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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2026

EXPRESSING the support of the Council of the City of Cincinnati for the development of the Farmer Music Center as a catalyst for a new era of cultural tourism and economic activity in Cincinnati and **EXPRESSING** Council’s commitment to allocate \$8,000,000 in capital resources by the end of Fiscal Year 2027 to support the construction of the Farmer Music Center.

WHEREAS, the Farmer Music Center will be a \$160,000,000 state-of-the-art amphitheater designed to host up to 20,000 guests that will be a premier live-music destination; and

WHEREAS, the Farmer Music Center will be located within the city of Cincinnati and is expected to yield major economic returns to Cincinnati taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, more specifically, an \$8,000,000 allocation by Council is expected to result in a \$100,000,000 economic impact annually and \$15,000,000 in additional City tax revenue over ten years; and

WHEREAS, the City’s investment of \$8,000,000 would be recaptured as tax revenue in just over five years; and

WHEREAS, the \$8,000,000 allocation by Council will be contingent upon the Administration’s project underwriting, standard review processes, and other conditions appropriate and necessary to guarantee the completion of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and MEMI are leveraging significant private funding to bring this transformative project to completion; and

WHEREAS, in addition to this significant private funding, the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra is requesting public support at the state and local level to help complete this major investment in Cincinnati’s live music landscape; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That this Council expresses support for the development of the Farmer Music Center as a catalyst for cultural tourism and economic activity in Cincinnati.

Section 2. That this Council expresses its commitment to allocate \$8,000,000 in capital resources by the end of Fiscal Year 2027 to support the development of the Farmer Music Center.

Passed: _____, 2026

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmembers Anna Albi, Ryan James, Evan Nolan, Meeka Owens, and Seth Walsh