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Honorable Tim Burgess, President
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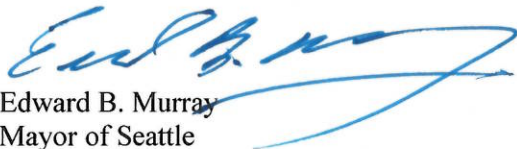
Dear Council President Burgess:

I am pleased to transmit the attached proposed resolution that creates the Historic Central Area Arts & Cultural District. This program builds on decades of interest in launching arts districts in Seattle. This resolution is the culmination of work the Council funded for 2015. Councilmember Licata has long been a proponent.

Stakeholders in the Central Area, including artists, arts organization leaders, and community activists have been meeting for more than six months in an effort to organize an application for designation as the City's second arts and cultural district. My office and the Office of Arts & Culture, have both been proactive in assembling the group and encouraging the conversation.

Each district is encouraged to articulate a mission and a series of goals. The Central Area group has chosen to focus on honoring, retaining, and growing African and African-American artists, aesthetics, and organizations in the neighborhood. This is an exciting example of the City's commitment to strengthening and building community capacity and ownership in Seattle neighborhoods. Thank you for your consideration of this joint resolution. Should you have questions, please contact Randy Engstrom at (206) 684-7173.

Sincerely,



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