RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS TO SUPPORT OF THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE UNIVERSITY DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP REVITALIZATION PLAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) working with area residents, Neighborhood Associations, business owners and other interested groups formed the University District Partnership to revitalize the neighborhoods and commercial areas surrounding the UALR Campus; and,

WHEREAS, the University District Partnership engaged in a broad-based inclusive process to develop a Revitalization Plan for the area; and,

WHEREAS, the residents and other "stakeholders" in the area participated in several public meetings to discuss and identify area concerns to include in the plan; and

WHEREAS, after several months of work, goals and objectives were developed and presented to the residents, associations, business groups and other interested parties; and

WHEREAS, this Plan (Goals and Objectives) provides a way for both neighborhood based groups and others working in and around the neighborhoods to advance the desires and meet the needs of the residents;

WHEREAS, comprehensive planning must include not only interests of the neighborhood immediately affected but the interests of the city as a whole; and

WHEREAS, local government encourages and supports neighborhood-based coalitions that develop individual neighborhood organizations, articulate neighborhood views on community-wide issues, and facilitated the planning process; and

WHEREAS, advocacy planning by neighborhoods is an acceptable and legitimate role for citizens and professional planners; and

WHEREAS, the Little Rock Planning Commission approved a resolution of support of the University District Partnership Revitalization Plan at their May 28, 2009 hearing after a presentation on the Plan their April 16, 2009 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS.

Section 1. The Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock does support the vision and goals as expressed in the University District Partnership Revitalization Plan and the University District Strategic Plan.

ADOPTED: July 21, 2009

ATTEST: **APPROVED:**

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Susan Langley, Acting City Clerk **Mark Stodola, Mayor**

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney

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