

**Resolution authorizing an agreement with Capitol South Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation to support the Columbus Commons project.  
(Community Partnerships) (\$3,000,000)**

**WHEREAS,** Capitol South Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (Capitol South) has embarked on a project to create a world-class urban park called the Columbus Commons; and

**WHEREAS,** the Columbus Commons project will be a catalyst for neighborhood revitalization and spur economic development along High Street in Downtown Columbus; and

**WHEREAS,** Capitol South has requested a \$3 million contribution from the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to support this \$20 million project; and

**WHEREAS,** the Franklin County Board of Commissioners commend the Board of Park Commissioners of the Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District for their \$2 million contribution towards this project and join them in pledging support; and

**WHEREAS,** Capitol South has pledged to establish a permanent conservation easement, which will ensure that the park portion of the Columbus Commons project will not be committed to an alternative purpose in future years; and

**WHEREAS,** Capitol South will grant to the Board of Commissioners naming rights to The Grove of Trees at the Rich Street entrance of the park; and

**WHEREAS,** the Franklin County Board of Commissioners desires to support the Columbus Commons project pursuant to Sections 301.26 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

**WHEREAS,** the timeline for the Columbus Commons project has accelerated, requiring the contribution of \$3 million to be made in its entirety in 2010 rather than in installments over two years as originally anticipated during the 2010 budget process; and

**WHEREAS,** sufficient appropriations are available within Contingency in order to transfer the \$1.5 million necessary to fulfill the County's commitment for this project; now, therefore,

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

1. That a transfer of appropriations in the amount of \$1,500,000 is hereby authorized as follows and allocated per the attached document (Journal #2339):

TRANSFER FROM:	AMOUNT
Commissioners-Reserves/General Fund/Contingency Fund 1000	\$1,500,000

TRANSFER TO:	AMOUNT
Community Partnerships/General Fund/Grants Fund 1000	\$1,500,000

2. That the attached agreement in the amount of \$3,000,000 between Capitol South Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for the period of June 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011 is hereby approved.
3. That the attached purchase order in the amount of \$3,000,000 that is individually described on the accompanying Auditor's Certificate is hereby approved.
4. That the attached Conservation Easement Agreement between Capitol South Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation, the Board of Park Commissioners of the Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District, the City of Columbus, and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners is hereby approved.

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cc: Auditor  
Capitol South Community Urban Redevelopment Corp.