

1 STATE OF GEORGIA

2 CITY OF COLLEGE PARK

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4 RESOLUTION 2016-25

5 A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE
6 PARK, GEORGIA TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF
7 THE CITY OF COLLEGE PARK A NONBINDING, ADVISORY REFERENDUM
8 QUESTION REGARDING AIRPORT NOISE ISSUES TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8,
9 2016; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE;
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

11 WHEREAS, the governing authority of the City of College Park, Georgia ("City") is the
12 Mayor and Council thereof; and

13 WHEREAS, the City has a history of cooperation with the Federal Aviation
14 Administration ("FAA") to address noise issues resulting from air traffic activity and patterns;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, recent changes being implemented nationally by the FAA have caused the
17 relocation and narrowing of flight paths, which have resulted in closer spacing between aircraft
18 flying in said paths; and

19 WHEREAS, said changes have intensified airport noise originating from Hartsfield-
20 Jackson Atlanta International Airport ("ATL"); and

21 WHEREAS, residents who live near said flight paths have been experiencing extended
22 periods of background noise, punctuated by sharp increases in noise emanating from aircraft
23 flying more frequently over their residences; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Georgia Legislature has passed House Bill 1002 to authorize the City to
25 submit to its electors a nonbinding, advisory referendum question regarding the aforementioned
26 airport noise issues (“Referendum Election”); and

27 **WHEREAS**, the City has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Fulton
28 County Board of Elections and Registration (“BER”) to conduct the Referendum Election for the
29 precincts located in Fulton County; and

30 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to said intergovernmental agreement, the BER is responsible for,
31 inter alia, the selection, appointment and training of election supervisors and poll workers; and

32 **WHEREAS**, the Referendum Election shall be held at the time of the general election on
33 November 8, 2016; and

34 **WHEREAS**, the processes contained herein would benefit the health, safety, morals and
35 welfare of the citizens of the City.

36 **BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of
37 College Park, Georgia, and by the authority thereof, that there is hereby authorized to be called
38 and there is hereby called a Referendum Election, pursuant to House Bill 1002, to be held in all
39 precincts in the City, on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, for the purpose of submitting to the
40 qualified electors of the City the nonbinding advisory referendum question regarding airport
41 noise issues, as more specifically stated hereinafter.

42 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the ballot to be used in the Referendum Election
43 shall have printed thereon the nonbinding advisory referendum question to be determined by the
44 qualified electors, to wit:

45 “Shall Congress direct the Federal Aviation Administration to promulgate new noise
46 exposure regulations and authorize federal funding for new noise insulation for those
47 residences measured to be significantly impacted by recent changes to the air traffic

48 control system, regardless of whether those residences were previously insulated for
49 aircraft noise?"

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51 The ballot shall have printed thereon the word "YES" and the word "NO" so that each
52 elector may elect in either the affirmative or the negative as to the question propounded.

53 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the polls in each of the precincts within the City
54 shall be opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 7:00 p.m. on the day fixed for the Referendum
55 Election, and the Referendum Election shall be held at the regular and established places for
56 holding elections in the City. Notwithstanding any provision of this resolution, the Referendum
57 Election shall be held in accordance and in conformity with the Constitution and the laws of the
58 United States and of the State of Georgia.

59 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the BER is hereby appointed as the Municipal
60 Election Superintendent to conduct the Referendum Election for the precincts located in Fulton
61 County, to receive from poll officers the returns of the Referendum Election, to canvass and
62 compute such returns, and to certify as soon as practicable following the Referendum Election
63 the results thereof to the City.

64 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that it shall be the Municipal Election
65 Superintendent's duty to certify the results thereof to the Secretary of State and to each member
66 of the General Assembly whose Senate or Representative district lies wholly or partially within
67 the City.

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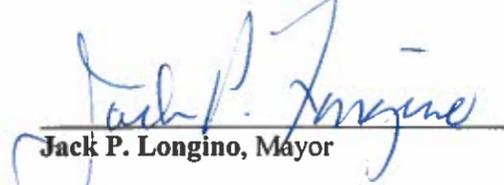
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RESOLVED this 1st day of August, 2016.

CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, GEORGIA



Jack P. Longino, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Brooks, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Steven Fincher, City Attorney