

Resolutions in Support of **Border Health Institute Campus**

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- ☑ Letter signed by Congressman Silvestre Reyes, Senator Eliot Shapleigh, County Judge Dolores Briones and Mayor Carlos Ramirez

RESOLUTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF EL PASO

Know All Men By These Presents:

WHEREAS, In December 1998, the University of Texas System, UTEP, the Texas Tech University System and Health Sciences System signed an agreement to build a joint medical-health research institute in El Paso. In 1999 the University of Texas System, UTEP, the Texas Tech University System and Health Sciences System, the El Paso County Medical Society, Thomason Hospital, the El Paso City County Health District, the Texas Department of Health, the University of Texas at Houston School of Public Health and the El Paso Community College joined to create a unified medical-health facility in El Paso, Texas known as the Border Health Institute (BHI); and,

WHEREAS, The 1999 Legislature endorsed the Border Health Institute by passing legislation to establish it; and,

WHEREAS, The 1999 Legislature instructed the parties to the agreement to work on a plan, select a site or sites and point out the facilities that would be needed for the BHI and the research institute so the plans could be submitted to the 2001 Legislature for funding; and,

WHEREAS, All the parties to the agreement worked to complete the plans and sites as requested by commissioning a feasibility study paid for by the Paso Del Norte Health Foundation, which study was delivered in the spring of 2000; and,

WHEREAS, UTEP had not until the last moment advised or indicated that it or the UT System was not going to honor its commitment to the plan and to the community of El Paso; and,

WHEREAS, UTEP had at all times led the other parties to the BHI to believe that it was honoring its commitment; and,

WHEREAS, The governing board of the BHI and the community of El Paso as represented by the undersigned still believes in the vision of the BHI, the unified health campus and the joint research institute; and,

WHEREAS, UTEP's unilateral announcement amounts to a material breach in the commitment to the BHI vision and joint research facility; and,

WHEREAS, Texas Tech's announcement for \$24 million in funding for a separate campus is also a material breach of the commitment; and,

WHEREAS, The commitments were made not by individuals but by institutions; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the El Paso County Judge and Commissioners' Court that the members of the Boards of Regents of both the University of Texas and Texas Tech University Systems and their respective Chancellors state in writing within ten days from this date whether they are honoring all their commitments to a unified campus and joint research institute and to honor the spirit and letter of their commitments to the people of El Paso for a unified campus and joint research institute, or whether they are instead endorsing and ratifying the breach of those solemn agreements by UTEP.

A copy of this resolution will be delivered at the earliest possible time to the members of the Boards of Regents, their Chancellors and to their main offices for filing.

ADOPTED, this 4th day of October 2000.


Commissioner Charles Hooten, Pct. 1


Commissioner Miguel A. Teran, Pct. 3


Commissioner Carlos Aguilar, Pct. 2


Commissioner Daniel R. Haggerty, Pct. 4


Dolores Briones
County Judge

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, El Paso, in order to best meet local and regional Border needs, should create local control and governance relative to healthcare; and

WHEREAS, El Paso should focus local medical education, research and service institutions and assets on unique Border needs; and

WHEREAS, El Pasoans should advocate for funding and programs to meet unique local and regional Border challenges especially in the areas of infectious diseases, public health and Hispanic health issues; and

WHEREAS, El Paso should create an economic development opportunity and synergy in healthcare, one of the fastest growing job clusters in our region; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the Mayor and Council support the Resolution for a Border Health Institute, of which the El Paso Economic Summit approved and supported what would become named by the Texas Legislature as the Border Health Institute, a comprehensive, locally controlled health campus, dedicated to research, service and medical education to improve the quality of life in the El Paso region provided that the Border Health Institute will not create any new taxing entity, nor will it affect any current powers of authority vested in the members of the Governing Body; and


That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for publication and distribution so that all El Pasoans, and all participating members of the Border Health Institute, and those interested in El Paso know and recognize the importance of this matter, and further that the City Council does strongly support and encourage the governing board of the Border Health Institute to meet as soon as possible to resolve the issues before us by December 15th, 2000.

ADOPTED this 26th day of September, 2000.

