

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA, DECLARING ITS OPPOSITION TO HB 2143 RELATING TO PUBLIC CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT.

WHEREAS, HB 2143 has been introduced during the current session of the Arizona Legislature to amend A.R.S. 28-6713, 32-1121 and 34-201 regarding public contracts and procurement; and

WHEREAS, as proposed HB 2143 would reduce the threshold from a base of \$150,000 (adjusted annually by the Gross Domestic Product deflator using 1994-95 as the baseline) to a fixed amount of \$25,000 (not adjusted) where bids must be called for all items of construction, reconstruction or maintenance services of any street, road or bridge, including materials and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Casa Grande Public Works Department has the capacity and technical expertise to complete smaller local street projects using City personnel and equipment and is programming these street projects under the current public contracts and procurement rules; and

WHEREAS, the cost of mobilizing equipment and materials to rural areas increases the cost of these smaller projects to the detriment of the City's taxpayers and reduces the amount of street projects the City can perform to maintain its roadway system in an acceptable condition; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment would cause severe economic harm to the City of Casa Grande and other similarly situated rural communities in the State of Arizona if City personnel, equipment and materials cannot be used to complete these smaller improvements; and

WHEREAS, considering inflationary impacts on equipment, materials and wages the City believes the threshold for requiring bids should not be decreased in any manner.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Casa Grande, Arizona, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Council of the City of Casa Grande, express their opposition to HB 2143 which lowers the baseline threshold from \$150,000 (as adjusted annually) to a fixed value of \$25,000 at which cities must bid for all items of construction, reconstruction or maintenance services of any street, road or bridge, including materials and equipment, due to the significant and adverse effects this proposal would have on the City's taxpayers and roadway system. The Mayor and Council strongly urge our legislators to protect the current threshold and oppose any decrease in the threshold to allow City personnel, equipment and materials to complete such projects.
2. A copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to each member of the City's state legislative delegation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Casa Grande,
Arizona, this ____ day of _____, 2017.

Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Deputy Clerk

City Attorney