CREATION OF WEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING ASSEMBLIES

CITY OF BURLINGTON

In the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and _____ Eighty-two_Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, 25 follows:

That WHEREAS, this City Council determines that it is appropriate and desirable for citizens of the city to have adequate information concerning city programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, this Council and various city commissions could be much assisted if the views of the general public with respect to the needs of the city could be communicated to it in a regular and orderly fashion; and

WHEREAS, many positive benefits would result from the creation of neighborhood assemblies at which citizens could consider the issues facing city government and make recommendations for the consideration of appointed and elected officials charged with the responsibility of implementing city policies; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed desirable to increase the level of citizen participation with respect to the Community Development Block Grant program and other State and Federal programs; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of this City Council an appropriate and effective means of realizing such goals would be through the creation of Neighborhood Planning Assemblies in each ward of the city which would meet on a regular basis and provide advice to appointed and elected officials with respect to the issues facing the neighborhoods and the city.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this City Council
hereby encourages and supports the establishment of a Neighborhood
planning Assembly in each of the city's STY wards.

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AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such Neighborhood Planning Assemblies (NPAs) shall be established so as to be

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open and accessible to all voters of the city residing in a Community and Economic Deve lopment Office particular ward. The Control Development Shall have 2/7/94
the responsibility to organize Neighborhood Planning Assemblies in each ward and to convene the first two meetings of such
assemblies. All voters of a particular ward of the Neighborhood Planning Assembly for such ward shall become voting members
Appropriate officers shall be elected at the second meeting
meeting operating procedures.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Neighborhood

Planning Assemblies shall, among other things, help provide

citizens with information concerning city programs and

activities; help obtain citizen views of city needs; help

provide citizens with an opportunity to participate in

making recommendations with respect to governmental decisions

including the allocation of revenues. The Neighborhood

Planning Assemblies shall also be encouraged to provide

advice to the appropriate commission or this Council with

respect to Community Development, housing programs, the

city's Comprehensive Development Plan and its waterfront

planning activities, and the city's budget among other

issues.

AND, RE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all city staff personnel should cooperate in the implementation of this Resolution in accordance with its terms.