



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Date

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1	Mayor	11/17/2015	Mayor's leg transmitted to Council	City Clerk			
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1	City Clerk	11/17/2015	sent for review	Council President's Office			
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1	Council President's Office	11/17/2015	sent for review	Finance and Culture Committee			
	Action Text:	The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Finance and Culture Committee					
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1	Full Council	11/30/2015	referred	Finance and Culture Committee			
	Action Text:	The Resolution (Res) was referred. to the Finance and Culture Committee					
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1	Finance and Culture Committee	12/09/2015	adopt				Pass

Action Text: The Committee recommends that Full Council adopt the Resolution (Res).

In Favor: 2 Chair Licata, Member Burgess

Opposed: 0

1 Full Council 12/14/2015 adopted

Pass

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote and the President signed the Resolution:

In Favor: 8 Council President Burgess, Councilmember Godden, Councilmember González , Councilmember Harrell, Councilmember Licata, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Rasmussen, Councilmember Sawant

Opposed: 0

1 City Clerk 12/16/2015 submitted for Mayor
Mayor's signature

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor

Notes:

1 Mayor 12/17/2015 Signed

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was Signed.

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1 Mayor 12/17/2015 returned City Clerk

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was returned. to the City Clerk

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1 City Clerk 12/17/2015 attested by City
Clerk

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was attested by City Clerk.

Notes:

CITY OF SEATTLE
RESOLUTION 31635

A RESOLUTION creating an Arts & Cultural District in the Central Area of Seattle.

WHEREAS, City Council Resolution 31555 created a city-wide program of Arts & Cultural Districts, to be managed by the Office of Arts & Culture; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Comprehensive Plan calls for the support of Arts & Cultural Districts as a means to “support arts and cultural uses and the economic benefits they provide,” and encourages the City to “allow regulations and incentives to be adopted specifically for designated cultural districts,” and to “allow adopted guidelines or regulations to modify, exempt, or supersede the standards of the underlying zone to encourage arts and cultural uses”; and

WHEREAS, the Arts & Economic Prosperity IV study reported that Seattle’s nonprofit arts and culture industry generated \$448,000,000 in annual economic activity, \$248,000,000 in household income, \$38,000,000 in local and state government revenues, and 10,807 full-time equivalent jobs; and

WHEREAS, arts- and entertainment-related businesses and organizations add cultural and economic diversity to a city, enhance the lives of the city’s residents and visitors, and positively impact the city’s economy by generating jobs and revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Central Area in Seattle is already home to art galleries, museums, studios, theaters, and art, music, and culturally-oriented community events; and the City wishes to recognize and protect its arts-rich areas from the displacement that new development often brings; and

1 WHEREAS, the Central Area is the city's historically African-American neighborhood and has
2 experienced both a history of low educational attainment in the schools and the
3 institutionalized racism of redlining. The Central Area is also home to some of the
4 poorest outcomes in the school system, which has contributed to a systemic school-to-
5 prison pipeline. The City recognizes the Central Area as a center of African American
6 heritage and history, and as a catalyst to greater inclusion and equity city-wide. It is
7 important that this nucleus of Black cultural heritage to be protected and strengthened;
8 and

9 WHEREAS the Central Area has been home to some of the world's best-respected artists,
10 including Jimi Hendrix, Quincy Jones, Sir Mix-a-Lot, Theaster Gates, Rose McGowan,
11 James Washington, Xenobia Bailey, Vitamin D, DV-One, Ernestine Anderson, Ray
12 Charles, Clarence Acox, Bumps Blackwell, Owuor Arunga, Dumisani Maraire, Tendai
13 Maraire, Art Chantry, and numerous others; and

14 WHEREAS, Seattle's Central Area has been home to some of the region's best-respected arts
15 and cultural organizations, including Nu Tribes Collective, On the Boards, Black
16 Arts/West, Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute, Pratt Fine Arts, The Black Arts
17 Alliance, Coyote Central, the Northwest African American Museum, the CD Forum for
18 Arts & Ideas, The Eritrean Community Center, The Umoja Peace Center, Centerstone
19 (formerly Central Area Motivation Program), Ewajo Dance Center, 206 Zulu, Hidmo,
20 and KYAC & KRIZ radio; and

