

- 1 (1) Seeks to improve the living conditions and overall appearance in the neighborhoods in the
2 designated areas of the City outlined in this resolution.
- 3 (2) Seeks to improve the housing stock and infrastructure in the neighborhoods in the designated
4 areas outlined in this resolution.
- 5 (3) Seeks to stabilize these neighborhoods by improving the conditions of rental housing in the
6 designated areas outlined in this resolution.
- 7 (4) Seeks to improve the outcomes for marginalized families, youth and children by implementing
8 programming using evidenced-based practices deployed into the designated areas outlined in
9 this resolution, using City-owned, fixed assets that are in these neighborhoods.
- 10 (5) Seeks to improve the City of Little Rock's Procurement Process to ensure that applicants who
11 reside in, or who seek contracts concerning Wards 1, 2, 6 and 7 have equitable opportunities to
12 obtain contracts within the City of Little Rock.
- 13 (6) Calls on City Government to initiate policymaking and provide stimulus funding based upon
14 funding availability and new funding that is created to achieve the outcomes detailed above
15 with the stated goals: to enhance development and improve living conditions in the
16 neighborhoods in and around the South End of Ward 1; the 12th Street Corridor and the
17 southwest portion of Ward 2, in Ward 6, in and around the John Barrow Road Corridor and
18 specific areas of Ward 7, in the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) annually for
19 five (5) years with the option to renew at the end of the first five (5) years after a review of the
20 progress made in the efforts to improve the living conditions, appearance of neighborhoods and
21 outcomes for marginalized families, youth and children. Upon review, the appropriate policy
22 changes – if any --, programs, and procedures that have been implemented should be made and
23 the funding renewed for an additional five (5) years. This process is to be repeated until the
24 neighborhoods in the designated areas outlined in this resolution have stabilized and the
25 appearance and living conditions have shown substantial improvement. The funding will be
26 used as leverage to attract multiple funding sources including Federal and State Government,
27 the private business sector and private foundations, to stimulate investment in these specific
28 areas and create programming that will stabilize families.

29 **Section 2.** The Board of Directors strongly encourages the Mayor and City Manager to establish a
30 process within the next year to develop short, medium and long-term recommendations to specifically
31 address the request identified in this resolution that aid in the creation of generational wealth and boost
32 economic mobility and opportunity in the in neighborhoods in and around in the South End of Ward 1, the
33 12th Street Corridor including the southwest portion of Ward 2, in and around the John Barrow Road
34 Corridor in Ward 6 and specific areas of Ward 7.

1 **Section 3.** The Board of Directors fully supports its Community Programs Department and Housing
2 and Neighborhood Programs Department Staff and their work, and strongly encourages the Mayor and City
3 Manager to utilize their talents when forming policy and programs that will establish the creation of
4 generational wealth and address specific needs in the designated areas outlined in this resolution.

5 **Section 4.** The Board of Directors seeks to establish within the next year, a working group empowered
6 to make short, medium- and long-term recommendations that will make significant progress toward
7 meeting the stated goals of this resolution. The Targeted Community Development Initiative Working
8 Group will be comprised of members representing local institutions and community organizations. The
9 working group will be made up of seven (7) members who will be selected by the Mayor, in consultation
10 with members of Board of Directors from Ward 1, 2, 6 and 7. The task of the Targeted Community
11 Development Initiative working group is to develop a strategic plan that will include specific projects in
12 the targeted areas identified in this resolution. Accountability for achieving the goals of this resolution will
13 be enforced by the Office of Executive Administration and its staff. The report and the resulting budgetary
14 and programmatic priorities may include, but not be limited to, increasing homeownership and access to
15 other affordable housing, increasing minority business development and ownership and career
16 opportunities, strategies to grow equity and generational wealth, closing the gaps in health care, education,
17 employment and pay, and neighborhood safety.

18 **Section 5.** The Board of Directors calls on the Mayor and City Manager to give, at minimum, a bi-
19 annual update to the City Board on the progress of work performed pursuant to this resolution.

20 **Section 6. Severability.** In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or
21 word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or
22 adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution on which shall remain in full force and
23 effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the
24 resolution.

25 **Section 7. Repealer.** All laws, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with the
26 provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

27 **ADOPTED: January 19, 2021**

28 **ATTEST:**

APPROVED:

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31 **Allison Segars, Deputy City Clerk**

32 **APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

SPONSOR:

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35 **Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney**

1 **SPONSOR:**

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4 **Director Ken Richardson, Ward 2**

5 **SPONSOR:**

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Director Doris Wright, Ward 6