

**Resolution authorizing the County Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Columbus and the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority (FCCFA) in order to describe the current plans and proposals for funding a new hotel to be owned and financed by the FCCFA.
(Commissioners)**

WHEREAS, Franklin County and the City of Columbus have worked closely with the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority (FCCFA) to explore the potential of a new full service "headquarters" hotel adjacent or near the current Greater Columbus Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, the FCCFA in conjunction with Experience Columbus, the hotel community, city and county officials, and others have studied supporting the development of a convention hotel; and

WHEREAS, the County, City, and FCCFA believe the hotel will protect the community's current investment in convention facilities by retaining existing business and expanding the number of regional and national conventions in Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Columbus and FCCFA to describe the plans and proposals for funding the hotel; and

WHEREAS, the plans and proposals remain subject to authorization pursuant to the adoption of appropriate legislation by the Franklin County Commissioners, Columbus City Council, and Board of Directors of the FCCFA; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

That the County Administrator is hereby authorized, pursuant to section 305.30 of the Revised Code, to enter into the attached Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Columbus and the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority (FCCFA) in order to describe the current plans and proposals of Franklin County, the City of Columbus, and the FCCFA for funding a new hotel to be owned and financed by the FCCFA.

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cc: City of Columbus
Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority