

RESOLUTION NO. 4355

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD
SUPPORTING AMENDED ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 644 ESTABLISHING
THE MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the City currently receives fixed-route bus service and ADA Para-transit Service from the Monterey-Salinas Transit Joint Powers Agency via an agreement between MST and the Transportation Agency for Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, the honorable Anna Caballero has introduced Assembly Bill 644 ("AB 644") which will enact the Monterey-Salinas Transit District Act; and

WHEREAS, AB 644 will dissolve the existing Monterey-Salinas Transit Joint Powers Agency and create the Monterey-Salinas Transit District within Monterey County to succeed to all rights, powers, duties and obligations of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the new District was originally proposed to be governed by an eight (8) member board of directors, but an amendment to the bill has been proposed that would modify the board's makeup so as to consist of a voting representative from Monterey County and each incorporated city in the County; and

WHEREAS, one of the primary advantages of the District will be its ability to raise money by issuing bonds payable from revenues from any facility or enterprise acquired or constructed by the District; and

WHEREAS, the City fully supports the formation of the District as well as the City's ability to participate in the district's governance as a voting member of the District's Board of Directors.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Soledad that the City Council expresses its support for Assembly Bill 644, as amended, so as to create a governing Board of Directors that includes a voting member from Monterey County and each of the incorporated cities within Monterey County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Soledad duly held on the 15th day of April 2009 by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Councilmembers: Richard J. Perez, Juan Saavedra, Patricia Stephens, Mayor Pro Tem Martha Camacho, Mayor Richard Ortiz

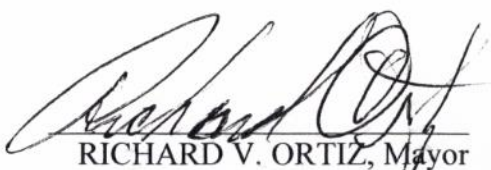
NOES, Councilmembers: None

ABSTAIN, Councilmembers: None

ABSENT, Councilmember: None

ATTEST:


ADELA P. GONZALEZ, City Clerk


RICHARD V. ORTIZ, Mayor