21 WHEREAS, the very cultural vibrancy that has made the neighborhood so attractive to property
22 developers has already suffered from displacement due to new market-rate development.
23 The neighborhood believes, and the City concurs, that a program supporting equitable

1 development can preserve a sense of place and lessen the displacement that new
2 development often brings;

3 WHEREAS, the establishment of an arts and cultural district has been indicated as a key goal as
4 part of the Central Area Economic Revitalization Plan as developed by Central Area
5 Collaborative – a broadly representative group who shares interest in improving the
6 economic health of the Central Area. This group includes, but is not limited to the Central
7 Area Chamber of Commerce, AfricaTown/CD, 23rd Avenue Action Community Team
8 ACT, Land Use Review Committee, Centerstone, Urban League, National Association
9 for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Black Community Impact Alliance; and

10 WHEREAS, a group of stakeholders has self-organized and requested formal recognition as an
11 Arts & Cultural District, organized around three foundational pillars:

- 12 • Preserving an African American legacy in the Central Area;
- 13 • Sustaining and strengthening the physical identity and sense of place for Black
14 cultural relevancy; and
- 15 • Establishing a formalized forum for continued support of artistic creation,
16 economic vibrancy, livability, affordability, desirability, and artistic vitality;

17 NOW THEREFORE,

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

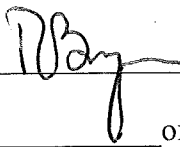
20 Section 1. The City of Seattle establishes an Arts & Cultural District in the Central Area
21 of Seattle, to be known as the Historic Central Area Arts and Cultural District.

22 Section 2. The City of Seattle directs appropriate members of the City's departmental
23 staff to actively support and work with staff in the Office of Arts & Culture to develop and

maintain the District, and to support the health and vitality of the artists, creative businesses, and artists residing in the District.

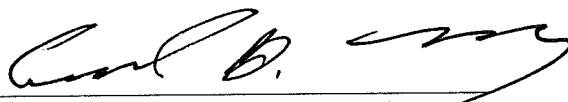
Section 3. The City of Seattle encourages all residents of the Central Area, and especially those who own property or businesses within the District, to support, promote, and help maintain artists, arts organizations, and arts events in the Central Area.

Adopted by the City Council the 14th day of December, 2015, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 14th day of December, 2015.



President _____ of the City Council

The Mayor concurred the 17th day of December, 2015.



Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this 17th day of December, 2015.



Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

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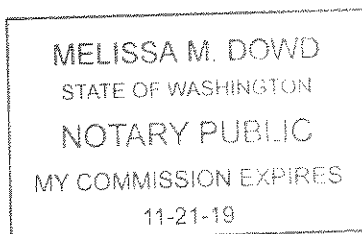
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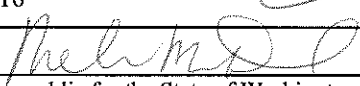
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City of Seattle

The full text of the following legislation, passed by the City Council on December 14, 2015, and published below by title only, will be mailed upon request, or can be accessed at <http://clerk.seattle.gov>. For information on upcoming meetings of the Seattle City Council, please visit <http://www.seattle.gov/council/calendar>. Contact: Office of the City Clerk at (206) 684-8344.

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Res 31639

A RESOLUTION adopting General Rules and Procedures of the Seattle City Council, superseding Resolutions 31489 and 31561.

RES 31640

A RESOLUTION declaring the support for passage of the Seattle School District's Proposition 1 Operations Levy and Proposition 2 Buildings, Technology and Academics/Athletics IV Capital Levy, on the February 9, 2016 ballot.

Res 31641

A RESOLUTION expressing the City Council's intent to improve the accommodation of people with hearing disabilities in City facilities.

Res 31642

A RESOLUTION declaring support for Muslim communities, affirming the religious pluralism of the United States, and urging Seattle residents to stand together for peace and understanding.

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