

RESOLUTION NO. 104 OF 2021

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE STATE OF LOUISIANA RELOCATING THE STATE BUILDING ON FAIRFIELD AVENUE TO DOWNTOWN SHREVEPORT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

COUNCILMEMBER: LEVETTE FULLER

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana office building located on Fairfield Avenue in Shreveport is in need of a major renovation and repairs; and

WHEREAS, the State solicited bids for renovations to the State office building, the bids received were significantly over the estimated cost for the project, which was \$2.7 million dollars, for that reason the bids were rejected; and

WHEREAS, there have been inquiries from interested parties to purchase the State office building; and

WHEREAS, relocation of the State office building to downtown Shreveport is a great redevelopment opportunity to consolidate State offices in downtown which would result in an investment in a downtown building, more employees officed in the historic city center, and close proximity to City and Parish offices, as well as court houses; and

WHEREAS, relocation of the State office building to downtown Shreveport would strengthen the employee base, encourage development of ancillary business to accommodate State workers, and increase pedestrian traffic in downtown Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, investment in downtown Shreveport of the type seen in downtown Baton Rouge and other state urban areas would greatly assist in business and community efforts to re-invigorate and energize Shreveport's downtown as a place where business is conducted incentivizing additional non-state projects; and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence due to the availability of State funding and the condition of the State building on Fairfield Avenue.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, acting in due, regular, and legal session convened, that the City Council hereby supports the State of Louisiana relocating the State building on Fairfield Avenue to downtown Shreveport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this Resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications and to this end, the provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolution or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office