

***JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE MAYORS AND CITY COUNCILS OF
San Luis
Somerton
And
CHAIRWOMAN AND COUNCIL OF
The Cocopah Indian Tribe***

**CITY OF SAN LUIS RESOLUTION NO. 712
CITY OF SOMERTON RESOLUTION NO. 2007-003
COCOPAHI INDIAN TRIBE RESOLUTION NO. CT-07-05**

**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE MAYORS AND CITY
COUNCILS OF THE CITIES OF SAN LUIS AND SOMERTON
AND THE CHAIRWOMAN AND COUNCIL OF THE
COCOPAHI INDIAN TRIBE OPPOSING THE LOCATION OF
A UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD LINE IN SOUTHERN YUMA
COUNTY**

Whereas, Union Pacific Railroad has indicated a desire to locate a high speed railroad line through Yuma County, Arizona that would not stop in Southern Yuma County, Arizona to service goods being imported into the United States from seaports in Mexico;

Whereas, the reason for location in Yuma County is because of opposition to the line in the State of California;

Whereas, the people of Southern Yuma County firmly believe that the rights of the people outweigh a private corporation's right to decide and dictate what actions are beneficial to local citizenry;

Whereas, the people of Southern Yuma County firmly believe that such actions are a violation of the public trust and impedes our citizens' constitutional rights as landowners and impedes the authority of local area governments to act on their behalf;

Whereas the location of the line through the Yuma Valley would be an environmental hazard and the pollution from the diesel fuel used by the engines of the railroad would be devastating to agricultural production and the local economy;

Whereas, the pollution from the diesel fuel used by the engines of the railroad would be harmful to the citizens who live in Southern Yuma County,

Whereas, the noise pollution from such a railroad line would be both physically and economically harmful to the property owners, businesses, and residents in the vicinity of the proposed line;

Whereas, the location of a non-stop line would in Southern Yuma County would create a physical barrier dividing Southern Yuma County effectively limiting the flow of traffic from Southern Yuma County to Interstate 8 and the City of Yuma which would greatly interfere in traffic circulation and local transportation thereby creating a major impediment to future development;

Whereas, the location of such a railroad line would create a zone around the right of way which would be unfit for either agricultural production or future development thereby creating in Southern Yuma County an area of economic depression;

Whereas Southern Yuma County is an area of Arizona which currently enjoys economic growth and development and the location of such a line would threaten this growth and development at a time when it is most needed for its citizens;

Whereas the location of such a railroad line would destroy the quality of life enjoyed by the citizens of Southern Yuma County; and

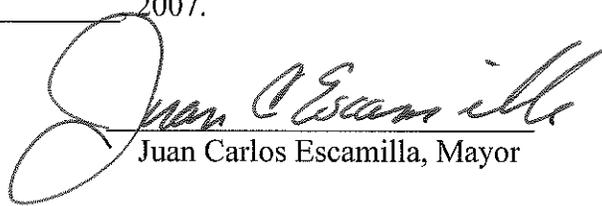
Whereas, it is an insult to the citizens of the State of Arizona to locate railroad lines in Yuma County because the State of California does not want it, thereby suggesting that citizens in Arizona are less important than citizens in California;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT JOINTLY RESOLVED by the Mayors and City Councils of the Cities of San Luis and Somerton, Arizona and the Chairwoman and Council of the Cocopah Indian Tribe as follows:

Section 1: That the Cities of San Luis and Somerton, Arizona and the Sovereign Cocopah Nation are most strongly opposed to the location of any new railroad line in Yuma County, Arizona south of County 14th Street in Yuma County, Arizona, and most strongly opposed to any railroad line which would interfere in agricultural production in the Yuma Valley.

Section 2: That the administrative staffs of the Cities of San Luis and Somerton and the Cocopah Indian Tribe are hereby directed to take such acts and/or actions that may be deemed prudent or necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution including but not limited to its communication to appropriate representatives of the citizens of Southern Yuma County in the government of the State of Arizona and the government of the United States of America.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona this 24th day of January, 2007.

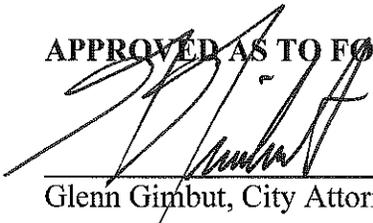

Juan Carlos Escamilla, Mayor

ATTEST:



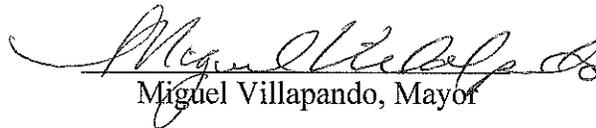
Sonia Sanchez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Glenn Gimbut, City Attorney

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Somerton, Arizona this 25th day of January, 2007.

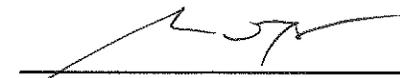

Miguel Villapando, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cliff O'Neill, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Gerald W. Hunt, City Attorney

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Chairwoman and Council of the Cocopah Indian Tribe this 25th day of January, 2007.



Sherry Cordova, Chairwoman

ATTEST:



Kermit Palmer, Administrator