

**TOWN OF
APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**

AGENDA MATTER

Subject Item:

ADOPT A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CALIFORNIA JOBS INITIATIVE

SUMMARY STATEMENT

On February 23, 2010, the Town Council voted to send a letter to Governor Schwarzenegger requesting that he exercise his power and suspend further implementation of AB 32 until the economy has recovered. On March 9, 2010, the Town Council adopted a formal Resolution in that regard.

On April 13, 2010, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors voted to support the California Jobs Initiative, which calls for the suspension of the implementation of AB 32 until the economy has fully recovered.

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors has requested that the Town Council consider joining them in their effort to save California's economy by supporting the California Jobs Initiative. They developed a model Resolution for consideration by local agencies, which Mayor Allan requested be placed on the May 12, 2010 Council agenda.

Recommended Action:

That the Town Council adopt Resolution No. 2010-19, Supporting the California Jobs Initiative.

Proposed by: Linda Mayfield

Item Number _____

T. M. Approval: _____

Budgeted Item Yes No N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY SUPPORTING THE CALIFORNIA JOBS INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, high taxes, workers compensation costs, multiple regulations, and environmental laws have created an exodus among California businesses and a hostile environment toward innovation and entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, California ranked last among the 50 states for the cost of doing business and 38th overall among the best states to do business; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the Governor and Legislature imposed additional regulations on businesses when they enacted AB 32, which requires a reduction of statewide greenhouse gas emissions back to 1990 levels by 2020; and

WHEREAS, at the time the bill was signed the unemployment rate in the Town of Apple Valley was 5.2%. Since the passage of AB 32, the country has experienced an economic depression, resulting in a 16.2% unemployment rate in Apple Valley, which has crippled our local economy; and

WHEREAS, experts predict it will take several years for our economy to recover, imposing additional requirements on California businesses only exacerbates problems and will inadvertently impact consumers through higher cost for utilities, gasoline, food, water and other costs; and

WHEREAS, complying with AB 32 will adversely impact the economy and possibly force businesses to close their operations, reduce their workforce or relocate; and

WHEREAS, the suspension of AB 32 would permit businesses that would otherwise have to make immediate investments to comply with new regulations the ability to expand operations, create jobs, thereby spurring economic development and improving our local economy; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2009, the California Jobs Initiative, a statewide ballot measure was submitted to the California Attorney General, for potential placement on California's November 2010 statewide ballot; and

WHEREAS, approval of this initiative would temporarily suspend the operation and implementation of AB 32 until the unemployment rate in California is 5.5% or less for four consecutive calendar quarters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley formally endorse the California Jobs Initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the listing of the Town of Apple Valley in support of the California Jobs Initiative.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of May 2010.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK