



Legislation Text

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To recognize and thank the Growing and Growth Collective and PACT for their community gardening efforts in the King-Lincoln Bronzeville District as well as the support they've given to the residents of the Near East Side of Columbus.

WHEREAS, Columbus City Council adopted the City of Columbus and Franklin County Local Food Action Plan in November 2016, demonstrating the City's ongoing commitment to ensuring all residents have improved access to and education about healthy, affordable, and local food; and

WHEREAS, the Growing and Growth Collective is an initiative of PACT - the Growing and Growth Collective launched last spring as a multi-site garden collective with multiple gardens in the King-Lincoln Bronzeville area of the Near East Side that PACT serves; and

WHEREAS, the Growing and Growth Collective is an initiative of PACT and currently serves five sites under this programmatic umbrella: and

WHEREAS, the Growing and Growth Collective is led by residents and community leaders like Adrienne Williams and Jera Oliver and assisted by Marjorie Jean-Baptiste, Tim McDermott, Jera Oliver, Julialynne Walker, Jim Warner, Adrienne Williams, Victor Williams who deserve special recognition for their leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Growing and Growth Collective is focused on increasing the number of BIPOC growers in the Columbus area - as well as promoting the health benefits that are associated with gardening and the increased consumption of fresh produce; and

WHEREAS, the GGC has started meeting and gaining attention on social media, the GGC would like to leverage the spring and summer 2021 as its formal public launch - with a kick off season which will include a ribbon cutting program around Juneteenth for the Julialynne Gateway Learning Garden at the King Arts Complex; and a webinar on Thursday, May 6th from 7:00 - 8:30 pm that will involve highlights to the GGC's four impact pillars as well highlighting the GGC's 2021 goals and partnerships; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council does hereby recognize and thank the Growing and Growth Collective and PACT for their community gardening efforts in the King-Lincoln Bronzeville District as well as the support they've given to the residents of the Near East Side of Columbus.