

## R E S O L U T I O N

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING COUNCILMEMBER SAM NIZAM FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND CONTRIBUTIONS AS A WARD 3 COUNCILMEMBER FOR THE CITY OF THORNTON.

WHEREAS, Councilmember Nizam was elected in November 2013 to serve as the Ward 3 Councilmember and was reelected in November 2017; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Councilmember Nizam represented the City on the Rangeview Library Board from 2013 to 2018; the North Area Transportation Alliance from 2018 to 2019; and the Airport Coordinating Committee from 2018 to 2019; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Nizam served on the City Council Campaign Practices Ad Hoc Committee in 2018, charged with fostering the need for fair and ethical campaigning practices; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Councilmember Nizam was a strong proponent for small businesses and supported local businesses through a wide variety of programs including continuing the City's Vendor Fee Program, a portion of which is used for grants for building improvements; commercial graffiti removal; and free small business development counseling through a partnership with the North Metro Small Business Development Center and Mi Casa Resource Center; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Nizam also supported efforts that lead to the creation of the City's first Business Improvement District, the opening of the Denver Premium Outlets, The Grove, the Amazon Distribution Center, and The Summit which have enabled the City to increase employment and attract or retain over 4,300 primary jobs and 2,800 new retail jobs; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Nizam supported policy discussions that led to increasing the number of sworn police officers, establishing a police officer staffing policy, and establishing a defined benefit retirement plan through the Fire and Police Pension Association for new police officers; firefighters; and others who chose to move to this plan, effective July 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Nizam was a supporter of many programs and policies that enhanced the quality of life in the City including the Parks and Open Space tax extension; construction and opening of the Fossil Ridge Public Safety Center, Trail Winds Recreation Center, and the new Active Adult Center; and served on the City Council Housing Ad Hoc Committee, charged with exploring options to increase accessibility to affordable and/or attainable housing dispersed geographically throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, during his service on Council, the COVID-19 pandemic had the potential to bring devastation to the community's health, safety, and economic status;

however, with the allocation of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funding, Councilmember Nizam contributed to discussions and supported actions that helped keep businesses open and community members safe, such as the opening of the Thornton Business Assistance Center; business grant programs; food, housing, and mental health support; and COVID-19 testing.

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Councilmember Nizam was involved in many important discussions that have positively shaped the City such as the adoption of the 2020 Comprehensive Plan, which better enables staff and Council to plan for future growth. He was a strong supporter of changes to the City Code regarding Metropolitan District application requirements, which ensured that homeowners are better informed about Metropolitan Districts and tax obligations through stronger disclosure requirements, and protected from excessive tax burdens through tighter limitations on the district's debt issuance and mill levies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Council hereby recognizes Sam Nizam for his service to the City of Thornton as a Ward 3 Councilmember.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Thornton, Colorado, on November 30, 2021.

CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO

  
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Jan Kulmann, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Kristen N. Rosenbaum, City Clerk