

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
ISSUE 4B, REAUTHORIZATION OF THE SCIENTIFIC CULTURAL AND
FACILITIES DISTRICT TAX**

NO. 2016-108

WHEREAS, the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) is a nationally acclaimed model for funding cultural organizations and provides funding from a one-tenth of a cent sales tax in the seven-county Denver metro area to more than 300 small and large metropolitan arts and science organizations; and

WHEREAS, 14.2 million people annually visited the Denver metro area's cultural institutions and SCFD funding allowed more than half of those individuals to visit at reduced rates or for free; and

WHEREAS, SCFD-funded organizations provided 4.2 million annual tours and cultural experiences for school children, both in classrooms and at the cultural facilities; and

WHEREAS, \$14.9 million in SCFD funding is given to Adams County for local investment in arts and culture organizations such as the Commerce City Cultural Council; and

WHEREAS, the region's cultural organizations generate more than \$1.85 billion a year in economic activity, providing over 10,000 jobs and \$520 million in cultural tourism; and

WHEREAS, the SCFD has been approved by the legislature and endorsed by voters in three region-wide elections in 1988, 1994, and 2004; and

WHEREAS, by reauthorizing the one-tenth sales tax in 2016, local cultural institutions will have the ability to leverage this funding through 2030, enhancing Commerce City's "Quality Community for a Lifetime" with art and cultural amenities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Commerce City hereby supports Issue 4B and encourages the community to also support the renewal of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District sales tax through 2030.

RESOLVED AND PASSED THIS 3rd DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

BY: _____
Sean Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura J. Bauer, MMC, City Clerk