

# City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia  
Office of the Chief Clerk  
Room 402, City Hall  
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 020134)

## RESOLUTION

Calling on all developers to honor the obligations of Philadelphia's "Percent for Art" programs when building in the City.

WHEREAS, The City has a number of programs that encourage or require developers to dedicate a portion of their project towards art; and

WHEREAS, The Redevelopment Authority has a model program entitled, "Percent for Art" which requires developers to dedicate one percent of their construction costs towards public art; and

WHEREAS, The "Percent for Art" program has been in existence since 1959 and much of the beauty of Philadelphia can be directly attributed to this program which has been emulated throughout the country and the world; and

WHEREAS, This program has fulfilled an important public service for Philadelphia citizens in exchange for public assistance in their projects; and

WHEREAS, The "Percent for Art" program has beautified Philadelphia and improved citizens' quality of life, and brought character, vitality and history to so many Philadelphia spaces; and

WHEREAS, Public art created through the program has encouraged dialogue, provided landmarks for visitors, created a sense of place and inspired Philadelphians to take pride in their City; and

WHEREAS, "Percent for Art" programs in Philadelphia have been the inspiration for many similar programs across the country; and

WHEREAS, It has been reported that a developer is currently attempting to obtain an exemption from the RDA's Percent for Art Program; and

WHEREAS, By allowing an exemption for one developer, the door is opened for other developers to request an exemption that could potentially cripple the program; and

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WHEREAS, While this City Council appreciates the efforts to build new developments within the City, we are strong in our desire to see the integrity of the RDA Percent for Art Program as well as all Percent for Art Programs kept intact; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA, That the City Council calls on all developers to honor the obligations of Philadelphia's "Percent for Art" programs when building in the City.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the twenty-eight of February, 2002.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Reynolds Brown and Ortiz

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Blackwell, Goode, Tasco, Clarke, Nutter, Miller, Mariano, DiCicco, O'Neill, Rizzo, Krajewski and Cohen

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