Watertown City Council

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RESOLUTION# 83 **2023 – R –** 83

RESOLUTION TO UNDERTAKE THE CREATION OF A WATERTOWN SQUARE CULTURAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS: the provisions of G.L. c. 10, §58A provide for the establishment of cultural districts to attract artists and cultural enterprises to a community, encourage business and job development, establish tourist destinations, preserve and reuse historic buildings, enhance property values and foster local cultural development; and

WHEREAS: the City of Watertown wishes to pursue designation of a state-authorized cultural district as provided for in G.L. c. 10, §58A; and

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

WHEREAS: the City of Watertown has held a public meeting as required to establish a state-designated cultural district, and

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

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: that the City of Watertown undertake creation of a state-authorized cultural district for a period of at least (5) years to be named the Watertown Square Cultural District, and in doing so agrees to:

1. foster the development of the Cultural District;

2. endorse the state-sponsored cultural district goals of 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;

3. appoint a City official to represent the City within the District partnership of said Cultural District;

4. encourage all who own property or business within the Cultural District to involve themselves and participate in the full development of the District; and

5. direct 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.

Council Member

I hereby certify that at a Meeting of the City Council for which a quorum was present, the above Resolution was adopted by a vote of 9 for, 0 against, and 0 present on November 14, 2023.

Brendan T. McCarthy, Council Clerk

Mark S. Sideris, Council President

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mark S. Sideris, Council President	Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Vice President & District C Councilor	John M. Airasian, Councilor At Large
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