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Supervisor Perea Announces 'Hire Local for High Speed Rail' Campaign

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Fresno, CA – Hire Local for High Speed Rail is a campaign to encourage the California High Speed Rail Authority to hire local businesses and local workers to complete its historic first phase of construction that will run right through the heart of Fresno County.

Fresno County Supervisor Henry Perea, Fresno Works co-chair, will ask the Fresno County Board of Supervisors to pass a resolution in support of Hire Local for High Speed Rail at its meeting at 9 a.m. this Tuesday, Dec. 14th in the Hall of Records.

"Fresno County boasts a strong, intelligent, able, dedicated and talented workforce," said Supervisor Perea. "Our residents are eager to get back to work and will do a superior job in the completion of the Authority's high speed rail line."

The federal government allotted \$4.3 billion for the Authority to spend on the first phase of its high speed rail line in the San Joaquin Valley. That money would be well-spent to help slash Fresno County's unemployment rate of 15.2 percent.

The resolution will ask the Authority to give a strong commitment to hiring local Fresno County businesses to complete the environmental, planning, design, engineering, and construction work that will be required to complete the first segment of its high speed rail line.

For more information about the Fresno Works effort, visit FresnoWorks.org.

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