



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2822, **Agenda Item #:** 37.

10/17/2019

Posting Language

Conduct a public hearing and approve a resolution re-authorizing the South Congress Preservation and Improvement District. Related to item #8.

Lead Department

Economic Development Department

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

October 16, 2014 - City Council authorized the creation of the South Congress Preservation and Improvement District (PID) (Resolution No: 20141016-062)

June 19, 2019 - City Council approved Resolution 20190620-028 setting the calendar year 2020 rate of assessment and proposed calendar year 2020 assessment roll for the South Congress Preservation and Improvement District.

August 8, 2019 - Council adopted the South Congress Preservation and Improvement District Service and Assessment Plan and Budget update for 2020 and conducted a public hearing and considered an ordinance setting the assessment rate and approving the certified 2020 assessment roll for the South Congress Preservation and Improvement District.

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Additional Backup Information:

This resolution reauthorizes the South Congress Preservation and Improvement District (PID) for a period of five years. Petitions signed by property owners requesting authorization have been submitted and certified by the City Clerk's Office.

City Council approved the creation of the South Congress Preservation and Improvement District (PID) and set the initial assessment rate on October 16, 2014. The Council also contracted with the South Congress Improvement Association to manage the PID. City Council has approved subsequent budgets, service plans, and assessment rolls for the PID. The resolution reauthorizing the PID provided that it would dissolve five years after creation unless reauthorized through the petition process set out in the PID Assessment Act, Chapter 372, Local Government Code.

Since the PID was authorized in October 2014, the South Congress Improvement Association has provided enhanced services, including public order and safety, communications and membership, physical improvements, marketing, public relations, economic development, and historic preservation and accentuation.

The signed petitions generated by the South Congress Improvement Association represent over 50% of all taxable real property liable for assessment under the proposed PID reauthorization and represent the record

owners of over 50% of the area of taxable real property that is liable for assessment under the proposal. As certified by the City Clerk, the number of signatures is greater than the number required by Chapter 372, Local Government Code, and meets the legal requirements for a petition requesting authorization.

The PID boundaries remain the same, as shown on the South Congress Preservation and Improvement District (PID) Map. (All exemptions remain the same as indicated in the resolution continuing PID services. The original petitions as executed by the property owners or authorized representatives are available for inspection by the public in the City Clerk's Office.

As required by Section 372.013, Local Government Code, South Congress Improvement Association has prepared a five year service plan. The proposed service plan is both feasible and necessary to continue enhanced services within the PID boundaries. The five year service plan summarizes programs of South Congress Improvement Association and includes five year expenditure projections, proposed revenues, and assessment rates.

Property owners have been notified and notification requirements are complete as outlined in Section 372.003, Local Government Code.