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RESOLUTION 191, 2004

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE SCRIPPS RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND OTHER BIOTECH AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BUSINESSES LOCATING IN THE CITY OF PALM BEACH GARDENS.

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2003, the Florida Legislature approved legislation creating the Scripps Florida Funding Corporation (SFFC), a non-profit, tax-exempt, special-purpose entity and appropriating \$310 million in federal stimulus funds to the Governor's Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development (OTTED); and

WHEREAS, economists estimate there will be an additional 44,000 jobs as a result of the industry clustering that is expected to take place surrounding the Scripps Florida nucleus; and

WHEREAS, The Scripps Research Institute originally selected a 1,920-acre parcel west of Palm Beach Gardens known as Mecca Farms as the site for its Florida expansion; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2004, the Board of County Commissioners requested an alternative sites analysis be conducted in order to determine a more favorable site for the location for the project in terms of acceptability to Palm Beach County, The Scripps Research Institute, and the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2004, the Board of County Commissioners transmitted a letter to The Scripps Research Institute Board of Trustees which requested that Board evaluate two alternative sites for the home of Scripps Florida; and

WHEREAS, one of the alternative sites included the "Briger Parcel," a 682 parcel within the City of Palm Beach Gardens; and

WHEREAS, the "Briger Parcel" will provide the most optimal environment and best alternative site for Scripps Florida, recognizing the value and close proximity of the Abacoa DRI and Parcel 19 in the Town of Jupiter to allow for additional spin-off secondary and tertiary companies and other supporting residential, commercial, and community components needed to capitalize on the extraordinary opportunities presented by the Scripps project; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Abacoa Development of Regional Impact (DRI) located in the
2 Town of Jupiter, situated immediately north of the "Briger Parcel" on the north side of
3 Donald Ross Road, has been planned for a mixture of land uses that will support the
4 spin-off industries associated with research and development and biotechnology, and
5 will play a key component to the economic synergy with the "Briger Parcel" envisioned
6 by the County, State, and Scripps; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, it has been determined in the Preliminary Environmental
9 Assessment included as part the Alternative Sites Analysis final report issued by Palm
10 Beach County dated August 12, 2004, that a number of native upland vegetative
11 communities exist on the "Briger Parcel"; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, Section 78-252 of the City of Palm Beach Gardens Land
14 Development Regulations provides for a method and criteria to allow for alternative
15 forms of mitigation of upland vegetative communities; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, Section 78-158 of the City of Palm Beach Gardens Land
18 Development Regulations provides a criteria and method for waivers to Planned Unit
19 Developments and Planned Community Developments, which provides for flexibility in
20 the planning and development review process; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, the City is committed to assisting in the processing of any
23 development applications, including, but not limited to, the Development of Regional
24 Impact (DRI) applications, Comprehensive Plan amendments, and Rezoning
25 applications for the planning and development of Scripps Florida on the "Briger Parcel";
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28 **WHEREAS**, the City Council has deemed approval of this Resolution to be in the
29 best interest of the citizens and residents of the City of Palm Beach Gardens.
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32 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY**
33 **OF PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA** that:
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35 **SECTION 1.** The foregoing recitals are hereby affirmed and ratified.
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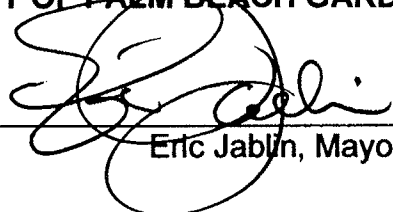
37 **SECTION 2.** The City Council of the City of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida,
38 hereby supports the "Briger Parcel" as the best alternative site that will provide the most
39 optimal environment for Scripps Florida, recognizing the value and close proximity of
40 the Abacoa DRI and Parcel 19 in the Town of Jupiter to allow for additional spin-off
41 secondary and tertiary companies and other supporting residential, commercial, and
42 community components needed to capitalize on the extraordinary opportunities
43 presented by the Scripps project.
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SECTION 3. The City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Honorable Alice D. Sullivan, Chair of TSRI Board of Trustees, and Dr. Richard Lerner, President of TSRI, on The Scripps Board of Trustees and to the Board of County Commissioners.


SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of September, 2004.

CITY OF PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA

BY: 
Eric Jablin, Mayor

ATTEST:

BY: 
Patricia Snider, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

BY: 
Christine P. Tatum, City Attorney

VOTE:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
MAYOR JABLIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
VICE MAYOR RUSSO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COUNCILMEMBER DELGADO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
COUNCILMEMBER LEVY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

