

**RESOLUTION FOR THE MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL TO PROCURE THE SERVICES
OF AN INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL AUDITOR**

WHEREAS, the foundation of our democracy is based on the public's ability to trust the officials it elects to represent them; this public trust is vital as it empowers this body to perform its duties and serve the great people of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, as elected officials, the Memphis City Council is dedicated to ensuring that it represents the City of Memphis in accordance with that principle; we do not take lightly our responsibility to fulfill the duties of this office in a manner that is ethical, integral, and advances the growth and development of our City; and

WHEREAS, in relation to the Memphis City Council Community Grant Program, the Council finds that it is of paramount importance to continue to be transparent and assure citizens that their tax dollars are being spent responsibly and with their interests in mind; and

WHEREAS, consistent with that desire, and in an effort to maintain the public's trust, the Memphis City Council seeks to procure the services of an independent auditor to review the Memphis City Council Community Grant Program records for the prior three (3) fiscal years and other financial documents as deemed necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Memphis City Council requests the City Council Chairman to immediately authorize the Council attorney in collaboration with the Chairman, to (i) develop a proposed scope of work for an independent financial auditor, (ii) to research and identify potential auditors, and (iii) to make recommendations to the Council on potential financial auditors to be hired by the Council within a reasonable time as determined by the Council attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council auditor will be hired in accordance with all City of Memphis policies and procedures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total funded amount of the contract awarded to the Council auditor will be at the discretion of the City Council Chair.

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Chairman:

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