RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIALTO, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION FOR THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY TO THE RIALTO LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 2; AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO CONDUCT A PROPERTY OWNER PROTEST BALLOT PROCEEDING ON THE MATTER OF THE NEW ASSESSMENTS RELATED THERETO COMMENCING WITH FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Rialto (hereinafter the "City Council"), pursuant to the provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Part 2 of Division 15 of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California, beginning with §22500 (hereafter referred to as the "Act"), did by previous Resolution initiate proceedings for the annexation of territory to the Rialto Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 2 (hereafter referred to as the "District"), consisting of PPD 2021-0055 (LOCUST SPRINGS, LLC), PPD 2022-0001 (AIREF RIALTO COMMERCE CENTER II LP), (hereinafter referred to as the "Annexation Territory"), and the proposed levy and collection of annual special benefit assessments related thereto commencing in Fiscal Year 2024/2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to annex to the District the Annexation Territory, and to levy and collect annual assessments against lots and parcels of land within the Annexation Territory to pay the cost and expenses related to the maintenance, servicing and operation of local landscaping and/or street lighting improvements that provide special benefits to the parcels of land therein as authorized by the Act and the provisions of the California Constitution Article XIIID (hereafter referred to as the "California Constitution"); and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has retained Webb Municipal Finance, LLC, who has prepared and filed with the City Clerk an Engineer's Report, (hereafter referred to as the "Report"), in connection with such annexation proceedings commencing in Fiscal Year 2024/2025 and the proposed levy and collection of assessments commencing with Fiscal

Year 2024/2025, in accordance with the Act and the California Constitution, and said Report has been presented to the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIALTO DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE, AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1:</u> The territory of land to be annexed to the District incorporates all of the lots and parcels of land within the Annexation Territory as described in the Assessment Roll (**Exhibit A**).

Section 2: The proposed improvements and services to be provided and for which properties shall be assessed, include but are not limited to, the regular maintenance, operation and incidental expenses related to the local landscaping and/or street lighting improvements within the public rights-of-way or easements associated with the development of properties within the Annexation Territory, which may include but are not limited to, landscaped parkways, medians, slopes, or other public areas, and/or street lighting improvements which shall be maintained by the City for the special benefit of the properties therein. The Engineer's Report prepared in connection with these proceedings provides a more detailed description of the improvements and associated costs.

Section 3: The Engineer's Report as presented consists of the following:

- a) A Description of the Improvements (Plans and Specifications).
- b) The Method of Apportionment that details the method of calculating the proportional special benefits and the annual assessment obligation for each affected parcel including a description of an "Assessment Range Formula" that provides for an annual inflationary adjustment to the maximum assessment rate.
- c) The estimated annual costs and expenses to provide the improvements (Budget) that establishes the proposed initial "Maximum Assessment Rate".
- d) An Assessment Diagram (Boundary Map).
- e) An Assessment Roll containing the proposed assessment to be levied for each Assessor Parcel Number within the Annexation Territory based on the maximum assessment rate and method of apportionment described therein.

<u>Section 4:</u> The Engineer's Report presented is hereby approved on a preliminary basis as submitted or amended by direction of this City Council and is hereby ordered to be filed in the Office of the City Clerk as a permanent record and remain open to public inspection.

Section 5: The City Council hereby declares its intention to annex the territory of land to the District designated as the Annexation Territory commencing in Fiscal Year 2024/2025, and to levy and collect annual assessments against parcels of land within said territory to fund the ongoing cost and expenses of maintaining, operating and servicing the improvements determined to be of special benefit to the parcels of land therein as outlined in the Report prepared in connection therewith, commencing with Fiscal Year 2024/2025; and, the City Council further declares its intention to conduct a public hearing regarding the annexation of the Annexation Territory to the District, and the proposed levy of assessments connected therewith; and calls for a property owner protest balloting proceeding in accordance with the provisions of Article XIIID of the California Constitution (Proposition 218). The City Council finds that the public's best interest requires such action and levy of assessments.

<u>Section 6:</u> The City Council hereby declares its intention to conduct a public hearing concerning the levy of assessments for the Annexation Territory in accordance with Government Code, Section 54954.6 and Section 4(e) of Article XIIID of the California Constitution; and, notice is hereby given that a public hearing on these matters will be held by the City Council on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as feasible, in the City Council Chambers located at 150 South Palm Avenue, Rialto, California. At the Public Hearing, all interested persons shall be afforded the opportunity to hear and be heard.

<u>Section 7:</u> Pursuant to Article XIIID of the California Constitution, an assessment ballot proceeding is hereby called on the matter of confirming the proposed assessments for the Annexation Territory. The ballots and notices so authorized shall be distributed by first class mail to the property owners of record as of the last County equalized tax roll, and property owner or owners of each affected parcel may return the ballot by mail or in person

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to the City Clerk not later than the conclusion of the public hearing for these matters.

Section 8: The City Council hereby authorizes and directs the Engineer of Record, on behalf of the City Clerk, to prepare and mail notice of the Public Hearing and property owner protest ballots to the property owners of record regarding the proposed assessments, including the assessment range formula as outlined in the Report, for return receipt prior to the date and time of the public hearing set forth in this Resolution; and, the notice of the hearing and ballot shall be distributed by first class mail to the property owner(s) of record for each parcel within the Annexation Territory subject to an assessment. The owner of 100% of the property to be annexed has waived his right to receive the notice and ballot not less than 45 days before the date of the public hearing pursuant to the California Constitution.

<u>Section 9:</u> The property owner protest ballot proceeding conducted for the Annexation Territory shall constitute the property owners' approval or rejection of the annual levy of assessments and assessment range formula described in the Report presented and previously approved by the City Council. Each property owner may return the ballot by mail or in person to the City Clerk no later than the conclusion of the public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2025. After the close of the Public Hearing, pursuant to Section 4 (e) of Article XIIID of the California Constitution, the City Clerk shall open and tabulate the ballots returned to determine if a majority protest exists. Only those ballots issued by or on behalf of the City and signed by the property owner of record or authorized representative, shall be considered as valid ballots and shall be weighted according to the proportional financial obligation of each affected property. A majority protest exists if, upon the conclusion of the hearing, valid ballots submitted in opposition to the assessment exceed the ballots submitted in favor of the assessment; and, in addition to the ballot proceedings, property owners may also file a separate written protest with the City Clerk prior to the conclusion of the hearing, or having previously filed such protest, may file a written withdrawal of that protest. A written protest shall state all grounds of objection and shall contain a description sufficient to identify the property owned by such property owner.

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1	STATE OF CALIFORNIA)					
2	COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO) ss					
3	CITY OF RIALTO)					
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5	I, Barbara McGee, City Clerk of the City of Rialto, do hereby certify that the foregoing					
6	Resolution No was duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City					
7	Council of the City of Rialto held on the 14 th day of January 2025.					
8	Upon motion of Council Member, seconded by Council Member					
9	, the foregoing Resolution No was duly passed and adopted.					
10	Vote on the motion:					
11	AYES:					
12	NOES:					
13	ABSENT:					
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15	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Official Seal of the City					
16	of Rialto this day of, 2025.					
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19	BARBARA A. McGEE, CITY CLERK					
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Exhibit A

APN	PROJECT ID	OWNER	LANDSCAPE ZONE	LIGHTING ZONE
0239192120000	PPD 2021-0055	LOCUST SPRINGS LLC	40	L
0130191090000	PPD 2022-0001	AIREF RIALTO COMMERCE CENTER II LP	41	L