

RESOLUTION NO. 87-78

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST SUPPORTING THE SITING OF A FEDERAL PRISON FACILITY IN THE GREATER TAFT AREA.

WHEREAS, the Taft District Chamber of Commerce has engaged in an effort to attract a Federal Prison facility to the greater Taft area; and

WHEREAS, such a facility would house approximately 600-800 minimum to medium security prisoners at a proposed site located approximately eight miles northwest of the City of Taft; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber of Commerce estimates that such a facility would produce between 40 and 50 million dollars worth of construction activity, employ approximately 250 full time employees, have an annual operating budget of 12 million dollars and add much needed diversity to the economy of western Kern County; and

WHEREAS, among the agencies and individuals supporting the effort to encourage a Federal Prison facility to locate in the Taft area are: the City Council of the City of Taft, the City Council of the City of Maricopa, the West Side Water District Board, the Taft College Board, Assemblyman Harvey, Senator Rogers, Congressman Thomas and Supervisor Hettinger; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wayne L. Deats, Jr., Mayor of the City of Taft, has requested the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest formally support the concept of siting a Federal Prison in the Taft area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest hereby declares its support of the efforts of the Taft District Chamber of Commerce to secure the siting of a Federal Prison facility in the Greater Taft area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall forward copies of this Resolution to the following:

Norm Carlson, Director
Federal Bureau of Prisons

City Council of the City of Taft

Mona Moon, Chamber Manager
Taft Chamber of Commerce

Bill Thomas, Congressman

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of July, 1987, by the following vote:

AYES Mayor Mower, Councilmembers Wiknich, Bergens, Condos, and Corlett.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.



Michael R. Mower, Mayor

ATTEST:



Joyce M. Taft, City Clerk