

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-05-014R**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING THE  
DOWNTOWN URBANA NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, an application has been submitted for nomination of a historic district to the National Register of Historic Places pursuant to the Urbana Historic Preservation Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the district nomination is commonly referred to as the “Downtown Urbana National Register Historic District” (District) which is generally bound by Illinois Street, Cedar Street, Goose Alley, Water Street, Walnut Street, and Vine Street; and includes 42 contributing buildings, 3 non-contributing resources, and the previously-National Register-listed Urbana-Lincoln Hotel and Lincoln Square Mall; and

**WHEREAS**, a public meeting was held by the Urbana Historic Preservation Commission on May 22, 2019, concerning the National Register Historic District nomination; and

**WHEREAS**, during this public meeting, the Urbana Historic Preservation Commission came to a general consensus that the proposed District met both the Historic Preservation Ordinance and the National Register criteria for inclusion on the List of Historic Places; and

**WHEREAS**, the Urbana Historic Preservation Commission evaluated the designated criteria and found the following:

1. The District qualifies for nomination to the National Register under criterion #2 – “That are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history” – due to the importance of the Champaign County Courthouse in politically-related events significant to the District, the repeated construction of new iterations of the county courthouse in the District throughout the period of significance, and the important contribution of the individual properties towards developing a successful, diverse commercial center in the District.
2. The District qualifies for nomination to the National Register under criterion #4 – “That embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction” – due to the breadth of architectural styles found in the District and the depth of the number of examples of these styles found in the District.
3. The District qualifies for nomination to the National Register under criterion #4 – “[T]hat represent the work of a master” – due to the number of outstanding examples of master architect Joseph Royer that are located in the District.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, as follows:

**Section 1.** That the Urbana City Council supports the nomination of the “Downtown Urbana Historic District” to the National Register of Historic Places, pursuant to the Urbana Historic Preservation Ordinance.

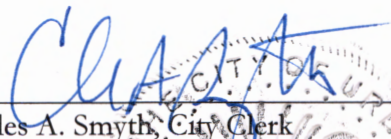
**Section 2.** That the Mayor of the City of Urbana, Illinois, be and the same is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Urbana, Illinois, and deliver to the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Commission, comments in support of establishing the “Downtown Urbana Historic District.”

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2019.

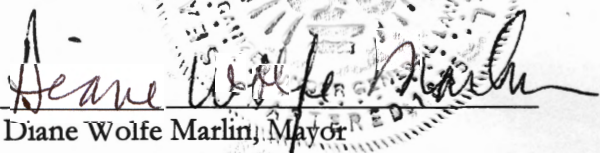
AYES: Hazen, Hursey, Jakobsson, Miller, Roberts, Wu

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

  
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Charles A. Smyth, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY THE MAYOR** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

  
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Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor

