

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR DOWNING

COUNCILMAN'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

No. CR-20
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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR A REGIONAL TOURISM ACT FUNDING APPLICATION FOR THE CITY OF AURORA

WHEREAS, the Regional Tourism Act (RTA) establishes a program that gives local governments the opportunity to apply for funding for large scale regional tourism projects that are anticipated to result in substantial increases in out-of-state tourism and that generate a significant portion of the sales tax revenue by transactions with nonresidents of the Regional Tourism Zone; and

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has submitted an RTA application to the Colorado Economic Development Commission (EDC) for the Gaylord Entertainment Project and has determined that the development of the Gaylord hotel, resort and convention center meets the objectives of the RTA program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Northglenn supports economic development and tourism initiatives and is committed to regionalism; and

WHEREAS, the Northglenn City Council believes that the Gaylord Entertainment Project will bring significant benefits to the region, and wishes to express support of the City of Aurora's RTA application for the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The letter of support, attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized to sign and deliver the same.

DATED at Northglenn, Colorado, this ____ day of _____, 2012.

JOYCE DOWNING
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
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February 9, 2012

Ken Lund
Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Lund,

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Northglenn strongly support the City of Aurora's application for Regional Tourism Act funding for the Gaylord Project.

The Gaylord hotel and conference center will bring significant benefit with an \$824 million investment and nearly 1200 permanent and 1500 construction jobs.

Northglenn leaders are committed to regionalism and see this project as a real opportunity to attract tens of thousands of new visitors to not only the metro area, but the entire state of Colorado. The nationally acclaimed Gaylord hotels have a loyal following of meeting planners and conference participants that seek a Western destination. From our vantage point all Coloradans stand to win.

We urge the Colorado Economic Development Commission to approve the City of Aurora's request for Regional Tourism Act funding for the Gaylord Project.

Sincerely,

Joyce Downing
Mayor

cc: Aurora Mayor Steve Hogan