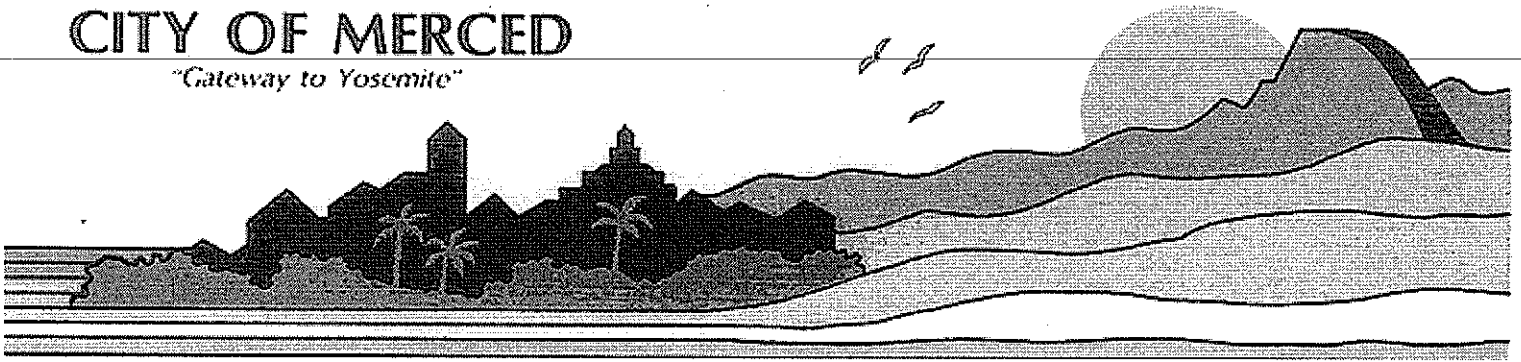


CITY OF MERCED

"Gateway to Yosemite"



CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, JOHN M. BRAMBLE, City Clerk of the City of Merced, California, do hereby certify that the attached document, entitled:

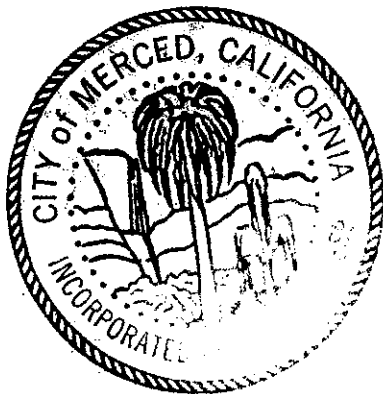
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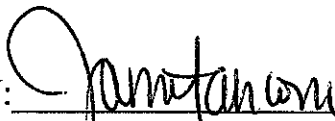
ADOPT RESOLUTION 2010-18 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL A-2 ROUTE ALIGNMENT.

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DATED: March 2, 2010

JOHN M. BRAMBLE, CITY CLERK



BY: 
JAMIE FANCONI
Deputy City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2010- 18

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA,
SUPPORTING THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL A-2
ROUTE ALIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, In 1996, the California State Legislature created the California High Speed Rail Authority to develop a plan for the construction, operation and financing of a statewide, intercity high speed passenger rail system; and,

WHEREAS, California officials and citizens have been working together to plan for a high speed rail system for California and in November 2008 California voters approved \$9.95 billion in bond funds to finance a high speed rail system that will run from Sacramento through the San Joaquin Valley to San Diego, with a segment of the system branching out to the Bay Area; and,

WHEREAS, The California High Speed Rail Authority has designated downtown Merced as one of the high speed rail train station stops for the high speed rail system; and,

WHEREAS, The California High Speed Rail Authority initial review in June 2009 resulted in four alignment alternatives between Fresno to Merced that were carried forward for detailed evaluation; and,

WHEREAS, The evaluation criteria of the four Merced to Fresno alignments carried forward included travel time, costs, community impact, regulatory agency input and effects on natural resources; and,

WHEREAS, Of the four major alternatives presented by the California High Speed Rail Authority, Alternative A-2 would benefit Merced County and the High Speed Rail system because of the travel time, less residential impacts than other alternatives, the least amount of impacts to agricultural land and is supported by local regulatory agencies due to fewer potential impacts on the habitats that support threatened and endangered species; and,

WHEREAS, Route A-2 is the California High-Speed Rail Authority Program EIR/EIS preferred alternative and is aligned with a major transportation corridor; and,

WHEREAS, The Merced to Fresno A-2 segment satisfies the Federal ARRA High-Speed Passenger Rail Program requirement of independent utility allowing connection into conventional rail passenger service at each end.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, FIND, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Merced supports the supports the A-2 route alignment which is estimated to have the least negative impact the communities and natural resources for Merced and the region.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Merced at a regular meeting held on the 1st day of March 2010, by the following vote:

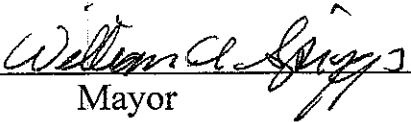
AYES: Council Members: CARLISLE, PEDROZO, RAWLING, GABRIALT-ACOSTA, BLAKE, LOR, SPRIGGS

NOES: Council Members: NONE

ABSENT: Council Members: NONE

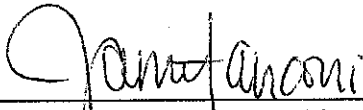
ABSTAIN: Council Members: NONE

APPROVED:



Mayor

ATTEST:
JOHN M. BRAMBLE, CITY CLERK


BY: 

Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 2/19/2010

City Attorney Date