

A RESOLUTION **2014-06-05-0020R**

**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S.
FOREIGN TRADE ZONES BOARD TO TRANSITION FOREIGN TRADE
ZONE #80 TO THE ALTERNATIVE SITE FRAMEWORK.**

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WHEREAS, Sections 681.051, 681.052 and 681.174 of Title 15, Subtitle C of the Texas Business and Commerce Code authorizes the City of San Antonio to establish, operate and maintain a Foreign Trade Zone in Bexar County and other subzones; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio received a Grant of Authority on September 16, 1982 (Foreign Trade Zones Board Order No. 200) from the United States Department of Commerce, Foreign Trade Zones Board to establish, maintain and operate a foreign trade zone project, designated San Antonio Foreign Trade Zone No. 80 (the "FTZ No. 80"), at or adjacent to the San Antonio customs port of entry; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio has as one of its goals and objectives, in its capacity as Grantee of FTZ No. 80, the ability to expeditiously and efficiently provide FTZ designation to companies located, or desirous of locating, within Bexar County; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio desires to reorganize FTZ No. 80 under the Alternative Site Framework (the "ASF") adopted by the Foreign Trade Zones Board as described in the Federal Register of January 12, 2009 and as amended in the Federal Register of January 22, 2009, in order to provide the City of San Antonio with a better economic development tool to accomplish the above-stated goal and objective; and

WHEREAS, staff of the Economic Development Department recommend that the City Council authorize the City Manager to submit to the United States Foreign Trade Zones Board an application requesting the reorganization of FTZ No. 80 from a Traditional to an ASF designation; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio finds that the recommended reorganization is in the best interest of the City; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to submit an application to the United States Foreign Trade Zones Board requesting the reorganization of the San Antonio Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ No. 80) from a Traditional to an Alternative Site Framework (ASF). A copy of the letter from the City Manager requesting this reorganization, is set out, in substantially final form, in **ATTACHMENT I**.

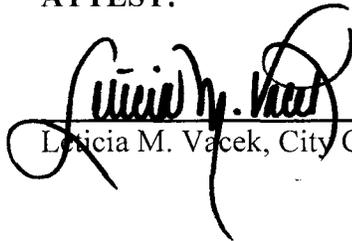
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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon receiving at least eight affirmative votes, or if receiving fewer, on the tenth day after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 5th day of June, 2014.

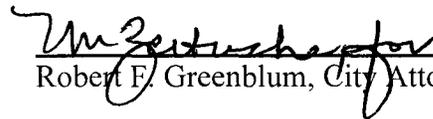

M A Y O R
Julián Castro

ATTEST:



Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Robert F. Greenblum, City Attorney

Agenda Item:	16A (in consent vote: 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16A, 16B)						
Date:	06/05/2014						
Time:	09:25:51 AM						
Vote Type:	Motion to Approve						
Description:	A Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the U.S. Foreign Trade Zones Board to transition Foreign Trade Zone #80 to the Alternative Site Framework.						
Result:	Passed						
Voter	Group	Not Present	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Motion	Second
Julián Castro	Mayor		x				
Diego Bernal	District 1		x				
Ivy R. Taylor	District 2		x			x	
Rebecca Viagran	District 3		x				x
Rey Saldaña	District 4		x				
Shirley Gonzales	District 5		x				
Ray Lopez	District 6		x				
Cris Medina	District 7	x					
Ron Nirenberg	District 8		x				
Joe Krier	District 9		x				
Michael Gallagher	District 10		x				

ATTACHMENT I

CITY MANAGER'S LETTERHEAD

June 20, 2014

Andrew McGilvray
Executive Secretary
Foreign-Trade Zones Board
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave., NW, Room 21013
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. McGilvray:

This letter serves as the Application Transmittal Letter in connection with the request of the City of San Antonio, Grantee of the San Antonio Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ No. 80), for reorganization and participation in the Alternative Site Framework Program (ASF) for FTZ No. 80. This application for participation in the ASF is made in order to define our Service Territory so as to include all of Bexar County and part of both Comal and Guadalupe Counties. Since no new or modified sites are being proposed, this application consists only of Part One, the General Information Section, which requests details on existing sites within FTZ No. 80. As required by Part One, Section 1 of the ASF application instructions, we are providing the application with all applicable exhibits.

The ability to offer companies expeditious access to an FTZ designation and the ability to expand the program into new territory within our region will prove indispensable in our efforts to increase global trade and investment across the San Antonio region.

Our inability to provide quick activation to potential FTZ users has proven frustrating in the past. We believe that the usage-driven framework provided by the ASF is a more effective approach that will suit San Antonio-area businesses. The ability to provide an expedited administrative approval under the ASF will be a large benefit for economic development efforts and for companies considering coming to the San Antonio region.

Sincerely,

Sheryl Sculley
City Manager