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A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA GOVERNMENTS ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF BENSON REGARDING THE VILLAGES AT VIGNETO MASTER-PLANNED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PROPOSED BY EL DORADO BENSON, LLC

WHEREAS, the SouthEastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) has been designated by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) as an Economic Development District (EDD) for the four-county region of Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, and Santa Cruz Counties; and

WHEREAS, the SEAGO EDD is desirous of expanding activities which advance the economic development and job creation within the four-county region; and

WHEREAS, El Dorado Benson, LLC, has proposed a master-planned community development project named "The Villages at Vigneto," located in the City of Benson, Arizona, comprising approximately 12,300 acres, and once completed, will consist of approximately 28,000 homes as well as commercial and recreational development consistent with the planned community; and

WHEREAS, a preliminary economic impact report by Dr. Robert Carreira, President of UsEconomicResearch, indicates that the proposed project will have an estimated \$24 billion economic impact, approximately 16,000 jobs will be created in Benson and the surrounding region during the peak of the proposed project's 20 year build-out period, and that after the project is completed, approximately 8,500 permanent jobs will continue in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson and other Benson City officials are diligently working with the project developer and City constituents to assure that the proposed project adequately addresses all relevant infrastructure requirements and environmental issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; by the SEAGO Executive Board that it hereby expresses its support for the master-planned community development The Villages at Vigneto project proposed by El Dorado Benson, LLC, as a means for substantial economic growth within southeastern Arizona.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SEAGO Executive Board is confident that the actions taken by the City of Benson will adequately and responsibly address the economic impact, community impact, and environmental impact of the subject master-planned community development project, and will ensure the project will be in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Benson and the surrounding region.

Passed and adopted by the SEAGO Executive Board on this 28th day of August 2015.



Randy Heiss, Executive Director
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Bob Rivera, Chair
Executive Board