

RES 17-031

Wilmington, Delaware
May 4, 2017

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WHEREAS, the West Side Revitalization Plan is a neighborhood revitalization plan completed in June 2012 (the “Plan”);

WHEREAS, the Plan represents a grass-roots collaborative effort among residents, businesses, community groups, and non-profit organizations aimed at addressing business redevelopment, housing rehabilitation, transportation, economic development, safety, parks, and other community concerns; and

WHEREAS, under the guidance of a local Steering Committee comprised of local residents, community leaders and business owners, this unprecedented display of community input as evidenced by the 400 resident surveys, 120 comments on the collaborative map, 20 confidential interviews, 16 business surveys, 5 focus groups, and 2 public meetings, could serve as a model for other areas of the City undertaking similar endeavors; and

WHEREAS, while other planning documents including, but not limited to, the Hilltop/Little Italy Blueprint Communities Revitalization Plan (January 2009), the West Side Comprehensive Plan (2009), and the Wilmington 5th District Neighborhood Plan (2002), focused on specific locations or topics, the West Side Revitalization Plan seeks to reinforce and incorporate aforementioned documents into one comprehensive overarching vision for the West Side; and

WHEREAS, implementation of elements of the Plan can already been seen in Wilmington, notably through the Flats Redevelopment – the first phase of which is complete, and the second phase underway; and

WHEREAS, although still a “work in progress” Council supports and will continue to work with the community to implement the stated goals and objectives of the West Side Revitalization Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 106th Session of City Council formally endorsed the West Side Revitalization Plan in 2012, and now the members of the 107th Session of City Council seek to renew this body’s commitment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that this Council endorses the West Side Revitalization Plan and applauds the dedication and hard work undertaken to bring it to fruition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Council hopes this Plan can be a catalyst to further strengthen the West Side of Wilmington, as well as be used as a template for other communities throughout the City to do the same.

Passed by City Council
May 4, 2017

ATTEST: Maribel Seijo
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 4th
day of May, 2017

[Signature]
Assistant City Solicitor