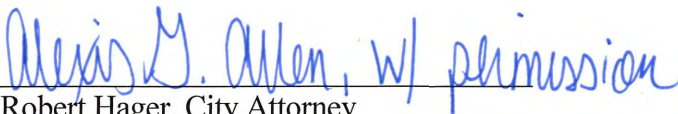
**APPROVED:**

  
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David L. Green, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Mary E. Jones, City Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Robert Hager, City Attorney