

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-17

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
CITY OF VALDOSTA'S CITY CENTER ARTS DISTRICT (CCAD)**

WHEREAS, Arts Districts are often referred to as cultural districts, creative communities, or arts and entertainment districts and serve as the anchor of attraction for many communities; and

WHEREAS, arts, culture, and creativity can improve a community's competitive edge, create a foundation for defining a sense of place, attract new and visiting populations, integrate the visions of community and business leaders, and contribute to the development of a skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) to establish the first Arts District in the City of Valdosta known as the City Center Arts District (CCAD); and

WHEREAS, the area to be designated as the CCAD would follow the Central Valdosta Development Authority's western, southern, and eastern boundaries and then move north two blocks to Webster Street to include the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts (see attached map); and

WHEREAS, the PAAC will initially assist in holding a series of charrettes to bring citizens in to help with creating a mission statement, setting long term goals, and developing an action plan; and

WHEREAS, the City strongly encourages the involvement of community partners such as the Central Valdosta Development Authority/Downtown Development Authority, the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, the City of Valdosta, the Historic Preservation Commission, Valdosta State University, the Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce, Lowndes County, the Lowndes-Valdosta Arts Commission, and local businesses and citizens.


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and members of the City Council are in support of this initiative to establish the first City Center Arts District in Valdosta.

SO RESOLVED this 6th day of October, 2016.



John Gayle, Mayor

Attest:



Teresa S. Bolden, Clerk of Council