

RESOLUTION 3-2025

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LOS FRESNOS SUPPORTING HB 4329 FILED BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE JANIE LOPEZ IN SUPPORT OF A STUDY BY THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD ON THE FACTORS THAT AFFECT THE COSTS OF DEVELOPING DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE.

This Resolution was introduced and submitted to the City Council for passage and adoption. After presentation and discussion of the Resolution, a motion was made by _____ that the Resolution be finally passed and adopted in accordance with the City's Home Rule Charter. The motion was seconded by _____ and carried by the following vote:

Mayor Alejandro Flores	___ For ___ Against ___ Abstained
Councilmember Alberto Escobedo	___ For ___ Against ___ Abstained
Councilmember Juan Munoz	___ For ___ Against ___ Abstained
Mayor Pro-Tem Gabriela Fernandez	___ For ___ Against ___ Abstained
Councilmember Luis Gonzalez	___ For ___ Against ___ Abstained
Councilmember Terry Vinson	___ For ___ Against ___ Abstained

WHEREAS, as part of HB 4742 signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott in 2023, the Texas Water Development Board prepared a written report to study the issues with communities in Texas that lack natural topographic relief, slope, or naturally defined floodways;

WHEREAS, with limited natural channels, these communities have to create artificial drainage systems to mitigate flooding that end up increasing its costs due to downstream drainage improvements;

WHEREAS, the Texas Water Development Board completed its written report on January 1, 2025 titled "Study of Issues Faced by Communities with Artificial Drainage Systems Lacking Topographic Relief, Slope, and Naturally Defined Floodways" that shed light on this challenge;

WHEREAS, one of the recommendations made in this written report is the need for a more detailed study to identify all the main factors that impact the cost of developing drainage infrastructure;

WHEREAS in order to continue to find equitable solutions for communities with artificial drainage systems, there is a need for this study to be completed by the Texas Water Development Board on or before January 1, 2027;

WHEREAS, State Representative Janie Lopez has filed HB 4329 for the Texas Water Development Board to initiate this study;

WHEREAS, the City of Los Fresnos supports State Representative Janie Lopez and her efforts to ensure that the issues that communities with artificial drainage systems face are studied further;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LOS FRESNOS THAT IT:

SECTION 1. SUPPORTS HB 4329 filed by State Representative Janie Lopez for a study be initiated by the Texas Water Development Board on the issues that communities with artificial drainage systems face are studied further.

SECTION 2. SUPPORTS the efforts by State Representative Janie Lopez to get HB 4329 placed on the agenda of the Committee on Natural Resources.

SECTION 3. URGES the Committee on Natural Resources to act favorably on this legislation for this study.

CONSIDERED, PASSED, AND APPROVED AND SIGNED this 8TH day of April, 2025 at a regular meeting of the Los Fresnos City Council at which a quorum was present and which was held in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

Mayor, Alejandro Flores

ATTEST:

City Secretary, Jacqueline Moya