CITY OF EL PASO

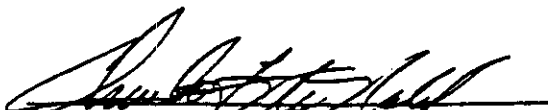

MAYOR

ATTEST:



City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Charles F. McNabb, City Attorney

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RESOLUTION

ON THIS DAY THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED:

WHEREAS in December, 1998, the University of Texas System, UTEP, the Texas Tech University System and Health Sciences System signed an agreement to build a joint medical-health research institute in El Paso; and

WHEREAS in 1999 the University of Texas System, UTEP, the Texas Tech University System and Health Sciences System, the El Paso County Medical Society, Thomason Hospital, the El Paso City County Health District, the Texas Department of Health, the University of Texas at Houston School of Public Health and the El Paso Community College have joined to create a unified medical-health facility in El Paso, Texas, known as the Border Health Institute (BHI); and

WHEREAS the Legislature endorsed the Border Health Institute by passing legislation to establish it; and

WHEREAS the 1999 Legislature instructed the parties to the agreement to work on a plan, select a site or sites and point out the facilities that would be needed for the BHI and the research institute so the plans could be submitted to the 2001 Legislature for funding; and

WHEREAS all the parties to the agreement worked to complete the plans and sites as requested by commissioning a feasibility study paid for by the Paso del Norte Health Foundation, which study was delivered in the Spring of 2000; and

WHEREAS the governing board of the BHI met and selected its chair and named committees to search for a director and to select a site; and

WHEREAS UTEP President Diana Natalicio announced that UTEP, contrary to the solemn institutional commitments it signed, was abandoning the idea of a unified campus and a joint research institute with Texas Tech; and

WHEREAS Dr. Natalicio had not until the last moment advised or indicated that UTEP or the UT System was not going to honor its commitment to the plan and to the community of El Paso; and

WHEREAS Dr. Natalicio had at all times led the other parties to the BHI to believe that she and UTEP were honoring their commitment;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the members of the Boards of Regents of both the University of Texas and Texas Tech University Systems and their respective Chancellors state in writing within ten days from this date whether they are honoring all their commitments for a unified campus and joint research institute and the spirit and letter of their commitments to the people of El Paso or whether they are instead endorsing and ratifying the breach of those solemn agreements by UTEP President Diana Natalicio.

A copy of this resolution will be delivered at the earliest possible time to the members of the Boards of Regents, their Chancellors and to their main offices for filing.

Dated and signed this 14 day of September, 2000, at El Paso County, Texas.

LULAC Council # 8

Organization

Ran Amie Ruth Jones

President

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RESOLUTION

Of The Mexican American Bar Association

Regarding the Border Health Institute

WHEREAS, the greater El Paso community, northern Mexico and entire Border Region are long overdue for a centralized medical research and education facility dedicated to health issues that uniquely impact the Border Region; and

WHEREAS, the Vision Committee for a Border Health Initiative of the El Paso Economic Summit approved and supported the concept of the Paso Del Norte Regional Health Institute, now known as the Border Health Institute ("Institute"), in a Resolution duly signed by the members of the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the University of Texas at El Paso, Texas, Texas Tech University and other institutions have previously and publicly agreed to the creation of the Institute on a common campus creating economic, educational and healthcare opportunities to benefit the El Paso community and the greater southwest region; and

WHEREAS the 1999 Legislature instructed the parties to the agreement to submit their proposal for facilities and site or sites and an overall plan for the Institute to be submitted to the 2001 Legislature for funding; and

WHEREAS, El Pasoans must be able to rely on the statements and agreements of our institutions to work in the best interest of our community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Mexican American Bar Association ("MABA") unequivocally supports the Institution and consequently is very concerned about recent rifts in the coalitions that previously laid the groundwork for the Institute; and

WHEREAS, these rifts now threaten the viability of the Institute before its fruition, at a time when the greater El Paso community, its leaders and institutions should be working together cooperatively toward the common goal of making the Institute--which our community desperately needs, a reality; and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence;

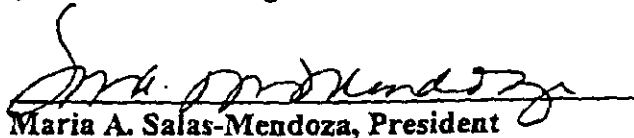
BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the University of Texas and Texas Tech University systems, as principal partners in the development of the Institute, take the necessary steps to ensure the establishment of a common, centralized campus for the Institute.

That MABA urges all members of the Vision Committee for Institute to continue with their collective efforts negotiating in good faith to ensure that the Institute is not jeopardized by any party's unilateral actions outside the collective process; and

That MABA immediately and affirmatively facilitate open and constructive dialogue among the persons and institutions charged with building the Institute so that they may quickly mediate their differences and move in a positive direction.

So resolved on the 5th day of October, 2000, by the membership in attendance at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Mexican American Bar Association at El Paso, Texas.


