



**RESOLUTION TITLE: RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT ENDORSING THE
GASTON COUNTY CLT AIRPORT CONNECTED
ECONOMIC POSITIONING STRATEGY**

WHEREAS, the Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT Airport) generates \$16.2 billion annually in direct and indirect economic impact and over 224,000 direct and indirect jobs in the Charlotte region according to a 2015 study by UNC Charlotte; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County CLT Airport Connected Economic Positioning Strategy (Strategy) is a public-private initiative to provide Gaston County, the cities and towns in the county, and the business community of Gaston County, a plan to harness more effectively the economic benefit of proximity to CLT Airport; and,

WHEREAS, the Greater Gaston Development Corporation (GGDC), Gaston County, the Cities of Belmont, Bessemer City, Gastonia, Lowell, and Mount Holly, and the Towns of Cramerton, Dallas and Stanley, jointly established a public-private Steering Committee and jointly contributed \$230,000 to prepare a Strategy for Gaston County applying airport-connected economic development principles; and,

WHEREAS, over the ensuing 12 months, the Steering Committee guided the development of the Strategy by MXD Development Strategists LLC, the major elements of which included: 1) an Assessment of Existing Conditions; 2) a Market and Economic Analysis; 3) an Economic Driven Land Use Plan and Development Strategy; and 4) a Strategic Development Action Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Strategy featured 20-year growth projections by land use, identification of key existing and future mobility corridors, economic opportunity areas, catalytic projects, and a compelling rationale for increasing transportation capacity between Gaston County and Charlotte including transit; and,

WHEREAS, by unanimous vote the Steering Committee adopted the Strategy and supporting Report on September 26, 2018, and initiated a process for its implementation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby endorses the Gaston County CLT Airport Connected Economic Positioning Strategy and commends the public and private members of the project's Steering Committee for their contributions to the economic future of the county and the well-being of its citizens.

Adopted this 11th day of December, 2018.

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:
