



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-0890, **Agenda Item #:** 25.

6/5/2025

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance designating the area bound by 916, 979 and 900 Springdale Road, 3600 Lyons Road, and 3601 Govalle Avenue as the Govalle Cultural District encompassing the creative, cultural, entertainment, heritage and commercial assets that create the neighborhood's identity. Funding: There is no fiscal impact to the City.

Lead Department

Economic Development.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

September 26, 2024 - Council approved Resolution No. 20240926-014 authorizing the Economic and Cultural District Framework Policy, which provides community and policy makers guidance to identify, organize, and resource Economic and Cultural Districts.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

May 19, 2025 - to be reviewed by the Arts Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

This action will designate the Govalle Cultural District for the area bounded by the following properties: 916 Springdale Road, 979 Springdale Road, 900 Springdale Road, 3600 Lyons Road, and 3601 Govalle Avenue.

This district hosts a significant concentration of arts organizations and local small businesses, with anchors including Canopy Austin, the Museum of Human Achievement, the Austin Bouldering Project, Springdale Station, and Govalle Elementary School.

These organizations have undertaken a planning process for their district in accordance with requirements from the Texas Commission on the Arts' Cultural District guidelines and have obtained petitions of support for cultural district designation from a majority of property owners and a majority of arts organizations and small businesses in the district's boundaries.

The district map, plan, and petitions are included as backup to this item. Approving this designation will allow the Govalle Cultural District to apply for designation as a State Cultural District from the Texas Commission on the Arts.