

CITY OF SEATTLE
RESOLUTION 31500

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3 A RESOLUTION endorsing Seattle's bid to join the UNESCO Creative Cities Network as a City
4 of Literature.

5 WHEREAS Seattle's commitment to free and creative written expression is evident in its
6 independent booksellers, educational and nonprofit writing programs, presses and journals,
7 literary performances, library system, and the passionate readers and writers who call it home;
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9 WHEREAS Seattle's literary arts community enriches the city culturally and economically,
10 providing jobs and promoting cultural tourism, giving writers opportunities to develop their craft
11 and readers access to broad, diverse, and unique literary voices from around the world; and

12 WHEREAS in 1998, the Seattle Public Library launched a program encouraging Seattleites to
13 deepen their engagement in literature through reading and discussing the same book; "Seattle
14 Reads" is now an annual event in its 17th year, and has been widely emulated in cities, states and
15 countries around the world; and

16 WHEREAS the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
17 established the Creative Cities Network to recognize cities with exemplary commitments to the
18 arts of Literature, Cinema, Music, Design, Craft and Folk Arts, Gastronomy, and Media Arts;
19 and

20 WHEREAS Seattle author Mr. Ryan Boudinot is organizing Seattle's application to the
21 UNESCO Creative Cities Network, recognizing that joining this network will create artistic and
22 economic opportunities for the residents of Seattle, as well as opportunities for the world to
23 recognize Seattle's significant contributions to literature; and

24 WHEREAS Mr. Boudinot has enlisted the support of the Seattle Public Library as well as
25 national literary organizations, including the American Library Association, American
26 Booksellers Association, Academy of American Poets, and Associated Writing Programs for
27 Seattle's bid, as well as Nancy Pearl, the only librarian to ever be turned into an action figure,
28 who has agreed to sponsor an International Writers Exchange program in support of Seattle
becoming a City of Literature; NOW THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE
MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

Section 1. The City of Seattle fully supports Seattle's application to UNESCO to be
designated a City of Literature within its Creative Cities Network.

1 Section 2. The City of Seattle recognizes that a UNESCO City of Literature designation
2 can directly benefit adults and children in Seattle by increasing opportunities for international
3 cultural exchanges, author readings, writing instruction, publishing initiatives, and education
4 programs.

5 Section 3. The City of Seattle will support its designation as a City of Literature by
6 collaborating with public and private partners to ensure the program's long-term success.

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9 ADOPTED by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2014, and signed by me in
10 open session in authentication of its adoption this ____ day of _____, 2014.

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14 President of the City Council

15 THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

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18 Edward B. Murray, Mayor

19 Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2014.

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22 City Clerk

23 (Seal)

FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

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Legislation Title: A RESOLUTION endorsing Seattle’s bid to join the UNESCO Creative Cities Network as a City of Literature.

Summary of the Legislation: Declares the City Council and Mayor’s support of Seattle’s application to be designated a City of Literature within the Creative Cities Network of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization).

Background: Seattle author Mr. Ryan Boudinot is organizing Seattle’s application and has enlisted the support of the Seattle Public Library as well as national literary organizations such as the American Library Association, American Booksellers Association, Academy of American Poets, and Associated Writing Programs for Seattle’s bid. He’s also convinced Nancy Pearl, the only librarian to ever be turned into an action figure, to agree to sponsor an International Writers Exchange program in support of Seattle becoming a City of Literature. This resolution affirms the City of Seattle’s support for Mr. Boudinot’s application efforts.

Please check one of the following:

This legislation does not have any financial implications.

This legislation has financial implications.

Appropriations:

Fund Name and Number	Department	Budget Control Level*	2013 Appropriation	2014 Anticipated Appropriation
TOTAL				

**See budget book to obtain the appropriate Budget Control Level for your department.*

Appropriations Notes:

Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from this Legislation:

Fund Name and Number	Department	Revenue Source	2013 Revenue	2014 Revenue
TOTAL				

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes:

Total Regular Positions Created, Modified, or Abrogated through this Legislation, Including FTE Impact:

Position Title and Department	Position # for Existing Positions	Fund Name & #	PT/FT	2013 Positions	2013 FTE	2014 Positions*	2014 FTE*
TOTAL							

** 2014 positions and FTE are total 2014 position changes resulting from this legislation, not incremental changes. Therefore, under 2014, please be sure to include any continuing positions from 2013.*

Position Notes:

Do positions sunset in the future?

Spending/Cash Flow:

Fund Name & #	Department	Budget Control Level*	2013 Expenditures	2014 Anticipated Expenditures
TOTAL				

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Spending/Cash Flow Notes:

Other Implications:

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?**
No.
- b) **What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?** None.
- c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?** No.
- d) **What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?** N.A.
- e) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?** No.
- f) **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?** No.
- g) **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?** No.
- h) **Other Issues:** N.A.

List attachments to the fiscal note below: None