

December 1, 2025

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

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From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager

**Subject: LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION – ORGANIZING THE
CONVENTION DISTRICT COMMUNITY AUTHORITY**

Attached is an Emergency Legislative Resolution captioned:

ORGANIZING the Convention District New Community Authority; **APPROVING** the amended petition; **ESTABLISHING** the boundaries of the authority; **APPOINTING** members of the board of trustees of the authority; **ESTABLISHING** the method for selecting the board of trustees of the authority; **FIXING** the surety bond amount for the members of the board of trustees; and **ESTABLISHING** the method for selecting the board of trustees of the authority.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with ORC 349, property owners can voluntarily opt into a New Community Authority, which allows those consenting property owners to subject themselves to various revenue generating sources which include, but are not limited to, charges as it pertains to assessed property valuation, sales, lodging revenue, and fixed parcel charges.

Property owners within the Convention District are interested in creating the Convention District Community Authority to support the financing of the Convention Hotel project, an approximately 700-room convention center hotel and related improvements that will anchor the District and enhance the existing commercial, retail, office, restaurant, entertainment and other existing uses.

Council previously passed Emergency Resolution 64-2025 which determined a previously submitted petition was sufficient. An amended petition was subsequently submitted, and a required hearing was held on December 1, 2025. This resolution will approve the amended petition and organize the Convention District Community Authority, including appointing members to its board of trustees.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends approval of this legislative resolution.

cc: Markiea L. Carter, Director, Department of Community & Economic Development

Attachment A: Convention District Community Authority Map

