



Air Improvement Resources Committee

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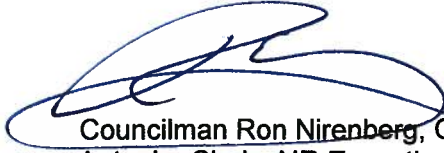
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Resolution Encouraging the State Legislature to Continue Support for Air Quality Funding for the San Antonio Area

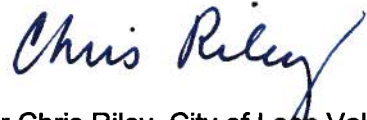
- WHEREAS,** the Texas Legislature has appropriated funding since 1995 from the Clean Air Account No. 151 Strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment and Planning, to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for air quality planning activities that may be carried out through interlocal agreements, such as councils of governments, to reduce ozone;
- WHEREAS,** a portion of the funding, which is known as the Rider 7 (formerly Rider 8, 26, 17, and 13) Local Air Quality Planning Grants, has historically been allocated to the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) in the San Antonio Area from the TCEQ for the purpose of identifying, inventorying, and monitoring pollution levels and identifying and quantifying appropriate locally enforceable pollution reduction controls;
- WHEREAS,** the Air Improvement Resources (AIR) Committee, the air quality planning body for the San Antonio-New Braunfels Metropolitan Statistical Area, promotes emission reduction measures to improve local air quality and improve health, while ensuring sustainable economic growth;
- WHEREAS,** AACOG has performed air quality monitoring, air quality modeling, emissions estimates, air quality planning and educational outreach that have been instrumental in completing the AIR Committee's mission to develop a comprehensive emissions reduction plan that guides the region to reaching attainment;
- WHEREAS,** the San Antonio Area is likely to change its status from "near nonattainment" to nonattainment in the near future because the design value for the period 2014 – 2016 at the highest regulatory monitor in the area (data which is likely to be used for the Environmental Protection Agency's ozone designations in 2017) is above the current 70 ppb National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone;
- WHEREAS,** air quality is a regional issue;
- WHEREAS,** the Texas legislature should ensure adequate funding to meet all regional air quality goals;
- NOW, THEREFORE** the AIR Executive Committee hereby requests the 85th Texas Legislature to maintain the Rider 7 Local Air Quality Planning Grants appropriations for the San Antonio Area during the 2018-2019 biennium to support the region in meeting its air quality goals, including attainment of the 2015 ozone NAAQS.

PASSED and APPROVED this twenty-fifth day of May 2016.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Councilman Ron Nirenberg, City of San Antonio, Chair, AIR Executive Committee

A handwritten signature in blue ink, written in a cursive style that reads "Chris Riley".

Mayor Chris Riley, City of Leon Valley
Vice-Chair, AIR Executive Committee