

August 25, 2024

Mary Bunting CC: Clerk of Court 22 Lincoln Street 5th Floor Hampton, VA 23669

Dear City Manager Bunting,

On behalf of the Phoebus Partnership, I am writing to request the City of Hampton's support as we prepare to submit our formal application to elevate our status to an Advancing Virginia Main Street community, with the ultimate goal of achieving National Main Street Accreditation in October 2024. This elevation is a critical step in furthering our mission to steward the revitalization and economic development of Phoebus' historic commercial core.

As part of our application process, we need a resolution of support from the Hampton City Council that underscores the City's commitment to partnering with the Phoebus Partnership and supporting the goals of Phoebus' Main Street program. We have attached a draft resolution for your consideration. While we are recommending the language in the attached document, we are open to any adjustments that better reflect the City's position or priorities.

We would like to kindly request that this resolution be considered during the City Council's next legislative session in September, as a timely approval is essential to our October application.

The Phoebus Partnership has always valued our collaborative relationship with the City of Hampton, and we look forward to continuing this partnership as we work together to achieve the economic and cultural goals of Phoebus. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Joe Griffith

Interim Virginia Main Street Manager

Phoebus Partnership