

RESOLUTION 2026-01
FORT COLLINS TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
NOMINATING RICK BERENDSEN TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, the Fort Collins Tourism Improvement District (the “District”) was created by the City of Fort Collins (the “City”) Ordinance No. 097, dated August 4, 2021 (“Original Establishing Ordinance”), as subsequently amended by City Council's adoption of Ordinance No. 161, 2021 dated December 7, 2021 (“Amendment” referred to together with the Original Establishing Ordinance as the “Establishing Ordinance”) to fund and provide certain tourism services and improvements for the benefit of Lodging Businesses within the District; and

WHEREAS, in the Establishing Ordinance, the City appointed five (5) individuals to serve as the Board of Directors of the District, with the requirement that three (3) directors be affiliated with a large full-service Lodging Business; one (1) director be affiliated with a small, limited service Lodging Business; and one (1) director affiliated with a boutique/specialty Lodging Business; and

WHEREAS, since the time of the Original Establishing Ordinance, the City, by the Amending Resolution, being Ordinance (No. 061, 2021) dated June 7, 2022, amended Section 7 of the Original Establishing Ordinance to increase the number of the Board of Directors of the District from five (5) to seven (7) directors, with the two added directors each serving a three-year term and being an elector of the District who is affiliated with any type of Lodging Business within the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2024-055, dated April 2, 2024, Director Casey Kittel was appointed to finish the three-year term of Director Daniel Benton as one of the Directors of a large Full-Service Lodging Business in the District, which such three-year term began January 17, 2023, and expired at 11:59 p.m. on January 17, 2026, pursuant to Resolution 2023-012; and

WHEREAS, as a result of such expiration, there exists a vacancy on the Board of Directors of the District;

WHEREAS, the District wishes to have the aforementioned vacancy on the Board of Directors of the District filled by a qualified elector of the District; and

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the Establishing Ordinance provides that successor Directors of the Board of Directors of the District shall be appointed by City Council for terms of three (3) years, unless the appointee is being appointed to finish the term of a Director who has left the Board for any reason before the expiration of their term and, in such case, the appointee shall only be appointed to finish the term of the departed Director; and

WHEREAS, Code Section 22-164(a) requires the District’s Directors to be “electors” of the District; and

WHEREAS, Code Section 22-153 defines “elector” to mean a natural person who is a resident of the State of Colorado, is eighteen (18) years of age or older, registered to vote in general elections in the State of Colorado, and who maintains a lodging tax license with the City and is obligated to pay the City’s lodging tax by virtue of ownership and operation of a lodging business in the District or is a natural person designated to vote for an entity that is not a natural person and maintains a lodging tax license with the City and is obligated to pay the lodging tax by virtue of

ownership of a lodging business in the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has identified an elector who is qualified and interested in serving on the Board of Directors of the District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Fort Collins Tourism Improvement District, within the City of Fort Collins, Larimer County, Colorado, as follows:

1. Filling the vacancy on the Board of Directors of the District is in the best interest of the public and the District.

2. The following individual is a resident of the State of Colorado, at least 18 years of age, and registered to vote in general elections in the State of Colorado; and (affiliated with the Hilton, Fort Collins, which is a large Full-Service Lodging Business) is affiliated with a Lodging Business:

a. Rick Berendsen (General Manager, The Hilton, Fort Collins, CO).

3. Rick Berendsen is a qualified elector of the District, and thus fully qualified to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the District, and has indicated a willingness to continue to serve on the Board of Directors of the District.

4. The Board therefore desires and does hereby nominate for appointment to the District Board of Directors by the City, Rick Berendsen, for a three- year term in the accordance with Section 7 of the Establishing Ordinance of the District.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 24 day of February (month), 2026.

FORT COLLINS TOURISM IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT

President

By: 

ATTEST:

By:



Secretary