

RESOLUTION

NO. _____

WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly authorized the Commissioners of Commons of the City of Columbus, as created by an Act of the General Assembly, approved February 18, 1873, to convey an improved parcel or tract lying West of the East side of Fourth Avenue and South of Fourth Street, and extending across the Chattahoochee River to the South Boundary of the City of Columbus to the City of Columbus on January 30, 1928; and,

WHEREAS, the Act and the subsequent deed restricted the property with the provisions that said land shall be kept open and used only for the purpose of a public park and playground, and devoted to such amusements and pleasure as the corporate authority of the City of Columbus may designate and that no part or portion of the tract of land could be conveyed without the assent of two-thirds of the qualified voters of the City; and,

WHEREAS, since 1928 the property has been used for the Golden Park baseball stadium, an auditorium, a civic center, and an ice rink; and,

WHEREAS, this Council desires that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly amend HR 157 to remove any impediments to the use and to the conveyance of the property or any portions thereof that may still be in effect from the 1873 or subsequent local acts or the 1928 deed.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

We hereby respectfully request that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly support an amendment to HR 157 which is pending in the current 2023 legislative session which will rescind any restrictions on the property described above that were imposed in the 1928 deed pursuant to several prior local legislative acts.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 28th day of February 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor House	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Thomas	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Sandra T. Davis
Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor