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RESOLUTION OF THE FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE COUNCIL OPPOSING LOCAL MAP AMENDMENT H-124 AND ITS DEVELOPMENT PLANS

WHEREAS, the Friendship Heights Village Council has an important interest in the zoning and development of Parcel 4 (5550 Friendship Boulevard): (i) the Parcel lies within the Village's boundaries; (ii) its development affects the health, safety, welfare and quality of life of Village residents; (iii) the property housing the Village government and the Village Center confronts a part of Parcel 4; and (iv) the Village owns and maintains the sidewalks, curbs and streets that service Parcel 4.

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2017, the Friendship Heights Village Council unanimously adopted a Resolution, attached hereto and made a part hereof, which sets forth the Council's goals, objectives, recommendations, planning principles and guidelines governing development of Parcel 4, which are intended to assure beneficial development that is in the public interest and is not detrimental to residents and property owners. These may be summarized as requiring: (1) open space sufficient to offset the density of nearby buildings; (2) green open space for public use; (3) development compatible with existing structures, including the preservation of views of residents of nearby buildings.

WHEREAS, the Friendship Heights Sector Plan sets forth identical goals, objectives, recommendations, planning principles and guidelines, including that no further development of Parcel 4 be permitted until the existing office building is demolished.

WHEREAS, the Friendship Heights Village Council has reviewed the local map amendment application, designated H-124, and its plans and other exhibits related to the development of Parcel 4 and has considered oral presentations to the Council by the applicant's representatives.

WHEREAS, the Council finds that Local Map Amendment H-124 and its development plans for Parcel 4 do not meet the criteria set forth in the Council's June Resolution nor do they meet the criteria set forth in the Friendship Heights Sector Plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Friendship Heights Village Council that the Council opposes Local Map Amendment H-124 and its proposed plans for development.

The above resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Friendship Heights Village Council on October 10, 2017, by a vote of 6-0.