

Detroit Historic District Commission

RESOLUTION 20-05

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, the Detroit Historic District Commission (“HDC”), per Section 21-2-6 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, has the responsibility to render advice and guidance concerning grants and programs concerning historic preservation;

WHEREAS, the Historic Designation Advisory Board (“HDAB”), per Section 21-2-29 and 21-2-31, shall conduct studies for proposed historic districts, and has the responsibility for surveying, researching, and recommending such districts;

WHEREAS, the federal government, via the National Park Service (“NPS”), and in conjunction with Michigan’s State Historic Preservation Office (“SHPO”), makes certain funding available for grants to Certified Local Governments (“CLG”s), of which the City of Detroit is so certified;

WHEREAS, the HDAB is empowered to pursue and expend such CLG grant funding in the support of its survey and research responsibilities;

WHEREAS, the City’s CLG status is regularly audited and reviewed by SHPO and the NPS, based on the historic preservation activities and decisions of both the HDC and HDAB;

WHEREAS, the HDAB, via its staff, has requested that the HDC consider lending its support to HDAB’s application for a 2021 CLG grant to develop historic context studies of Latinx and Middle Eastern communities in Detroit. This is part of a broad, multi-year initiative to document historic resources related to underrepresented groups located within the boundaries of Detroit. The historic context statements will provide guidance in identifying and evaluating potential historic resources relating to Detroit’s diverse and growing Latinx and Middle Eastern populations. The updated inventory will be used in future planning decisions and increasing public awareness of the history of underrepresented communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Detroit Historic District Commission supports HDAB’s CLG grant application, and directs HDC staff to prepare a Letter of Support stating such.

Dated: September 9, 2020