

For Immediate Press Release  
September 4, 2014

**Denton Chamber of Commerce  
Unanimously Passes Resolution OPPOSING  
City's Referendum to BAN Hydraulic Fracturing and Drilling**

<http://business.denton-chamber.org/news/details/reasonable-regulation-urged-at-gas-well-drilling-sites>  
*Also attached is the Denton Chamber of Commerce's opposition resolution*

(Denton, TX) The Denton Chamber of Commerce at their monthly meeting held on August 21, 2014, unanimously approved a resolution opposing the City of Denton's November 4<sup>th</sup> proposition to permanently ban hydraulic fracturing within its city limits.

According to a statement released on the Chamber's website, "Total revenue from natural gas royalties to individuals, businesses, the City of Denton and the University of North Texas will be subject to a significant decline if citizens vote to implement a permanent ban on hydraulic fracturing (fracking) within the city limits of Denton."

The Chamber's resolution calls on their members and all of their employees to vote against the proposed ban citing, among other things, the "substantial economic impact" clean energy production has provided the city.

"This comes as welcome news," said Bobby Jones, a long time Denton resident, small business owner and Chamber member. "This is not only important locally, but it is critical to our nation's energy independence and national security."

To voice opposition to the measure, Jones and another local Denton Chamber member, Randy Sorrells, recently formed Denton Taxpayers for a Strong Economy. At a July 15<sup>th</sup> City hearing, they turned in petitions signed by 8,012 fellow City of Denton residents opposing the ban. This past month, they also filed paperwork at city hall to turn "Denton Taxpayers for a Strong Economy" into an SPAC to campaign against the measure.

In announcing the resolution against the hydraulic fracturing drilling ban, the Denton Chamber of Commerce referenced a recent economic impact study conducted by The Perryman Group. According to the study, if no new wells are allowed, the City of Denton and the DISD could lose an estimated \$251.4 million in lost gross product, 2,077 lost person-years of employment, \$5.1 million in lost city tax receipts, and \$4.6 million in lost school tax receipts over the next ten years

The Perryman report also said the adverse economic impact would extend beyond the city and local school districts to the State of Texas, Denton County, and even the University of North Texas which would all lose millions of dollars in oil and gas related revenue if Denton's hydraulic fracturing drilling ban were to pass.

A copy of the Perryman study (*"The Adverse Impact of Banning Hydraulic Fracturing In The City of Denton on Business Activity and Tax Receipts in the City and State"*) can be found on the Barnett Shale Energy Education Council website (<http://www.bseec.org>). The study was funded by the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce.

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WHEREAS, Texas is among those states fueling the clean energy renaissance for the entire country through the development of natural gas resources; and

WHEREAS, Denton is located over the core of the Barnett Shale, a 5,000 square mile oil and natural gas bearing rock formation, development of which has a substantial economic impact in the city of Denton; and

WHEREAS, the Denton Chamber board considers property rights inherent to the freedoms, rights and responsibilities enjoyed by all Americans; and

WHEREAS, a proposed permanent ban on hydraulic fracturing within the city limits of Denton has been placed on the ballot for November 4, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Denton Chamber of Commerce does hereby formally:

1. Oppose a permanent comprehensive ban on hydraulic fracturing within the city limits of Denton; and
2. Encourage chamber members and their employees to vote against the proposed ban on the November 4, 2014 ballot; and
3. Advocate that the City of Denton pursue reasonable regulation of local well sites while protecting the property rights of all citizens.

APPROVED during its regular monthly meeting on August 21, 2014.

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Larry L. Parker  
Chair of the Board

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ATTEST: Charles W. Carpenter  
Secretary