

City of El Paso de Robles

RESOLUTION NO. 91-73

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO
PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ADDRESS
UNREINFORCED MASONRY BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, in 1986, the State of California passed Senate Bill 547, later to become codified as 8875 et seq, addressing unreinforced masonry structures found throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the Loma Prieta earthquake, the State did increase the State Sales Tax, one quarter of one percent, to that of six and one quarter percent (6.25%) to provide funding to mitigate the financial impact felt by the State of California, caused by said earthquake; and

WHEREAS, on December 30, 1990, the quarter of one percent sales tax increase did sunset, thereby once again reducing the State Sales Tax to that of six percent (6%); and

WHEREAS, as a result of 8875 et seq, cities and counties throughout the State of California are now faced with the dilemma of addressing structures which may have an adverse effect on the health and safety of the general public should a major earthquake occur; and

WHEREAS, the State has not provided any method of funding, accessible to the cities and counties to be put to use to address these potentially hazardous structures brought to light as a result of 8875 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the safety of the public would be greatly served should financial assistance be made available to address these structures, thereby mitigating the potential hazard;

WHEREAS, both life and property, including many historic structures, can be saved by making timely improvements to the many unreinforced masonry structures identified pursuant to SB 547; and

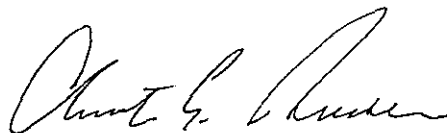
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that City Council of the City of El Paso De Robles, does hereby request that the State of California reinstate the additional one quarter of one percent (.25%) upon the State sales tax, with those monies collected as a result of this additional tax, becoming a source to underwrite low interest loans to be used in the strengthening of unreinforced masonry structures throughout those seismic zones targeted by 8875 et seq.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15 TH day of May, 1991 by the following Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Russell, Reneau, Martin and Iversen

NOES: Picanco

ABSENT: None



MAYOR CHRISTIAN E. IVERSEN

ATTEST:


JERRY BANKSTON, CITY CLERK