



City of Columbus

Office of City Clerk
90 West Broad Street
Columbus OH 43215-9015
columbuscitycouncil.org

Legislation Text

File #: 0291X-2019, **Version:** 1

To recognize October as National Planning Month and celebrate the Short North Arts District being named one of four Great Neighborhoods on the American Planning Association's annual "Great Places in America" list for 2019.

WHEREAS, in the 1970s, Short North was known as a rough, challenged neighborhood north of downtown, with abandoned buildings with boarded-up windows lining High Street; and

WHEREAS, community champions, including local developer and private property owner Sandy Wood, along with planners and local business owners John Allen and Greg Carr, dreamed of a neighborhood that preserved the historic architecture and charm of Columbus landmarks and invited neighbors to visit something special. The Short North Arts District was soon born; and

WHEREAS, October is designated National Planning Month by the American Planning Association. City Planners, including private sector, volunteer, and public sector have made major contributions to making the Short North a great place. These planners include the professional preservation staff of the Columbus Planning Division, who staff the Victorian and Italian Village Commissions; and

WHEREAS, the Short North has experienced a tremendous amount of growth in recent years, with preservation staff and commissions issuing thousands of certificates of appropriateness. This work has been a major contribution to making sure that the growth that has occurred is of the highest quality, indeed making the Short North a great place; and

WHEREAS, the Short North Alliance is a nonprofit organization serving both the property owners and business owners of the Short North Arts District and work every day in the Short North to nurture the Arts District as a vibrant, creative, and inclusive community and leading arts destination; and

WHEREAS, Columbus City Council is thankful for the impactful work of the Short North Alliance, and excited to see the continued success of the Short North Arts District for years to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby recognize October as National Planning Month and celebrate the Short North Arts District as a truly Great Place, as recognized this year by the American Planning Association.