

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY APPROVAL OF THE  
*OUR DOWNTOWN: Anchorage Downtown District Plan 2021***

**DRAFT 1-11-22**

**WHEREAS**, the Anchorage community and especially Downtown has suffered through the various impacts of the Great Recession, the 2019 November Earthquake, and then almost immediately following the Covid-19 Pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the impacts to Downtown have substantially affected the economic and demographic health of Downtown, wherein there has been jobs lost, business closures, a downturn in tourism visitation, and a lack of housing and commercial investments; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to these economic and demographic impacts, the Municipal Planning Department initiated a three-stepped project identified in the *2040 Land Use Plan* to update the *2007 Destination Downtown: Downtown Comprehensive Plan*, and reformat and update the Downtown zoning districts code; and

**WHEREAS**, this three-stepped project has completed Step 1, the Downtown Zoning Districts reformat adopted by the Anchorage Assembly in April 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Step 2, the Plan update was initiated in January 2020 and has been completed by staff in an expedited and timely manner employing a robust public engagement and outreach process producing a public hearing draft plan for community comment on October 18, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the .....(agency or group name here).... attended several meetings that allowed its Executive Director, leadership, and membership to participate in plan input, provide direction and feedback, and give insight into important lessons learned; and

**WHEREAS**, Planning Department staff used the information gathered from the ...(agency or group name here)..... to create a forward-thinking plan to include new housing, commercial, and retail businesses with several new goals, policies, and action items that when funded and implemented by the partner agencies and Municipal departments will bring the economic recovery Our Downtown needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan update supports tax incentives, leveraged capital investments by Municipal departments and private utility providers, new communications processes, multi-modal transportation improvements, and quality of life actions to bring new investments in housing, business, and tourism opportunities to Downtown; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the planning process the planning team has acknowledged the land of Dena'ina and the importance cultural and historic resources are to the community.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,**

Respectfully and with unanimous support, the.....(agency or group name here) voted on Month, ....., 2022 to recommend approval of the *OUR DOWNTOWN: Anchorage Downtown District Plan 2021* to the Anchorage Assembly.

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Director/Chair/Executive Director