Maria A. Salas-Mendoza, President

John Briggs, Secretary



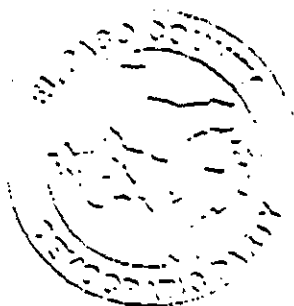
RESOLUTION



WHEREAS the Vision Committee for a Border Health Initiative of the El Paso Economic Summit, consisting of interested and concerned El Pasoans, has adopted a resolution concerning the creation of the Border Health Institute in El Paso, Texas for the purposes stated therein; and

WHEREAS the University of Texas at El Paso, Texas Tech University and other institutions have previously and publicly agreed to the creation of a Border Health Institute on a separate campus to be operated as a joint venture for the purposes stated in the Vision Committee resolution and to create a unique medical research facility which will be the beginning of a major medical center in El Paso to the benefit of UTEP, Texas Tech and other institutions and the region, with the added benefit of the creation of thousands of well-paid jobs for citizens of the region;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the El Paso County Democratic Party Executive Committee members attending the regularly scheduled meeting of September 12, 2000, go on record as lending their complete support to the proposals for the creation of a Border Health Institute as previously agreed to by all parties and advanced by State Senator Eliot Shapleigh, County Attorney José Rodriguez and others which advocate the building of the Institute on a separate campus on an agreed upon and appropriate site in El Paso County, Texas, with the use of funds dedicated for that purpose by the Texas State Legislature, and that the use of such funds in this manner should have a priority over any funding requests made by UTEP or Texas Tech individually which might be detrimental to the availability of funds for the Border Health Institute as envisioned by the Vision Committee for a Border Health Initiative of the El Paso Economic Summit and as publicly described by Senator Shapleigh and County Attorney Rodriguez and as previously agreed upon by all parties.

THIS RESOLUTION passed unanimously by the El Paso County Democratic Party Executive Committee at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 12, 2000, at 1305 Texas Avenue in El Paso, Texas.




Chair

Acting Secretary

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, El Paso, in order to best meet local and regional Border needs, should create local control and governance relative to healthcare; and

WHEREAS, El Paso should focus local medical education, research and service institutions and assets on unique Border needs; and

WHEREAS, El Pasoans should advocate for funding and programs to meet unique local and regional Border challenges especially in the areas of infectious diseases, public health and Hispanic health issues; and

WHEREAS, El Paso should create an economic development opportunity and synergy in healthcare, one of the fastest growing job clusters in our region; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Women's Bar Association of El Paso, just like the Vision Committee for a Border Health Initiative of the El Paso Economic Summit, approves and supports the Border Health Institute, a comprehensive locally controlled health campus dedicated to research, service and medical education to improve the quality of life in the El Paso region provided that the BHI will not create any new taxing entity, nor will it affect any current powers of authority vested in the members of the Governing Body; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for publication and distribution so that all El Pasoans and those interested in El Paso know and recognize the importance of this matter.

OL. A. HARBOUR 10/4/00

RESOLUTION

Of the Coalition for Justice and Equality

Regarding the Border Health Institute

WHEREAS, the greater El Paso community, southern New Mexico, northern Mexico and entire Border Region are long overdue for a centralized medical research and education facility dedicated to health issues that uniquely impact the Border Region; and

WHEREAS, the Vision Committee for a Border Health Initiative of the El Paso Economic Summit approved and supported the concept of the Paso Del Norte Regional Health Institute, now known as the Border Health Institute (“Institute”), in a Resolution duly signed by the members of the Vision Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Vision Committee recommended in the Resolution that “El Pasoans should advocate for funding and programs to meet unique local and regional Border challenges especially in the areas of infectious diseases, public health and Hispanic health issues” and further that “El Paso should create an economic development opportunity and synergy in healthcare”; and

WHEREAS, the Vision Committee resolved in such Resolution to approve and support the Institute as “a comprehensive locally controlled health complex dedicated to research, service and medical education to improve the quality of life in the El Paso region”; and

WHEREAS, the University of Texas System, the University of Texas at El Paso, the Texas Tech University System and Health Sciences System, the El Paso County Medical Society, Thomason Hospital, the El Paso City/County Health District, the Texas Department of Health, the University of Texas at Houston School of Public Health, the El Paso Community College and state elected officials have previously and publicly agreed on the vision of the Institute as a common

campus creating economic, educational and healthcare opportunities to benefit the El Paso community and the greater Border Region; and

WHEREAS the 1999 Texas Legislature in H.B. 1945 and H.B. 2025 instructed the parties to the agreement to submit their proposal for facilities and site or sites and an overall plan for the Institute to the 2001 Legislature for funding; and

WHEREAS, El Pasoans must rely in good faith on the Resolution of the Vision Committee and the commitment of the University of Texas System, the University of Texas at El Paso, the Texas Tech University System and Health Sciences System, the El Paso County Medical Society, Thomason Hospital, the El Paso City/County Health District, the Texas Department of Health, the University of Texas at Houston School of Public Health, the El Paso Community College and state elected officials to the shared vision of the Institute as previously described herein; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition for Justice and Equality unequivocally supports the Institute and consequently is very concerned that the initial vision of the Institute has been compromised by a lack of action and common plan, as evidenced by parties who are supposed to be involved in the collaborative creation of the Institute but are narrowly following the interests of their own respective constituencies and agendas; and

