S.R. 70-02

The Student Senate 70th Session Texas A&M University

Introduced By: Chair Jake Wilson, Community Relations, Off-Campus Caucus

Sponsored By: Jonah Chen, Vice-President of Municipal Affairs, Executive Cabinet

Action Taken Certified By:

Jasmine Wang

Speaker of the Senate

Aggieland Outfitters Relocation Resolution

"A resolution supporting the relocation of Aggieland Outfitters at the George Bush Drive and Wellborn Road intersection."

Whereas(1): The Aggieland Outfitters storefront on George Bush Drive and Wellborn Road is proposing relocation from the current corner commercial lot site to the empty lot located on 100 & 200 Fairview; and,

Whereas(2): Due to the upcoming Texas Department of Transportation project in 2021 expected to take place, storefronts are considering relocation in order to maintain accessibility near the intersection; and,

Whereas(3): The negative consequences that could derive from the construction project, such as limited parking options, minimal access points, and increased traffic congestion have prompted the businesses to begin to take action to relocate, such as the Aggieland Outfitters storefront; and,

Whereas(4): Because the storefront has been a primary provider of licensed Aggie apparel and accessories since 2002, the business owners are considering a short distance relocation motivated by the availability of a nearby lot next to the Shell gas station on 400 George Bush Drive in order to maintain business access for Aggie apparel consumers; and,

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Whereas(5): Due to the ramifications of losing the ability to operate in a well-traveled section near the campus that provide the sales of apparel for football season, the Aggieland Outfitters has requested support for zoning redesignation of 100 & 200 Fairview from GS General Suburban to PDD Planned Development District in order to construct a new Aggieland Outfitters location that successfully meets the needs of the Southside neighborhood and Texas Department of Transportation requirements; and,

Whereas(6): The storefront would be given a chance to continue to operate in the same geographic area to provide consumers with the apparel that they need, continue to employ students and residents from the surrounding area, and generate significant tax revenue in property taxes and sales taxes for the city in order to continue to help our community manage growth; and,

Whereas(7): Though the relocation effort has faced opposition from some neighbors in the surrounding community, the action of relocation would be the most logical and appropriate for consumers, students, those employed by Aggieland Outfitters, the business owners, and for our community.

Therefore

Let it be

Resolved(1): That the Texas A&M University Student Government Association Student Senate and Municipal Affairs team extends full support for the rezoning of 100 & 200 Fairview from GS General Suburban to PDD Planned Development District for development of the lots into a new location for an Aggieland Outfitters storefront; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(2): For the Texas A&M University Student Government Association Student Senate and Municipal Affairs team to support the Aggie-owned and operated business that provides our primary apparel, accessories, employment opportunities, and tax contributions for the betterment of our ever-growing community; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(3): That the Texas A&M University Student Government Association Student Senate and Municipal Affairs team continue to develop strong relationships with the public officials, private business, and neighborhood entities that make our college town as supportive as possible for student life and the Aggie community; and,

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Further

Resolved(4): A copy of this resolution be sent to:

Mayor Karl Mooney

City Councilwoman Blanche Brick

City Councilman Jerome Rektorik

City Councilwoman Linda Harvell

City Councilman Barry Moore

City Councilwoman Julie Schultz

City Councilman James Benham

City Manager Kelly Templin

Aggieland Outfitters Owner Fadi Kalaouze