

RESOLUTION NO.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A FOREIGN TRADE ZONE ALTERNATIVE SITE FRAMEWORK APPLICATION TO THE FOREIGN TRADE ZONES BOARD OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of San José ("City") is a municipal corporation organized under its charter and the laws of the state of California; and

**WHEREAS**, the City promotes the expansion of economic activity by businesses within its geographic community; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Government Code of the State of California, the City is authorized to apply for and to establish, operate and maintain foreign-trade zones and subzones, subject to the requirements of federal law and the regulations of the Foreign Trade Zone Board of the U.S. Department of Commerce ("Board"); and

**WHEREAS**, in 1974, the City was granted Foreign Trade Zone designation by the Board to encourage international trade and local employment; and

**WHEREAS**, this designation allows companies within the Foreign Trade Zone to delay, reduce or eliminate U.S. Customs duties on imported merchandise, and allows manufacturing and distribution companies to be more competitive in the global economy, encouraging them to keep production and jobs in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has created a new Alternative Site Framework Foreign Trade Zone designation that existing Foreign Trade Zone grantees can pursue, which allows up to 2,000 acres within the Foreign Trade Zone to be activated as Foreign Trade Zone sites; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to submit a Foreign Trade Zone Alternative Site Framework application to the Board to designate all of San José, a single contiguous area, as its Service Area; and

**WHEREAS**, approval of the City's application would allow companies throughout San José to access the benefits of the Foreign Trade Zone, which until now have been limited;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:**

The City Manager is authorized to submit a Foreign Trade Zone Alternative Site Framework application to the Foreign Trade Zones Board of the U.S. Department of Commerce for the City of San José and designate all of San José, a single contiguous area, as its Service Area.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

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CHUCK REED  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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DENNIS D. HAWKINS, CMC  
City Clerk