

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, SUPPORTING AB 2625 – CALIFORNIA HERITAGE COORIDOR ACT AND DIRECTING THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Fran Pavley, a former history teacher who appreciates the importance of commemorating our heritage, authored the California Heritage Corridor Act; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista, California, supports the passage of AB 2625 because:

- Heritage corridors are an economic development tool and a means of encouraging visitor spending in rural and depressed communities;
- Heritage corridors commemorate the accomplishments of California's people;
- Heritage Corridors develop transportation corridors whose cultural, historical and environmental qualities attract visitor spending, thereby contributing to their preservation;
- Heritage Corridors encourage travelers to visit lesser-known destinations, benefit rural and depressed economies through travel spending, help sustain arts, culture and traditional lifestyles (family farms), build understanding of and respect for California's arts and history;
- Heritage Corridors enable preservation of cultural traditions and historic sites, generate new revenues for arts and historic preservation, bring together distant groups with common interests in culture and heritage;
- Heritage Corridors encourage cooperation between arts, heritage and tourism entities, stimulate state and local tax revenues, increase employment;
- The bill would combine individual historic and cultural sites into travel itineraries.
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WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista, California, supports the passage of AB 2625 and the specific inclusion of San Juan Bautista and the County of San Benito in it's language because:

- San Juan Bautista is on the El Camino Real and the De Anza Trail;;
- San Juan Bautista has been the site for the filming of major motion pictures including Alfred Hitchcock's *Vertigo*;
- San Juan Bautista is at the foot of Fremont Peak and plays a major role in the battles that formed our State including the raising of what is believed to be the first United State battle flag on California soil;
- San Juan Bautista and San Benito County are rich in ethnic and cultural heritage from its native first Americans, through the Spanish to the many various immigrant groups who settled in the areas owning businesses and working the farms, mines and fields;
- San Benito County has a significant wine business and a growing wine industry;

- Highway 156 is eligible for scenic highway status through the agricultural fields of the San Juan Valley;
- Cesar Chavez spent months in the hills and fields of San Benito County;
- The Pinnacles National Monument and southern San Benito County is not only striking for its beauty but also home to the California Condor;
- San Juan Bautista and San Benito County are home to numerous art galleries and to both the San Benito County Artists Guild and the Aromas Artists Guild;
- San Juan Bautista is home to a City library that is over 100 years old and is the smallest City known to have such a library;
- The San Juan Valley is home to the Mutsun Indian nation;
- And San Juan Bautista is home to El Teatro Campesino.

WHEREAS, for these reasons, the City Council finds that it should support AB 2625 and urges the California Legislature to support AB2625; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that this Resolution should be forwarded to the California Legislature and to the Governor of California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista, California, that:

Section I. For the reasons stated above, the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista, California, declares its support to AB 2625 and urges the California Legislature to support AB2625.

Section II. The City Council hereby directs that this Resolution be forwarded immediately to the California Legislature and to the Governor of California.

Section III. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista, California, held on the 24th day of April, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES: Hill, Medina, Geiger, Dias

NOES: None

ABSENT: Reed

ABSTAIN: None

Priscilla Hill, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

Trish Paetz, Deputy City Clerk