

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF SALINAS AND THE NATIONAL RESOURCE NETWORK TO DEVELOP A MULTI-YEAR FINANCIAL FORECASTING MODEL, CONDUCT AN ORGANIZATIONAL AND OPERATIONAL REVIEW, AND EXAMINE THE CITY'S ROLE IN ADDRESSING HOUSING

WHEREAS, the National Resource Network was created as a part of President Obama's "Strong Cities, Strong Communities" program, and provides technical assistance to distressed communities; and

WHEREAS, the Laura and John Arnold Foundation has granted \$4 million to the National Resource Network to work with Cities to develop and implement multi-year budgeting plans in up to five jurisdictions nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the National Resource Network announced a competitive process to select up to five cities nationally to provide technical assistance in developing multi-year budgeting plans; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2016, CALPERS reduced the investment discount rate for its pension system, resulting in significantly increased costs for the City of Salinas; and

WHEREAS, without intervention, the City of Salinas faces the prospect of extreme fiscal hardship in the coming years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salinas has determined that action must be taken now, before these significant fiscal shortfalls have occurred, to develop long-term plans and strategies to ensure that the City is able to continue to provide necessary City services, continue initiatives to address the City's challenges, and continue to attract the staff necessary to implement these services and programs; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this, in September 2017, the City of Salinas submitted an application for technical assistance to develop a multi-year budgeting plan; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the application and interviewing city officials, the National Resource Network has selected the City of Salinas to be one of five Cities nationally to receive technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, the National Resource Network has presented to the City of Salinas a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), specifying the specific scope of work for the City of Salinas relating to multi-year budgeting, a comprehensive review of the City's organizational structure, and programs related to housing and homelessness.

WHEREAS, the total cost of this effort is estimated to be \$400,000, with 75% (\$300,000) to be covered by the National Resource Network through a grant from the Laura and John Arnold Foundation, with the remaining \$100,000 to be covered by a not to exceed local match.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council hereby approves the MOU between the City of Salinas and the National Resource Network.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to make amendments to the MOU to meet the intent of this resolution as needed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute said MOU on behalf of the City of Salinas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a supplemental appropriation is hereby approved for \$100,000 from the General Fund carry over balance from FY 2016-17.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of November 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

Joe Gunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk

Exhibit "A" – Proposed Memorandum of Understanding
Exhibit "B" – NRN Assessment Report dated November 15, 2017