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## A Resolution of Support for the Hill Ownership Group Residential Service District Project (University Hill)

## **Resolution History**

In April 2010, the Hill Ownership Group presented the idea of creating a residential service district to Boulder City Council members. This group is a community-based, ad hoc group comprised of representatives from the primary Hill stakeholder group which include students and staff from CU, Hill businesses and property owners, Hill residents and city staff. The concept behind the residential service district idea was to create a self-funded entity that would focus on the maintenance and improvement of the high-density residential area adjacent to the Hill Business district. The district would act in a similar fashion to a homeowners' association, providing basic maintenance services, sharing costs and creating economies of scale for the basic maintenance services such as graffiti removal, litter pickup and snow removal.

A pilot Residential Service District project was conducted in the fall of 2011. Local property management companies were represented in the project, as well as individual owners who owned between the ranges of six properties to one. Additionally, one fraternity and one sorority participated, for a total of 72 properties. During this pilot project, basic maintenance services (litter pickup, graffiti removal from the dumpsters and sidewalk snow removals) were provided to residents. The project ran from September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011, to November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011, and resulted in removal of 160 large trash bags of litter, 11 inches of snow, and graffiti removal from 158 dumpsters. At the end of the project, a survey was mailed to the participants, and 80% of surveys were returned. According to the survey, 79% of respondents indicated a positive difference in the

overall appearance in the neighborhood, while 100% of respondents thought the basic services provided in the pilot were important.

## **Resolution Summary**

The Hill Ownership Group asks Legislative Council and CUSG for formal support while we attempt to better the lives of students and citizens living on the University Hill, allowing the students of CU to take credit for community outreach and an environmental solution to clean up the community they live in.

Whereas: The Hill Ownership Group was established to benefit every person living on the Hill by providing contracted cleaning authorities to beautify its environment,

Whereas: The pilot program's success has proven this idea to be beneficial and sought after, by University Hill students and residents alike,

Whereas: Students will acquire benefits by not having to pay for random (mandatory) snow removal and litter pickup. (which are currently contracted in the majority of student leases on the Hill),

Whereas: Students will benefit from being able to walk their dogs and to walk on sidewalks, knowing there is no threat of stepping on broken glass, trash or hurting themselves with such hazards

Whereas: University of Colorado students living on the University Hill already support the idea of making the Hill a cleaner, safer and more environmentally friendly place to live,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislative Council of the University of Colorado Student Government, THAT:

**Section 1:** Legislative Council and CUSG formally support the University Hill District improvement project formed by the Hill Ownership Group.

**Section 2:** Upon passage, this resolution will be submitted to Boulder City Council and shown to University Hill landowners to demonstrate University of Colorado student support for a more consolidated, cheaper way of cleaning up the Hill district.

**Section 3:** This resolution shall take effect upon passage by the Legislative Council and upon obtaining the signatures of the Legislative Council President and the signatures of two Executives or the lapse of 6 days without action by the Executives.

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