

Submitted by: Mayor Randall L. Woodfin

Recommended by: The Committee of the Whole
Council President Valerie A. Abbott, Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 275-18

**RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A
NEW MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY ON PROPERTY OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE
BIRMINGHAM-JEFFERSON CONVENTION COMPLEX**

WHEREAS, representatives of the Birmingham business community, the Birmingham Business Alliance, the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex, the University of Alabama at Birmingham (hereinafter referred to as “UAB”), the City of Birmingham, the State Legislature and the Jefferson County Commission have met for months to review the desirability and feasibility of constructing a new multi-purpose facility on property owned by the BJCC (hereinafter referred to as “Facility”); and

WHEREAS, the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as “BJCC”) retained Populous, a “global architectural design firm specializing in creating environments and venues that draw communities and people together,” to create a conceptual design of Facility; and

WHEREAS, Populous’ Facility design can accommodate concerts, football, soccer, extreme sports and other outdoor events with a permanent seating capacity of 45,000, expandable to 55,000 with the addition of temporary seating & includes approximately 90,000 square feet of conditioned meeting space; and

WHEREAS, the City of Birmingham, Alabama (the “City”) also supports the renovation and expansion of the current BJCC facility to attract more events; and

WHEREAS, UAB has agreed, in principal, to be a tenant of the Facility; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the Facility will further enhance the economic development and improve the quality of life in the Birmingham area; and

WHEREAS, the City expects that funding this project would yield a return on investment through the generation of revenue which can be used by the City to revitalize neighborhoods and create jobs.