



Resolution

NO. 1124

OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR
CITY OF SAN LUIS

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS, ARIZONA IN SUPPORT OF A LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL TO REVISE ARIZONA REVISED STATUTE §42-6106, GRANTING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (IPTA) WHICH HAS THE SAME BOUNDARIES AS THE COUNTY IN WHICH IT RESIDES, THE SAME AUTHORITY AS A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (RTA) TO LEVY ONE-HALF CENT TRANSPORTATION EXCISE TAX IF APPROVED BY THE VOTERS.

Whereas, the Yuma County Intergovernmental Transportation Authority (YCIPTA) is an Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (IPTA) that was formed in 2010 to administer, plan, operate, and maintain public transit services throughout Yuma County, including within the political jurisdictional boundaries of the cities of Yuma, San Luis, Somerton, Town of Wellton and the unincorporated areas of Yuma County, and;

Whereas, since its formation, YCIPTA has secured several sources of federal revenue to supplement the ongoing transportation planning efforts of the region, and;

Whereas, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTE §42-6106 allows voters to authorize the levy of a one-half cent transportation excise tax under a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), but does not allow for Intergovernmental Transportation Authorities (IPTAs) to levy a sales tax with voter approval, and;

Whereas, the only current option available for seeking voter approval to levy a transportation excise tax is to dissolve the YCIPTA and reform as an RTA, and;

Whereas, RTAs require the Board of Directors of the regional council of governments to sit as the Board of Directors for the RTA, and Yuma County belongs to the Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG) which encompasses all of Yuma, La Paz, and Mohave Counties;

Whereas, Yuma County considers reforming as an RTA to be undesirable since this would not only require the organization to restart the federal funding process, but would also create a large governance issue by eliminating from the Board of Directors, direct representation of the Quechan and Cocopah Indian Tribes, City of Yuma, Yuma County, City of San Luis, City of Somerton, Town of Wellton, Northern Arizona University at Yuma, and Arizona Western College, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona hereby respectfully requests the Arizona State Legislature to revise Arizona Revised Statute §42-6106, and grant an Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (IPTA) which has the same boundaries as the county in which it resides, the same authority as a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to levy a one-half cent transportation excise tax if approved by the voters.

Adopted this 9th day of December 2015.



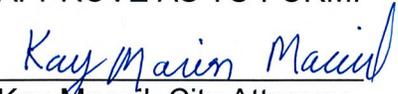
Gerardo Sanchez, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk

APPROVE AS TO FORM:



Kay Macuil, City Attorney