

April 10, 2024

WHEREAS, in November 2022, the Housing and Homelessness Solutions Council Committee requested that staff conduct extensive engagement to develop a community-vetted vision for the city's historic preservation efforts, then offer a strategy for how to realize that vision; and

WHEREAS, this Historic and Cultural Preservation Strategy Strategic Plan outlines the steps and resources required for the city to build a suite of historic and cultural preservation tools that serves all of Dallas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas's definition of racial equity is a situation that is achieved when people are thriving and race no longer statistically dictates, determines, or predicts one's social outcome or ability to thrive; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas is committed to reducing disparities and assisting close-knit historically marginalized communities in preserving their history and culture; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas has an opportunity to meaningfully commit to this work by dedicating the resources and tools needed to equitably preserve history and culture in Dallas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas pledges to provide a truly equitable preservation function that can assist people of all racial, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds in preserving the places that are important to them; and

WHEREAS, this strategy introduces a vision and mission for the city's enhanced historic and cultural preservation functions to serve as pillars that clarify the city's purpose and role in preservation; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of how various communities have not been included in determining the built environment in Dallas, the vision and mission of the strategy intentionally broadens the city's role in historic preservation beyond the current regulatory program; and

WHEREAS, many of the best tools of preservation are also tools of economic development, sustainability, affordability, arts and culture, and small business, functions that exist across city departments; and

WHEREAS, for these reasons, the Historic and Cultural Preservation Strategy broadens the role of the city's historic and cultural preservation efforts beyond the Historic Preservation program within the Department of Planning and Urban Design; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate intent is to best utilize the City of Dallas's resources to make Dallas a place where a diversity of histories and cultures are evident, protected, and celebrated.

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Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the attached Historic and Cultural Preservation Strategy is adopted as a guide to assist in: (1) correcting longstanding capacity and resource challenges; (2) providing resources to residents in every single council district, not just those in the currently designated historic districts; (3) eliminating barriers that have prevented historically marginalized communities from fully participating in or benefiting from the City's preservation resources; (4) breaking down silos between City departments that have limited the impact of the City's preservation, affordable housing, sustainability, and economic development efforts; and (5) creating innovative new programs and tools to directly address the priorities of marginalized communities.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly resolved.