

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

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at MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org by **3:00pm on Monday**.

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Date of Request: December 5th, 2014

Please mark one: Bill Request or Resolution Request

1. Has your agency submitted this request in the last 12 months?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

2. **Title:** A bill for an ordinance approving an amendment to the Welton Corridor Urban Redevelopment Plan for the 2801 Welton Street Project.

3. **Requesting Agency:** Denver Urban Renewal Authority/Department of Finance

4. **Contact Person:** *(With actual knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution.)*

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5. **Contact Person:** *(With actual knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution who will present the item at Mayor-Council and who will be available for first and second reading, if necessary.)*

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6. General description of proposed ordinance including contract scope of work if applicable:

- a. **Contract Control Number:** N/A
- b. **Duration:** Payment of incremental property taxes and incremental sales taxes to DURA shall cease on the earlier of (i) repayment of all Obligations or (ii) the date that is twenty-five (25) years from the date of the approval by the Denver City Council of the amendment to the Welton Corridor Urban Redevelopment Plan authorizing the use of tax increment financing ("TIF") to support the 2801 Welton Street Project (the "Term").
- c. **Location:** The Welton Corridor Urban Redevelopment Area is comprised of approximately 85 acres and is situated immediately to the northeast of downtown Denver. The Urban Redevelopment Area is centered around Welton Street and is generally bounded by Broadway Street on the west, Glenarm Place and 24th Avenue on the south, Downing Street on the east, and on the north either by California Street or the alley between Welton and California Streets. The proposed project is located at 2801 Welton and involves the redevelopment of a currently vacant building into mixed-use space consisting of ground floor retail and second floor office space (the "Project").
- d. **Affected Council District:** Council District #8 – Albus Brooks
- e. **Benefits:** The general objectives of the Welton Corridor Urban Redevelopment Plan are to reduce or eliminate blighted conditions as well as to stimulate growth and redevelopment. The Urban Redevelopment Plan establishes the framework for future City Council approval of public improvement projects and private redevelopment projects and the use of Property and/or Sales Tax Increment (TIF) for those approved projects. The Urban Redevelopment Plan Amendment will approve the 2801 Welton Street Project and establish the 2801 Welton Street Property Tax Increment Area and Sales Tax Increment Area to provide funding assistance in the form of incremental property and sales taxes.
- f. **Costs:** Upon approval by City Council of the property tax increment area and sales tax increment area, the incremental tax revenues will be available to the Denver Urban Renewal Authority for the purpose of financing project costs for the

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benefit of the Urban Redevelopment Area. Specifically, property tax increment revenues may be used to reimburse certain eligible development costs including, but not limited to, building demolition, restoration and shoring, site work, utility improvements, life safety costs and public realm improvements.

7. **Is there any controversy surrounding this ordinance?** (*Groups or individuals who may have concerns about it?*) **Please explain.** No controversy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This ordinance approves an amendment to the Welton Corridor Urban Redevelopment Plan for the 2801 Welton Street Project (“Project”). The Project is the redevelopment of an existing vacant building into mixed-use space consisting of ground floor retail and second floor office space.

The Denver Urban Renewal Authority is seeking to establish a Property Tax Increment Area and Sales Tax Increment Area to support the Project through an amendment of the Welton Corridor Urban Redevelopment Plan (the “Plan”). Staff with the City and DURA have agreed to an Urban Redevelopment Plan Amendment and Cooperation Agreement for the creation of the 2801 Welton Street Property Tax Increment Area and Sales Tax Increment Area and the use of TIF by DURA.

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A formal presentation on the Plan Amendment, seeking Council Committee approval is requested for December 16, 2014.

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