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FRAMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

ORDER NO. 2019-004
REQUEST OF THE COUNCIL CHAIR

UPON THE REQUEST OF THE COUNCIL CHAIR, THE CITY OF FRAMINGHAM, THROUGH THE FRAMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL, IT IS SO ORDERED:

That the City Council adopt a Resolution in Support of the Creation of a Cultural District in the City of Framingham. The Resolution follows this page.

YEAS: Cannon, Giombetti, Grove, King, Rossi, Richardson, Shepard, Sisitsky, Steiner, Torres, Tully Stoll

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: All Members were present

PASSED IN COUNCIL: JANUARY 15, 2019

A True Record, Attest:

02/06/19

Date Approved

Lisa A. Ferguson

Lisa A. Ferguson, City Clerk



RESOLUTION

A resolution by the City of Framingham to create a state-authorized cultural district for at least (5) years to be named the Framingham Centre Common Cultural District.

WHEREAS, the City wishes to pursue a state-authorized cultural district through the enabling legislation (MGL ch.10 sec.58A)

WHEREAS, the City has a mixed-use geographical area that has a concentration of cultural facilities and assets.

WHEREAS, the City has held a public hearing and adopted a resolution proclaiming its interest in establishing a state-designated cultural district.

WHEREAS, the City has created a broad and diverse partnership of stakeholders committed to cultural, community and economic development to provide oversight of the district.

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Cultural Council will be petitioned in accordance with its guidelines and criteria to designate said cultural district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Framingham that the City:

Article 1. Endorses the submission of this application and agrees to foster the development of a cultural district.

Article 2. Endorses the state-sponsored cultural district goals: attracting artists and cultural enterprises, encouraging business and job development, establishing tourist destinations, preserving and reusing historic buildings, enhancing property values and fostering local cultural development.

Article 3. Will appoint a city official to represent the city within the district partnership of said cultural district.

Article 4. Encourages all who own property or businesses within said cultural district to involve themselves and participate in the full development of the cultural district.

Article 5. Directs city agencies to identify programs and services that could support and enhance the development of the cultural district and ensure that those programs and services are accessible to the cultural district.

January 15, 2019

On behalf of the Framingham City Council:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dennis Giombetti", is written over a horizontal line.

Dennis Giombetti, Chair