

RESOLUTION NO. 901

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE TULSA REGIONAL CHAMBER 2016 ONEVOICE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, the City of Broken Arrow Staff members have been attending the Tulsa Regional Chamber OneVoice Legislative meetings throughout the summer and fall; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2016 State Priorities include improving the ability of Oklahoma's K-12 public schools to attract and retain effective teachers; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2016 State Priorities include expanding Insure Oklahoma to reduce the number of uninsured Oklahomans by accepting federal funds; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2016 State Priorities include support for the building of the Gilcrease Expressway and Bridge through any funding mechanism available in order to expedite this long overdue transportation system; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2016 State Priorities include supporting legislation to preserve and diversify sources of revenue available to municipalities; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2016 State Priorities include supporting sentencing reforms and rehabilitation programs that enable nonviolent offenders to re-enter the workforce faster and reduce the financial strain on Oklahoma's criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2016 State Priorities include defending all existing road funding; preventing any diversion of monies and increasing funding for transportation; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2016 State Priorities include supporting efforts to comprehensively modernize Oklahoma's adult beverage laws to encourage economic development and job growth; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2016 State Priorities include expanding the healthcare workforce in urban and rural Oklahoma through fully funding Physician Manpower Training Commission programs, expand the Oklahoma Hospital Residency Training Act, utilize all available state and federal resources for existing Teaching Health Center residency programs, support reforms that will allow Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants with appropriate levels of training and experience to practice to the full extent of their license without the physical presence of a supervising physician; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2016 State Priorities include supporting enhanced funding for both in-patient and out-patient treatment programs for behavioral health and substance abuse services; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2016 State Priorities include simplify and strengthen Oklahoma's high school graduation requirements by replacing state-mandated end of instruction assessments with the ACT, while including multiple indicators of student success; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2016 Federal Priorities include support for the Tulsa Air National Guard Base in positioning the 138th Fighter Wing for selection as an operating location for the next generation fighter aircraft, the F-35 Lightning II; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2016 Federal Priorities include supporting increased appropriations for the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System to overcome the approximate \$100 million in critical maintenance backlog projects which have a greater than fifty percent (50%) chance of failure within the next five years; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2016 Federal Priorities include supporting the reauthorization of federal surface transportation programs (MAP-21), including robust measures to permanently and adequately fund the Highway Trust Fund and continued flexibility for a coordinated local and state-based decision-making process; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2016 Federal Priorities include supporting passage of the Marketplace Fairness Act or other federal legislation which will ensure that the sales and use taxes already owed from online purchases are fairly and effectively reported, collected, and remitted; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2016 Federal Priorities include supporting efforts to expedite the implementation of the Arkansas River Corridor Project for river infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2016 Federal Priorities include supporting continued and expanded funding for Graduate Medical Education/Residency Programs through the following efforts: (1) restore full funding and establish permanency to the Teaching Health Center program in both rural and urban areas; (2) remove the cap on Medicare DGME and IME funded positions; (3) and reallocate unused residency slots from other states to existing residency/fellowship programs; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2016 Federal Priorities include supporting flexibility in negotiations to grant a long-term reauthorization of Oklahoma’s Section 1115 waiver for Insure Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2016 Federal Priorities include supporting the authorization of the Elementary Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and the Higher Education Act (HEA) and fully fund federal mandates; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2016 Federal Priorities include supporting comprehensive immigration reform that enables the U.S. to attract the best and brightest talent from around the world; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2016 Federal Priorities support eliminating all federal restrictions on the export of domestically produced oil and gas; and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Broken Arrow City Council hereby offers its support for the 2016 OneVoice State and Federal Legislative Priorities.

ADOPTED BY THE BROKEN ARROW CITY COUNCIL THIS 15th day of December, 2015.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

(seal) City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Deputy City Attorney