

RESOLUTION NO. RS2018-1417

A resolution expressing the Metropolitan Council's support for continued racing at the Nashville Fairgrounds Speedway.

WHEREAS, the Nashville Fairgrounds Speedway is part of a long and valued tradition in Nashville and Davidson County. The Speedway is the oldest continually operated Short Track in the United States, attracting visitors from all over the country for over 100 years; and

WHEREAS, the racetrack at the Nashville Fairgrounds was first developed in 1904, initially featuring "horseless carriages" and motorcycles on a 1 1/8 mile dirt oval track; and

WHEREAS, over the next fifty years, the racetrack continued to evolve, and by 1957, it began to feature NASCAR events, prompting a new speedway to be built in 1958; and

WHEREAS, the Fairgrounds Speedway has seen continued improvements since 1958, and currently features a 0.596-mile, 18 degree banked paved oval; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the long and storied history of racing at the Nashville Fairgrounds, and the joy and entertainment it has brought to millions of racing enthusiasts for over a century, the Metropolitan Council supports the continuation of racing at the Fairgrounds Speedway; and

WHEREAS, with the forthcoming construction of a Major League Soccer stadium at the Fairgrounds site, it is important that soccer-related uses should serve to complement -- not displace -- racing uses at the Fairgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council should recognize the history and significance of the Nashville Fairgrounds Speedway and hereafter pledge to ensure that the Fairgrounds Speedway and the Major League Soccer Stadium operate together in harmony.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as expressing continued support for the Fairgrounds Speedway and the continuation of racing at the Fairgrounds site, and urges that all current and forthcoming uses of the Fairgrounds be valued equally, and that every effort be made for all entities represented at the Fairgrounds to operate harmoniously in perpetuity.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

SPONSORED BY:

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