Resolution Relating to

CREATION OF NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING ASSEMBLIES

CITY OF BURLINGTON

In the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-two
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

That WHEREAS, this City Council determines that it is appropriate and desirable for citizens of the city to have adequate information concerning city programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, this Council and various city commissions could be much assisted if the views of the general public with respect to the needs of the city could be communicated to it in a regular and orderly fashion; and

WHEREAS, many positive benefits would result from the creation of neighborhood assemblies at which citizens could consider the issues facing city government and make recommendations for the consideration of appointed and elected officials charged with the responsibility of implementing city policies; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed desirable to increase the level of citizen participation with respect to the Community Development Block Grant program and other State and Federal programs; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of this City Council an appropriate and effective means of realizing such goals would be through the creation of Neighborhood Planning Assemblies in each ward of the city which would meet on a regular basis and provide advice to appointed and elected officials with respect to the issues facing the neighborhoods and the city.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this City Council hereby encourages and supports the establishment of a Neighborhood Planning Assembly in each of the city's seven wards.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such Neighborhood Planning Assemblies (NPAs) shall be established so as to be
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open and accessible to all voters of the city residing in a particular ward. The Community and Economic Development Office shall have the responsibility to organize Neighborhood Planning Assemblies in each ward and to convene the first two meetings of such assemblies. All voters of a particular ward of the Neighborhood Planning Assembly for such ward shall become voting members. Appropriate officers shall be elected at the second meeting of the assembly. Each assembly shall develop bylaws and meeting operating procedures.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Neighborhood Planning Assemblies shall, among other things, help provide citizens with information concerning city programs and activities; help obtain citizen views of city needs; help provide citizens with an opportunity to participate in making recommendations with respect to governmental decisions including the allocation of revenues. The Neighborhood Planning Assemblies shall also be encouraged to provide advice to the appropriate commission or this Council with respect to Community Development, housing programs, the city's Comprehensive Development Plan and its waterfront planning activities, and the city's budget among other issues.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all city staff personnel should cooperate in the implementation of this Resolution in accordance with its terms.