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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CITY OF GAITHERSBURG
AD HOC ELECTIONS ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE AND CONFIRMING
APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE MAYOR OF THE
CITY OF GAITHERSBURG THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Gaithersburg's Election Ordinance has not been updated since 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Elections received a series of complaints associated with campaign finance and reporting issues related to the November 6, 2007 Election; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Elections has recommended that the Elections Ordinance be amended to eliminate ambiguous provisions and clarify appropriate public policy; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to develop and adopt amendments to the Elections Ordinance that are transparent and equitable, and that will promote public confidence in the election process:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ad Hoc Elections Ordinance Review Committee is hereby established, and appointments by the Mayor of members thereto be and they hereby are confirmed by the City Council as follows:

Appointments

To Be Determined

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the charge of this committee shall be to:

- A. Review the Election Ordinances and Campaign Financing Mechanisms and their Regulation by other jurisdictions to identify best practices;
- B. Consult with legal counsel and develop draft amendments to the Election Ordinance including possible changes to campaign contribution limitations and reporting requirements;
- C. Provide any other recommendations concerning the City's elections process that the committee deems appropriate.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 5th day of May, 2008

SIDNEY A. KATZ, MAYOR and
President of the Council

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing
Resolution was adopted by the City Council
in public meeting assembled on the 5th
day of May, 2008.

James D. Arnoult, Acting City Manager