WHEREAS, this inactivity, lack of common plan and unilateral actions by some of the relevant parties continue to threaten the original vision of a community-based Border Health Institute on a common campus serving the unique Border Region health care challenges;

BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the University of Texas System, the University of Texas at El Paso, the Texas Tech University System and Health Sciences System, the El Paso County Medical Society, Thomason Hospital, the El Paso City/County Health District, the Texas Department of Health, the University of Texas at Houston School of Public Health, the El Paso Community College and state elected

officials, as principal partners entrusted by our community with the development of the Institute, take the necessary steps to ensure the establishment of a common, accessible campus for the targeted and vulnerable population as originally envisioned in both letter and spirit.

That the Coalition urge the Governing Board of the Border Health Institute and state elected officials to continue with their collective efforts negotiating in good faith to ensure that the letter and spirit of the original vision of the Border Health Institute is not jeopardized by unilateral actions outside the collective process; and

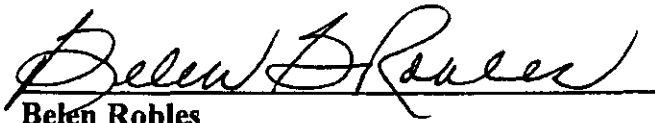
That the Coalition, in order to facilitate open and constructive dialogue among the parties charged with the development and implementation of the Border Health Institute vision, offer to provide an independent mediator to reach a successful resolution toward implementation of the letter and spirit of the Vision Committee's Resolution, on or before December 1, 2000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Coalition direct all members of the El Paso state delegation to actively and aggressively pursue all publicly available monies to support the establishment and construction of the Border Health Institute consistent with the letter and spirit of the initial vision.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Border Health Institute be expanded by three additional members who must be individuals from and representing the greater El Paso community to be appointed by the Board with the advice and consent of the Coalition, with such additional members enjoying the right to fully participate, deliberate and vote with a voice equal to each of the other Board members on any and all matters before the Governing Board.

So resolved on the 6th day of October 2000 in El Paso, Texas, by the attending members of the Coalition for Justice and Equality.

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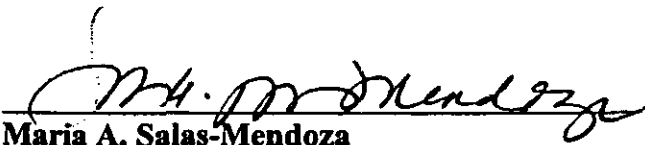
Belen Robles
Chair
Coalition for Justice and Equality



Rick Glancey
Chairman
El Paso Community Action Group



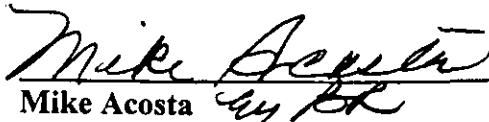
Jesus Saavedra
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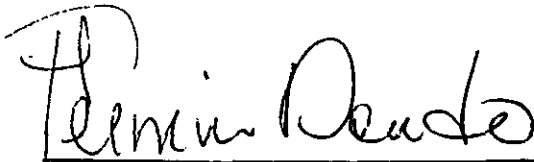
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Jesse Alvarez
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Fermin Durado
Business Representative

September 2, 1999

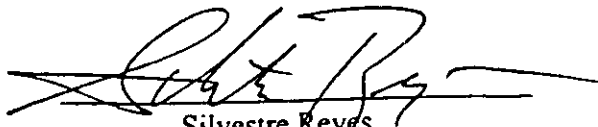
Mr. Woody Hunt
Chairman/CEO
Hunt Building Corporation
P.O. Box 12220
El Paso, Texas 79913

Dear Woody:

We congratulate you for the fine work of the last two years. We are excited about the prospects of a full-fledged border health campus in El Paso modeled on that in San Antonio. The long range benefits to this community both in quality of life and in economic development are profound.

We urge you to aggressively pursue the agenda of the Border Health Institute campus so that this community can realize its dream. If any of us can assist you, please let us know.

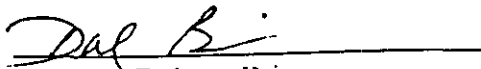
Very truly yours,



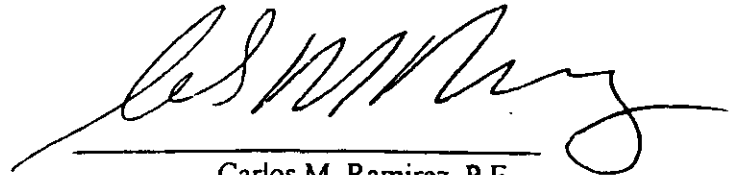
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County Judge



Carlos M. Ramirez, P.E.
Mayor

cc: Governing Board