AGENDA ITEM NO. 6.1

Staff Report

AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: July 13, 2026

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ITEM TYPE: Resolutions

AGENDA SECTION: CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON

SUBJECT: Resolution R2026 -34 Expressing Support for the AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act (S. 315 and H.R. 979)

BACKGROUND:

Congress is currently considering the AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act (S.315 and H.R.979), legislation that would require auto makers to keep AM radio in new passenger vehicles. The legislation is intended to keep access to AM radio broadcasts (especially for public safety and emergencies).

While advances in technology have expanded the ways residents receive information, AM radio continues to serve an important role in rural communities like El Campo, and during emergency situations. AM radio signals are capable of traveling long distances and often remain available when other communication systems are disrupted by severe weather, power outages, or infrastructure failures.

For the citizens of El Campo and the surrounding region, KULP has long served as a trusted source of local news, weather information, community event coverage, and emergency notifications. During hurricanes, tropical weather events, flooding, and other emergencies, local radio stations provide information that is specific to our community and often unavailable through national media outlets.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approve Resolution R2026-34 expressing support for the AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act (S.315 and H.R.979).

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution No. 2026-34 Support of AM radio in vehicles.pdf