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# PLANNING and LAND USE MGT.

## MOTION

On July 25, 2000, the Council adopted a Resolution (Walters-Pacheco), CF 00-1449, which directed the Planning Department to initiate proceedings to establish a Commercial and Artcraft District within the Downtown Arts District Community for the areas generally bounded by First Street to the North, the Los Angeles River to the East, Sixth Street to the South, and Alameda Street to the West, to support private initiatives that preserve and reuse existing commercial and industrial properties and attract additional vitality to an emerging Arts District.

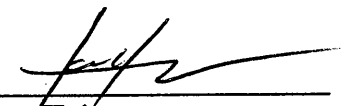
The *Central City North Community Plan* encourages artists-in-residence uses within the area generally bounded by First Street on the north, Palmetto Street on the south, Alameda Street on the west, and Santa Fe Avenue on the east.

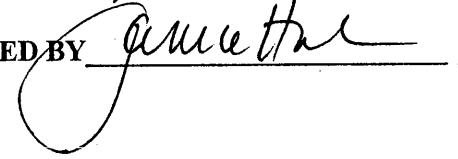
Seven years later since the adoption of the abovementioned Resolution, there is now an expanding Downtown Arts District Community with creative living spaces, including live/work and adaptive re-use residential projects and some new construction, being developed throughout the area.

As the area has evolved, it has become evident that the current geographical boundaries of the Arts District are not inclusive of the expanding Arts District community, which now extends past 7th Street to Violet Street and encompasses the area between the River to Mill Street/Wilson.

Inasmuch as the current *Central City North Community Plan* geographical boundaries do not include the portions of the expanding Downtown Arts District, the benefits of inclusion in the Arts District are not available to that portion of the City.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Council instruct the Planning Department to update the geographical boundaries of the Downtown Arts District, which is part of the Central City North Community Plan, to include the areas south to and including Violet Street and the areas between Mill Street/Wilson and the Los Angeles River.

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