

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO FUND THEATRE AND ARTS DISTRICT STREET AND LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS; the Orange County Board of Supervisors officially recognized the establishment of the Orange County Theater District by resolution on January 27, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Theater District (hereinafter referred to as the "District") is located in the heart of Orange County bounded by the I 405 Freeway, Bristol Street, Sunflower Avenue and Avenue of the Arts; and

WHEREAS, the District includes the Orange County Performing Arts Center and South Coast Repertory Theater in addition to serving as residence for numerous performing and visual arts organizations consisting of artists from throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, The District has become a center for arts education for young people from all over Orange County with more than 85 percent of all public schools and 90 percent of all Title I schools in 2003/2004 being served by one or more of the District's Arts Partners and more than 430,000 student visits in 2004/2005; and

WHEREAS, in September 2006 the District will debut its most anticipated addition with the opening of the Rence and Henry Segerstrom Symphony Hall, dedicated to offering the finest in orchestral performances; and

WHEREAS, private sector visionaries committing major financial contributions have served as the catalyst in establishing the District, including over \$250,000,000 towards the completion of the new Symphony Hall and associated area improvements; and

WHEREAS, leadership from both the private and public sector recognize the importance of their respective roles in establishing the District for the public benefit, making Orange County an innovator in creating Cultural Partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the City of Costa Mesa, one of the original partners in this effort, has acknowledged the cultural value of the area through the creation of the Costa Mesa Theater Arts District, bringing together both public and private sector resources to support the design and financing of public improvements for the District; and

WHEREAS, the effort has been very successful, resulting in streetscape improvements, landscaped public areas, roadway rehabilitation and other amenities that provide for both the convenience and the safety of the public while experiencing the various arts venues; and

WHEREAS, there remain opportunities to complete the public area improvements through financial contributions towards street rehabilitation and public landscape areas within the District; and

WHEREAS, such collaboration dates back to the area's agricultural origins and sets the County of Orange apart as a leader in recognizing the supporting role of government to the vitality of free enterprise.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa requests that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Orange and the Board of Directors of the Orange County Transportation Authority join the Orange County Theater District partnership through a one-time contribution of \$3,000,000 to the Theater Arts District for the improvement of public areas and the unmet costs associated with the rehabilitation of both hardscape and landscape;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any contribution made by the County of Orange and the Orange County Transportation Agency will be used exclusively for public area improvements only and that any and all funds expended shall be accurately accounted for and a record of such transactions be made readily available for public inspection.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that in recognition of the contribution by the County of Orange and the Orange County Transportation Authority, the Orange County Theater District will provide a focus for cultural development for generations of Orange County residents.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of January, 2006.

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk of the City of Costa Mesa

Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa

APPROVED AS TO FORM

City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss
CITY OF COSTA MESA)

I, JULIE FOLCIK, Deputy City Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa, hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution No. _____ was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the said City Council at a regular meeting thereof held on the 3rd day of January, 2006, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Costa Mesa this 4th day of January, 2006.

Deputy City Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of
the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa