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3 **A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY**  
4 **DEVELOPMENT TO REPORT THE USE OF FUNDS ACCRUED BY THE SALE OF**  
5 **LAND FOR PROJECT ZODIAC/GOOGLE AND ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR**  
6 **THE REMAINDER OF THOSE FUNDS TO BE USED IN SOUTHEAST**  
7 **FORT WAYNE**  
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9 **WHEREAS**, as noted in R-52-24, “addressing disparities in investment and key  
10 economic indicators between the Quadrant and the rest of the city prompted the Fort Wayne  
11 Common Council to adopt the 2021 Southeast Development Strategy (the “Strategy”), which  
12 emphasized themes such as encouraging top-of-market employment opportunities, promoting  
13 inclusive entrepreneurial development, and attracting a regional market to commercial corridors  
14 and districts”; and

15 **WHEREAS**, disparities continue, as noted in 2021, 2024, and today; and

16 **WHEREAS**, City staff in briefing City Council in 2023 noted that the proceeds of the  
17 sale of the Project Zodiac/Google land would be reinvested to benefit Southeast Fort Wayne ;  
18 and

19 **WHEREAS**, with the passage of R-52-24, Council and the Administration codified the  
20 intent that Google funds be used to benefit projects in Southeast Fort Wayne; and

21 **WHEREAS**, investment in Southeast Fort Wayne has lagged other parts of the City for  
22 years and post-SEA1 (2025) public funds are even more difficult to devote to areas needing  
23 investment like Southeast Fort Wayne; and

24 **WHEREAS**, some negative effects are inherent in any development, and many Fort  
25 Wayne residents believe the negative effects of Project Zodiac disparately impact Southeast Fort  
26 Wayne because of its proximity to the development and therefore it should receive a  
27 proportionately greater financial benefit to offset those potential negative impacts; and

28 **WHEREAS**, although the City Administration in 2023 disclosed that not all of the sales  
29 proceeds would be invested Southeast it was strongly suggested the majority of those funds  
30 would be; and

31 **WHEREAS**, the author of this resolution only voted for the sale of the land because it  
32 would help Southeast Fort Wayne and would not have done so if he would have known  
33 significant numbers of these funds would be diverted to Downtown development; and

