RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the El Paso City Council to protect the environment and the natural resources unique to the El Paso region; and,

WHEREAS, there is an opportunity to guide and plan for future development and the protection of valuable open space that could potentially be lost if action is not taken; and,

WHEREAS, Castner Range is located outside of the City’s corporate limits, in the northeast mountainous area of the City, and is owned by the United States Government (the “U.S.”); and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. has declared that Castner Range be categorized as excess land under federal policy; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes that the land be preserved and not developed, and wishes to request that the U.S. Department of the Army declare Castner Range as surplus land and consider either a Public Benefit Conveyance or Conservation Conveyance so that the whole of Castner Range is preserved and no portion is developed so that it is fully accessible and can be used by the public for passive or active recreational use.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS:

THAT the City Manager be authorized to send a letter on behalf of the El Paso City Council to be addressed and delivered to the Garrison Plans, Analysis & Integration Office at Fort Bliss, Texas (on behalf of the United States Department of Defense), to express the City of El Paso’s desire to protect Castner Range in its entirety in its current state, and that it be preserved for future generations and that it not be developed in whole or in part. Further, that City staff coordinate with the City’s federal lobbyist to add to the City’s federal agenda a request for federal funds for the remediation of unexploded ordnance within Castner Range.

ADOPTED this 14th day of March, 2006.

CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Assistant City Attorney

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