

1 **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PLEDGE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED**
2 **\$100,000 TO THE FOURTH WARD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION IN SUPPORT**
3 **OF REVITALIZATION EFFORTS FOR THE 54 COLUMNS PUBLIC ART**
4 **INSTALLATION PROJECT VIA A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER**
5 **PURPOSES.**

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7 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners approved the Art in Public
8 Places Resolution on April 17, 1993 (Agenda Item #93-RC-112); and

9 **WHEREAS**, following the approval of the Art in Public Places Resolution, the
10 Fulton County Arts Council developed a Public Art Master Plan ("Master Plan"), which
11 was approved by the Board of Commissioners on July 19, 1995 (Agenda Item #95-0885);
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, the mission of the Master Plan is to develop a program for public art
14 that fosters a creative climate in Fulton County, recalls its history and heritage, attracts,
15 and encourages interaction with the urban landscape, and enhances the daily life of
16 Fulton County citizens; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the 54 Columns Public Art Installation Project ("Project") is the result
18 of the first partnership with a private entity for public artwork under the Master Plan; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners accepted a donation of
20 the land upon which the Project currently sits and funding for the Project from the Taylor
21 Family Foundation at the July 15, 1998 Recess Meeting (Agenda Item #98-0981); and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Project was designed by internationally renowned artist Sol
23 LeWitt, and is comprised of 54 concrete pillars in varying heights that echo the City of
24 Atlanta's skyline that is visible on the site's western horizon; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Project is located in the City of Atlanta's Fourth Ward
2 Neighborhood, adjacent to Freedom Parkway at the intersection of Glen Iris Drive and
3 Highland Avenue; and

4 **WHEREAS**, upon acceptance of the Taylor Family Foundation donation, Fulton
5 County agreed to provide maintenance of the Project and the site, and ensure that the
6 finished artwork area is landscaped; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Fourth Ward Neighborhood Association is seeking funding from
8 various sources for improvements to the Project that will consist of stadium seating, up
9 lighting on columns, walkways, signage, plantings, and programming; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners desires to pledge support
11 to revitalize the Project in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 in furtherance of their
12 commitment to maintain and landscape the Project; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners believes the arts are
14 essential to the quality of life of our citizens and to the economic and social health of our
15 communities; and

16 **WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. § 36-1-19.1 authorizes the County to provide grants,
17 appropriation or contributions for arts and humanities purposes, to be carried out within
18 the boundaries of the County via contract for services; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Project will be funded through the Fulton County Public Arts Trust
20 account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes a pledge in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 to the Fourth Ward Neighborhood Association in support of revitalization efforts for the 54 Columns Public Art Installation Project and in furtherance of Fulton County's commitment to maintain and landscape the Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby directs the Chief Financial Officer to ensure that the funding allocation will be taken out of the Fulton County Public Arts Trust account.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman is authorized to execute the contract for services for the pledge, with such contract to be developed by the Department of Arts and Culture and the Office of the County Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to approve the contract for services as to form and to make modifications thereto prior to execution by the Chairman.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption and that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SO PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 18th day of May 2022.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPONSORED BY:

Robert L. Pitts, Chairman

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6 Tonya Grier,
7 Clerk to the Commission
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9 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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