

# ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team  
at [MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org](mailto:MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org) by 9 a.m. Friday. Contact the Mayor's Legislative team with questions

Date of Request: 05/12/25

Please mark one:  Bill Request or  Resolution Request

Please mark one: The request directly impacts developments, projects, contracts, resolutions, or bills that involve property and impact within .5 miles of the South Platte River from Denver's northern to southern boundary? (Check map [HERE](#))

Yes  No

## 1. Type of Request:

Contract/Grant Agreement  Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)  Rezoning/Text Amendment

Dedication/Vacation  Appropriation/Supplemental  DRMC Change

Other:

2. **Title:** (Start with *approves*, *amends*, *dedicates*, etc., include name of company or contractor and indicate the type of request: grant acceptance, contract execution, contract amendment, municipal code change, supplemental request, etc.)

Amends an agreement with Social Space LLC. to add \$67,752.00 for a new total of \$917,752.00 to create site-specific public artwork for the National Western Center Riverfront. No change to agreement length, in Council District 9 (THTRS-202157859/THTRS-202578790-02).

3. **Requesting Agency:** Denver Arts & Venues

## 4. Contact Person:

Contact person with knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution (e.g., subject matter expert)	Contact person for council members or mayor-council
Name: Rudi Cerri	Name: Rudi Cerri
Email: Rudi.cerri@denvergov.org	Email: rudi.cerri@denvergov.org

5. **General description or background of proposed request. Attach executive summary if more space needed:**  
(who, what, why) See attached

6. **City Attorney assigned to this request (if applicable):** Laurie Heydman

7. **City Council District:** Council District 10

8. **\*\*For all contracts, fill out and submit accompanying Key Contract Terms worksheet\*\***

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## Key Contract Terms

**Type of Contract: (e.g. Professional Services > \$500K; IGA/Grant Agreement, Sale or Lease of Real Property):**  
Professional Services >500K

**Vendor/Contractor Name (including any dba's):** Social Space LLC

**Contract control number (legacy and new):**  
THTRS-202157859-00

**Location:** National Western Center, Riverfront

**Is this a new contract?**  Yes  No **Is this an Amendment?**  Yes  No **If yes, how many?** 2

**Contract Term/Duration (for amended contracts, include existing term dates and amended dates):** December 31 ,2026

**Contract Amount (indicate existing amount, amended amount and new contract total):**

<i>Current Contract Amount</i> (A)	<i>Additional Funds</i> (B)	<i>Total Contract Amount</i> (A+B)
\$850,000.00	\$67,752.00	\$917,752.00

<i>Current Contract Term</i>	<i>Added Time</i>	<i>New Ending Date</i>
12/31/2026	N/A	N/A

### Scope of work:

Artist Matthew Mazzotta will design and create a community gathering space inspired by a barn and the tradition of a “barn-raising,” titled Rising Together. The structure will serve as a vibrant focal point along the riverfront open space, offering shade, seating, swings, and an inviting environment for events and interaction. Mazzotta will collaborate with local artist Bimmer Torres, who will paint a mural on both the interior and exterior of the structure’s roof. Local fabricators have already been identified for the project.

Mazzotta is responsible for the full scope of the commission, including design, engineering, fabrication, transportation, installation, and integration of all required components, such as lighting. Stamped engineering drawings from a licensed Colorado engineer must be submitted before fabrication. Local contractors will carry out all fabrication and installation work.

**Was this contractor selected by competitive process?** Yes **If not, why not?**

**Has this contractor provided these services to the City before?**  Yes  No

**Source of funds:** 1% public art funding per DRMC 20-87(b) from the National Western Center Development

**Is this contract subject to:**  W/MBE  DBE  SBE  XO101  ACDBE  N/A

**WBE/MBE/DBE commitments (construction, design, Airport concession contracts):** N/A

**Who are the subcontractors to this contract?**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**Background:**

In 2020 the Public Art Program began the process to commission a public artwork with funds generated by the development of the National Western Center. This is one of three projects for the NWC campus. A 15-member art selection panel that included community members, an artist, and an art professional, and Councilwoman Candi CdeBaca selected artist Matthew Mazzotta.

**Current Request:**

Denver Arts & Venues is requesting City Council approval to amend the contract to add an additional \$67,752.00, raising the total contract amount to \$917,752.00. This amendment is necessary due to post-pandemic challenges such as inflation, supply chain disruptions, rising costs of materials and labor, and complexities associated with the project site. The revised scope of work accounts for these external factors, specifically addressing unforeseen site changes requested by the City, including adjustments to fencing and erosion control measures, electrical and utility modifications, concrete sidewalk patching required for electrical trenching, additional trenching for utilities not initially installed by the City, additional time and equipment costs, and modifications to lighting components as directed by the City. These adjustments and additional services reflect essential measures to accommodate conditions beyond the original agreement and ensure the project's successful completion.

Artist Matthew Mazzotta will create a structure for community gatherings and events titled Rising Together. The structure will reference a barn and the act of a "barn-raising. " It will provide shade, seating, swings, and a colorful focal point along the riverfront open space. Mazzotta will work with local artist Bimmer Torres to paint a mural on the exterior and interior of the structure's roof. Local fabricators have been identified.

Mazzotta is responsible for designing, engineering, fabrication, transportation, installing artwork, and all other miscellaneous components necessary to complete the commission, including lighting for the art. Stamped engineering drawings by a licensed Colorado engineer are a requirement before fabrication. Local contractors will perform all fabrication and installation.



**CONCEPTUAL IMAGES ONLY**

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