

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (N.C.S.)

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AND THE CITIES OF SALINAS, GONZALES, SOLEDAD, GREENFIELD, AND KING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND FUNDING OF AN AG TECH AND HEALTHCARE EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS, the National Resource Network is affiliated with President Obama's Strong Cities, Strong Communities program, and provides technical assistance to distressed communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salinas, in cooperation with local business, government, and educational institutions, has been working on developing an agricultural technology (AgTech) cluster based in the Salinas Valley; and

WHEREAS, in order for the AgTech cluster to be successful, it is necessary to have a trained local workforce with the necessary skill sets to perform needed tasks; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this, in February 2015, the City of Salinas, in cooperation with the Cities of Gonzales and Soledad, submitted an application for technical assistance to develop our local workforce to meet the needs of private businesses involved with the AgTech cluster; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2015, the National Resource Network submitted a final work plan for the Cities of Salinas, Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield, and King City, to conduct a labor market analysis and asset mapping, map specific Career Pathways, and lay the foundation for structured programs that support career progression; and

WHEREAS, the National Resource Network has executed this plan, and has recommended that the cities of the Salinas Valley support the creation of an intermediary organization that will coordinate workforce development efforts and those of private employers throughout the Salinas Valley in the AgTech and healthcare sectors; and

WHEREAS, the National Resource Network has indicated that Hartnell Community College District ("Hartnell") is uniquely qualified to assume the role of intermediary organization;

WHEREAS, the cities of the Salinas Valley wish to work cooperatively with Hartnell to develop an AgTech and Healthcare Employment Training Partnership, which would allow for the administration and funding of a sector-based intermediary organization at Hartnell.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council supports the adoption of the proposed MOU as provided for in the attached Exhibit "A" and hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign said document on behalf of the City of Salinas.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of November, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Joe Gunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk

Exhibit A: Memorandum Of Understanding