

# Budget and Finance

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Offered by: MAYOR HARRIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 196 -2020 expressing support for the Akron Cultural Plan and adopting the Akron Public Art Master Plan; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, officials of the City of Akron consider arts and culture to be of utmost importance by providing vibrancy, cohesion, the experiences of many cultures, and exposure to the arts as well as the possibilities of economic and community development; and

WHEREAS, ArtsNow developed a cultural plan for the City of Akron using extensive public engagement methods totaling over 639 hours of listening, with hundreds of voices represented; and

WHEREAS, the community showed overwhelming interest in the establishment of an open, equitable, and neighborhood-centric public art program to be administered by the City of Akron; and

WHEREAS, officials of the City of Akron feel that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Akron to endorse the Akron Cultural Plan and adopt the Akron Public Art Master Plan

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Akron:

Section 1. That Akron City Council hereby expresses support for the Akron Cultural Plan, on file with the Clerk of Council.

Section 2. That Akron City Council hereby adopts the Akron Public Art Master Plan, on file with the Clerk of Council, and will work to accomplish the vision and goals of the Akron community reflected with the Plan, to enhance the lives of our citizens through investment in public art opportunities.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, safety and welfare for the reason that public art elevates the cultural vibrancy and identity of the community, and provided this resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time allowed by law.

Passed June 29, 2020

Donna R. Biviano, Deputy  
Clerk of Council

Mayor Harrigan  
President of Council

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