

CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
RESOLUTION SUMMARY

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Resolution No.: 06-10-26G

Resolution Title:

Resolution Authorizing a License Agreement with the City of Camden for the Installation of a New Jersey Black Heritage Trail Historic Marker in the Right of Way at 428 Stevens Street Designated as Block 178, Lot 13 of the City of Camden Tax Map and Located in the Lanning Square Redevelopment Area

Project Summary:

- The CRA owns the property known as 428 Stevens Street (Block 178, Lot 13) (the “Property”).
- The New Jersey Historical Commission (the “Historical Commission”) has granted the City of Camden’s nomination for the installation of a New Jersey Black Heritage Trail historical marker to recognize and list the former Locke Family Home (as described in Exhibit A). The Historic Marker is to be located in the Right of Way at the Property.
- CRA by Resolution 01-14-26J authorized the citing of the Historic Marker at the Property.
- The City of Camden desires to enter into a License Agreement with the CRA for the installation of a historical marker at the Property.
- The City of Camden's Historic Preservation Specialist will oversee and coordinate the placement and installation of the historic marker with the CRA, and the New Jersey Historical Commission will oversee the maintenance of the marker.
- CRA, as the current property owner, will be responsible for contacting the Historical Commission for maintenance, repair, and/or replacement in the event of the marker damage, vandalism, or loss. And, in event of the sale or transfer of the property CRA will have to notify the City and New Jersey Historical Commission so that a similar agreement may be made with the new property owner.

Purpose of Resolution:

To authorize a License Agreement

Award Process:

N/A

Cost Not to Exceed:

N/A

Total Project Cost:

\$0.00

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WHEREAS, the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency (“CRA”) owns the property known as 428 Stevens Street designated as Block 178, Lot 13 of the City of Camden Tax Map (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the City of Camden’s nomination of the Property was granted by the New Jersey Historical Commission for the installation of a New Jersey Black Heritage Trail historical marker recognizing the Locke Family Educators and listing the former home on the New Jersey Black Heritage Trail (see Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Black Heritage Trail historical markers are being erected for the purpose of connecting our residents and visitors with the complex histories and contributions of African Americans in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, CRA by Resolution 01-14-26J authorized the citing of a historic marker at the Property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Camden’s Historic Preservation Specialist will oversee and coordinate the placement and installation of the historic marker with the CRA, and the New Jersey Historical Commission and the New Jersey Historical Commission will oversee the maintenance of the historic marker; and

WHEREAS, once installed, the historical marker will become state property, and

WHEREAS, CRA, as the property owner, will be responsible for notifying the New Jersey Historical Commission for maintenance, repair, and/or replacement of the marker in the event of damage, vandalism, or loss and for notifying the state in the event of the sale or transfer of the property; and new property owner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency, that the Executive Director, a duly authorized representative of the Agency, is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a License Agreement with the City of Camden for the purposes set forth above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions and execute all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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ON MOTION OF: Gilbert Harden, Sr.


SECONDED BY: Jose Javier Ramos

| COMMISSIONER | AYES | NAYS | ABSTENTIONS |
|---------------------|------|------|-------------|
| Christopher Collins | | | X |
| Gilbert Harden, Sr. | X | | |
| Tasha Humphrey | X | | |
| Ian K. Leonard | X | | |
| Jose Javier Ramos | X | | |
| Maria Sharma | | | |

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Chairperson

ATTEST:



Olivette Simpson
Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

Mark P. Asselta

Mark P. Asselta, Esq.
Board Counsel

Exhibit A

City of Camden's New Jersey Historic Commission Nomination of
The Locke Family – Excellence in Education for
A New Jersey Black Heritage Trail Historical Marker in the Right of Way of Property
Known as 428 Stevens Street Designated as Block 178, Lot 13
of the City of Camden Tax Map

The Locke family of educators, started with Ishmael, who opened one of the first Black schools in Camden, and went on to establish several schools in the African country of Liberia. Mary Locke was an educator in the Camden city schools for about 35 years, including a stint at the Octavius V. Catto School, she “was very well known and very well loved.” Mary’s son, Alain, was the first Black Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, earning that distinction in about 1907, according to Dolly Marshall, Historic Preservation Specialist for the city. Later in life, Alain developed materials that, in their time, were frequently used to teach Black history. He also established the “New Negro” philosophical concept, which is said to have spurred the well-known artistic era spanning much of the 1920s and 1930s known as the Harlem Renaissance, according to the National Museum of African American History and Culture’s website.

