

**CITY OF CENTENNIAL,
COLORADO**

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-R-29

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF CENTENNIAL, COLORADO SUPPORTING THE
BALLOT INITIATIVE IN THE LITTLETON FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR INCLUSION IN SOUTH
METRO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Council Policy No. 2017-CCP-01, the City Council may adopt a resolution, by a vote of not less than seven of its members, which takes a position of advocacy on any ballot measure pending before the electorate of the United States, the State of Colorado, any municipality or county, or any special district, or other governmental or quasi-governmental agency; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2018, the Board of Directors of the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District (“South Metro”) adopted a Resolution directing that during an election on May 8, 2018 (“Inclusion Election”), South Metro shall ask the electorate of the Littleton Fire Protection District (“LFPD”) if the areas within its district shall be included within South Metro; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2018, South Metro Fire Chief Bob Baker presented to City Council regarding the Inclusion Election and outlined the arguments for the proposal and the arguments against the proposal; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the City of Centennial is included within the boundaries of the LFPD; and

WHEREAS, South Metro currently serves other portions of the City of Centennial; and

WHEREAS, South Metro has achieved the highest rating of “1” from the Insurance Services Office; and

WHEREAS, if LFPD’s area is included into South Metro, the entire area would be divided into “director districts,” so that the area that was previously within LFPD will have representation on the South Metro Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Inclusion Election is the first step in a proposed unification of South Metro and LFPD; and

WHEREAS, unification is anticipated to be the most financially prudent method of providing fire and EMS services within the LFPD and that without unification it is anticipated that, in the future, emergency services will decrease unless much higher taxes are paid to fund fire and EMS services; and

WHEREAS, the LFPD Board of Directors supports the unification of South Metro and LFPD; and


WHEREAS, Fire Chief Baker explained the clear and intrinsic benefits to unification, including enhanced service opportunities, such as improved response times, the addition of a new fire station, and training and prevention/education services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Centennial as follows:

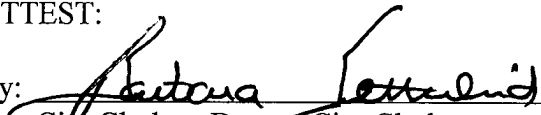
Section 1. The City of Centennial affirmatively supports the inclusion of all property currently within LFPD into South Metro's jurisdiction and supports the unification of South Metro and LFPD into one district.

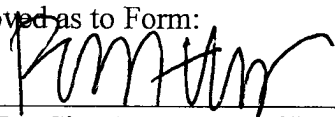
Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect upon its approval by the City Council.

Adopted by a vote of 9 in favor and 0 against, this 16th day of August, 2018.

By: 
Stephanie Piko, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: 
City Clerk or Deputy City Clerk

Approved as to Form:
By: 
For City Attorney's Office