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CITY OF SEATTLE

A RESOLUTION supporting the Uptown neighborhood and requesting that City departments and other parties use the correct name for Uptown.

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle is fortunate to be made of many distinct neighborhoods with their own sense

of community and identity; and

WHEREAS, Uptown is one of the City's oldest neighborhoods and has an inimitable cultural vibe and characteristics specific to Uptown; and

WHEREAS, Uptown is one of the six urban centers designated in The City of Seattle's Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, as of the last major update to the Comprehensive Plan, the Uptown Urban Center is approximately 333 acres and home to some 7,300 residents and 15,000 jobs; and

- WHEREAS, Uptown has its own unique mix of housing, residents, businesses, arts, culture, public life, parks, attractions, and public spaces that have helped shape it; and
- WHEREAS, the Uptown Arts & Cultural District, created by the City in 2017 to help nurture and protect Uptown's healthy and vibrant arts and culture, shares Uptown's boundaries; and
- WHEREAS, Uptown is home to the Seattle Center, all of its resident arts and cultural organizations, the iconic Space Needle, Climate Pledge Arena, the Seattle Kraken, and Memorial Stadium; and
- WHEREAS, Uptown proudly and gloriously hosted all of Seattle's fans when they saw the Seattle Supersonics and Seattle Storm win their world championships; and
- WHEREAS, Uptown has historically been referred to as "Uptown" by residents, businesses, and local government for decades, as evidenced by buildings and businesses incorporating "Uptown" into their titles and official City documents; and
- WHEREAS, as Uptown continues to experience economic and population growth, businesses are increasingly incorporating that neighborhood name into signs, titles, and documents; and
- WHEREAS, businesses, consumers, visitors, and Seattle residents use online mapping and location services for wayfinding, travel, discovering new businesses and attractions, and connecting with others through social media; and
- WHEREAS, many companies increasingly rely on and integrate location-based mapping and wayfinding data into their applications, further underscoring the importance of correctly identifying a neighborhood or community; and
- WHEREAS, mislabeling Uptown risks confusion and inaccurate labeling for residents, businesses, visitors, first responders, and the thousands of people who move to Seattle each year; and
- WHEREAS, online mapping, wayfinding, and location services mistakenly use other names to describe

 Uptown; and
- WHEREAS, having online mapping and location services accurately label Uptown would go a long way in

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ensuring consistency; and	
WHEREAS, names matter and correctly identifying Uptown promotes civic pride ar	nd a sense of place for
residents, businesses, visitors, and the city; and	
WHEREAS, the City seeks to reduce confusion by providing appropriate notification	n to online mapping,
wayfinding, and location services; NOW, THEREFORE,	
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE	тнат:
Section 1. "Uptown" should be the City's official reference to the area design	nated as the Uptown Urban
Center in the City's Comprehensive Plan. The City Council requests that all City of	Seattle departments, where
feasible, refer to the neighborhood as "Uptown" in documents, on websites, and in e	lectronic communications
Section 2. The City Council requests that the Seattle City Clerk provide a cop	py of this resolution to
Google Maps, Apple Maps, MapQuest, Here WeGo, and other online mapping and l	ocation services of the
correct boundaries and name of the Uptown neighborhood.	
Adopted by the City Council the day of	, 2021, and signed by
me in open session in authentication of its adoption this day of	, 2021
President of the City Co	nuncil

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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk