## City of Fort Worth, Texas

# Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 17ALCONRESEARCH2025\_TEZ

**SUBJECT** 

(CD 8) Adopt a Resolution Nominating Alcon Research, LLC's Facility Located at 6201 South Freeway, Fort Worth, Texas as a Single Enterprise Project, Pursuant to the Texas Enterprise Zone Act, Chapter 2303, Texas Government Code

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution nominating Alcon Research, LLC's facility at 6201 South Freeway as a single enterprise project pursuant to the Texas Enterprise Zone Act, Chapter 2303, Texas Government Code.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

On November 4, 2003, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 15733 electing to participate in the Texas Enterprise Zone Program. On May 12, 2015, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 21743-05-2015, amending Ordinance No. 15733, by adding additional potential local incentives that could be made available to qualified businesses under the Texas Enterprise Zone Program. The Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office of the Office of the Texas Governor, through the Economic Development Bank, will consider Alcon Research, LLC, as a single enterprise project pursuant to a nomination and an application made by the City.

The Texas Enterprise Zone Program is an economic development tool for local communities to partner with the State of Texas to promote job creation and capital investment in economically distressed areas of the state. An enterprise project is defined as a business that is nominated by a municipality or county and then approved for state benefits. Designated projects are eligible to apply for state sales and use tax refunds on qualified expenditures. The level and amount of refund is related to the capital investment that will continue to produce a high-quality product for its local customers, as well as retaining a growing workforce of employees at the qualified business site.

Alcon Research, LLC's facility located at 6201 South Freeway, Fort Worth, Texas, qualifies as a Single Enterprise Project Designation that counts as one designation with planned capital investments of approximately \$40 million for facility improvements and upgrades including mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP). These projects will include facility maintenance and improvements at an existing building, from September 1, 2025, through September 1, 2030. Alcon's principal business is providing product solutions focusing on manufacturing for vision products.

As part of the project, Alcon will retain 1,540 current employees, with an average annual salary at \$129,987.00.

If designated as a single enterprise project by the State of Texas, Alcon commits to hiring thirty-five percent (35%) economically disadvantaged persons or enterprise zone residents for its certified jobs at its Fort Worth facility during its enterprise project designation.

The single enterprise project designation allows for a state sales and use tax refund on qualified expenditures of \$2,500.00 per job, for up to 500 jobs, with a maximum benefit of \$1,250,000.00 over a five-year period. Under the Texas Enterprise Zone Act, at least thirty-five percent of the business' new or retained employees will be residents of an enterprise zone, economically disadvantaged individuals or veterans. In addition, the jobs will be provided through the end of the designation period or at least three years after the date on which a state benefit is received, whichever is later.

The project is located in Council District 8.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

### FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds.

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