

## RESOLUTION NO. 2023-09

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENACRES, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY APPROVE THE DR. JOAQUIN GARCIA HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ZONE FAIRLY AND APPROPRIATELY WITH A FOCUS ON STUDENT-TO-SCHOOL PROXIMITY AND WITHOUT FURTHER DIVISION OF THE CITY OF GREENACRES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT POPULATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, a strong sense of community is essential to a successful municipality, a successful school district, and successful students; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Greenacres with a land area of 6.11 square miles and a population of 44,549 residents, is the eighth largest municipality in Palm Beach County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes that the School District of Palm Beach County's vast number of boundaries create challenges for the School District; and,

**WHEREAS**, these challenges are exasperated when new schools are added and existing school attendance zones and boundaries are revised; and,

**WHEREAS**, the high school student population of the City of Greenacres is currently divided among four (4) different high schools; and,

**WHEREAS**, with the addition of the Dr. Joaquin Garcia High School, slated to open in August 2023, the City's high school population is now facing the possibility of being divided among five (5) different high schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the most recent proposed attendance zone study would result in some of the City's high school students being bussed significant distance despite proximity to a closer existing high school; and,

**WHEREAS**, a new attendance zone that relies on bussing students farther distances is counterintuitive to the School District's current bus-driver staffing issues and continuous fuel cost increases; and,

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**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes that all children deserve the same educational opportunities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes that the School District must consider safety, convenience, and efficiency of transportation, as well as student travel times, in assigning students to new schools; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes that increasing the division of the City of Greenacres high school population to five (5) high schools and bussing City students farther despite proximity to a closer existing high school, will negatively impact the City's sense of community and the City's high school population; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds setting the new attendance zone fairly and appropriately with a focus on student-to-school proximity and without further division of the City of Greenacres high school student population is in the best interest of health, safety, and welfare of the City of Greenacres.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENACRES, FLORIDA, THAT:**


**SECTION 1.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Resolution as true and correct statements of the City of Greenacres City Council.

**SECTION 2.** The City of Greenacres City Council respectfully requests that the School Board of the Palm Beach County School District fairly and appropriately approve the attendance zone for the new high school, Dr. Joaquin Garcia High School, with a focus on student-to-school proximity and not further divide the high school student population of the City of Greenacres.


**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

**RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** this 9th of day of January 2023

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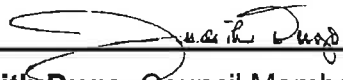
  
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Joel Flores, Mayor


  
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John Tharp, Deputy Mayor

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Quintella Moorner, City Clerk

  
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Peter Noble, Council Member, District II  
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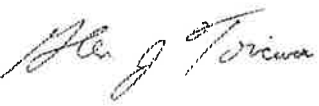


  
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**Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:**

  
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Glen J. Torcivia, City Attorney