#### A RESOLUTION NOMINATING PHELPS DODGE REFINING CORPORATION AS A TEXAS STATE ENTERPRISE ZONE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of El Paso ("City") has previously passed Ordinance No. 017116 on May 26, 2009, electing to participate in the Texas Enterprise Zone Program; and

**WHEREAS,** the local incentives offered under this Resolution are the same on this date as were outlined in Ordinance No. 017116; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Chapter 2303, Subchapter F of the Texas Enterprise Zone Act, Texas Government Code ("Act"), Phelps Dodge Refining Corporation has applied to the City for designation as an enterprise zone project; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor Economic Development and Tourism ("EDC") through the Economic Development Bank ("Bank") will consider Phelps Dodge Refining Corporation as an enterprise project pursuant to a nomination and an application made by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to pursue the creation of the proper economic and social environment in order to induce the investment of private resources in productive business enterprises located in the city and to provide employment to residents of enterprise zones and to other economically disadvantaged individuals; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that Phelps Dodge Refining Corporation meets the criteria for designation as an enterprise project under Chapter 2303, Subchapter F of the Act on the following grounds:

- 1. Phelps Dodge Refining Corporation is a "qualified business" under Section 2303.402 of the Act since it will be engaged in the active conduct of a trade or business at a qualified business site located outside an enterprise zone and at least thirty-five percent (35%) of the business' new employees will be residents of an enterprise zone, economically disadvantaged individuals, or veterans; and
- 2. There has been and will continue to be a high level of cooperation between public, private, and neighborhood entities within the area; and
- 3. The designation of Phelps Dodge Refining Corporation as an enterprise project will contribute significantly to the achievement of the plans of the City for development and revitalization of the area.

WHEREAS, the City finds that Phelps Dodge Refining Corporation meets the criteria for tax relief and other incentives adopted by the City and nominates Phelps Dodge Refining Corporation for enterprise project status on the grounds that it will be located at the qualified business site, will create a higher level of employment, economic activity and stability; and

**WHEREAS,** the City finds that it is in the best interest of the City to nominate Phelps Dodge Refining Corporation as an enterprise project pursuant to the Act.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

- 1. That Phelps Dodge Refining Corporation is a "qualified business" as defined in Section 2303.402 of the Act, and Phelps Dodge Refining Corporation meets the criteria for designation as an enterprise project, as set forth in Section 2303, Subchapter F of the Act;
- 2. That the enterprise zone project shall take effect on the date of designation of the enterprise project by the agency and terminate five years after date of designation; and
- 3. That the City Manager or his designee be authorized to sign any and all documents required by EDC to complete the nomination process.

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**ATTEST:** 

THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Laura Prine City Clerk

## APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Juan S. Gonzalez

Senior Assistant City Attorney

### Mayor

Oscar Leeser

### **APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

Elizabeth Triggs, Director Economic & International Development