

RESOLUTION NO. 5454

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AND SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF A CULTURAL DISTRICT BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON THE ARTS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF LONGVIEW AND ARTS!LONGVIEW; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, THE CITY MANAGER, AND/OR ANY OTHER OFFICIAL TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS INCIDENT TO APPLYING FOR AND SECURING SAID DESIGNATION FROM THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON THE ARTS; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THE RESOLUTION WAS PASSED WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Longview finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Longview to support the application to the Texas Commission on the Arts for the designation of a Cultural District; and,

WHEREAS, the creation of a cultural district is supported by the City of Longview's Comprehensive Plan as adopted in 2015; and,

WHEREAS, if designation is granted, the City of Longview in cooperation with Arts!Longview gives assurance to the Texas Commission on the Arts that the activities and services for which the designation is sought will be administered by the applicant organization; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Longview in cooperation with Arts!Longview agrees to complete annual reports and submit to a reauthorization process at the end of each ten-year period in order to remain a TCA designated cultural district; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Longview through Arts!Longview has read, understands, and will conform to the intent outlined in the Guide to Programs and Services; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Longview working with Arts!Longview will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, with labor standards under Section 5(j) of the National Foundation of the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965, with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1974, with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and with the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Longview working through Arts!Longview will comply with Section 10(7)(b) of the Commission's Enabling Legislation, which prohibits the Commission and its grantees from knowingly fostering, encouraging, promoting, or funding any project, production, workshop, and/or program which includes obscene material as defined in Section 43.21 Penal Code of Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Longview supports public/private partnerships that contribute to the quality of life for Longview residents; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the findings set out in the preamble to this resolution are hereby in all things approved and adopted.

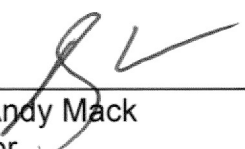
Section 2. That the Community Services Department is authorized to work with Arts!Longview to support the application for a Cultural District Designation by the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Section 3. That the Mayor, the City Manager, and/or any other official of the City as shall be necessary or convenient are/is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents, as approved by the City Attorney's Office, incident to support the application for a Cultural District Designation by the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Section 4. That the meeting at which this resolution was approved was in all things conducted in strict compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

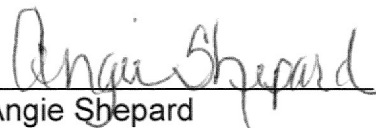
Section 5. That this resolution shall become effective immediately from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of April, 2019.




Dr. Andy Mack
Mayor

ATTEST:



Angie Shepard
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Jim Finley
City Attorney



EXHIBIT D

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**GREGG COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
RESOLUTION**

CULTURAL ARTS DISTRICT DESIGNATION SUPPORT

WHEREAS, the City of Longview is applying to the Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) to be considered for a Cultural Arts District designation; and

WHEREAS, cultural arts districts are specialized zones within Texas cities to identify specific focal points for generating business, attracting tourists, stimulating cultural development, and fostering civic pride; and

WHEREAS, the City of Longview established a twenty-five member Cultural Arts District Task Force and for the past year has been working toward the requirements outlined for consideration by the Texas Commission on the Arts; and


WHEREAS, letters of support from community partners that represent an array of stakeholders can offer additional leverage for a designation consideration; and

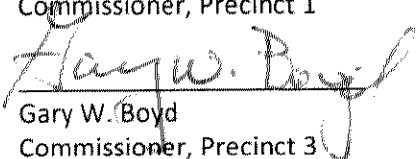
WHEREAS, whereas the Cultural Arts District will encourage continued collaboration among the County's creative organizations, events, and other cultural assets.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the County of Gregg supports and endorses the submission of an application to the Texas Commission on the Arts for the City of Longview to be considered for a Cultural Arts District designation.

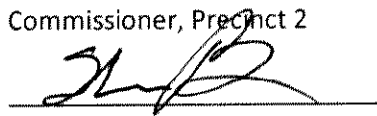
Signed and dated this 8th day of April, 2019


Bill Stoudt, County Judge



Ronnie L. McKinney
Commissioner, Precinct 1

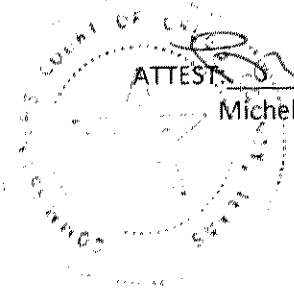

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Commissioner, Precinct 3


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Commissioner, Precinct 2


Shannon E. Brown
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST


Michelle Gilley, County Clerk





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March 25, 2019

Mr. Jim Bob McMillan, Deputy Director
Texas Commission on the Arts
Post Office Box 13406
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. McMillan,

It is with great pleasure that the Longview Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors send this letter of support for the City of Longview as they work to secure a Cultural Arts District for our city. We know this designation will greatly enhance all Longview has to offer through its arts, culture and creative community.

Our business leaders believe this will also help drive the engine of commerce and spur new economic development. Community revitalization efforts will be enhanced as this effort is part of Longview's Long-term Strategic plan initiated in 2015.

The application process has brought together our community leaders, supporters of the arts and citizens who have never been involved before; all of which is a positive thing for our city. As a result, it has been a navigation tool to set a plan of action, prioritize our needs and create the foundation for our efforts to realize a Cultural Arts District in the heart of Longview.

By a unanimous vote of our Board of Directors, we heartily endorse the city's efforts to create this much needed designation.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Manley, Jr.
Immediate Past Chairman

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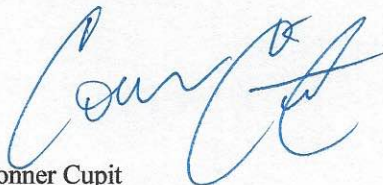
Dear Mr. McMillan,

As Chairman of the Longview Economic Development Corporation (LEDco), I am writing to you in full support of the City of Longview's efforts to establish a Cultural Arts District for the City. On behalf of our Board of Directors and our Staff at LEDco, we strongly believe this designation is not only a well-deserved distinction for Longview but also one that will play an integral role in economic growth for the City and its region moving forward.

Longview has a thriving arts community, rich in its history, which has extraordinarily strong support from the City and our citizens. By enhancing our arts community even further, we will be better able to attract top-tier organizations to our area and encourage existing, thriving business to remain in Longview. A designation such as this furthers our efforts to stimulate economic growth, retain jobs and create new, incremental jobs for Longview and its surrounding region. In a place as business-friendly and attractive to new business as Texas is, Longview strives to "play its role" in the State's overall economic efforts by bettering itself every day, in every facet, and continuing to grow its value proposition. This designation is yet another feather in the cap of a city putting its best foot forward to attract new businesses, retain existing ones, and further overall economic growth for itself, its region and its state.

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors and Staff at LEDco, we fully support the city's efforts to establish a Cultural Arts District for Longview. We hope that the Texas Commission of the Arts will grant the City of Longview this important and well-deserved designation and look forward to the positive impact this will bring to our economy for years to come.

Respectfully,



Conner Cupit
Chairman of the Board of Directors
Longview Economic Development Corporation