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Date June 8, 2026

**RESOLUTION APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
BETWEEN THE CITY AND HARVARD COLLEGE, ACTING THROUGH THE
BLOOMBERG HARVARD CITY LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE, REGARDING
ENGAGEMENT IN THE BLOOMBERG HARVARD CITY HALL FELLOWS
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, starting in the summer of 2024, the Mayor and City staff engaged in the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, which equips mayors and senior city officials to tackle complex challenges in their cities and improve the quality of life of their residents; and

WHEREAS, within this context, the Mayor selected the challenge of addressing homelessness, with a mission to alleviate unsheltered homelessness by 2030; and

WHEREAS, as an extension of the City Leadership Initiative, the City was invited to competitively apply for a Bloomberg Harvard City Hall Fellow, who is a graduate of a master's or professional degree program at Harvard University, for a two-year term on this policy area; and

WHEREAS, Harvard will provide a grant to the City to be paid in installments on a quarterly basis during the period of fellowship, where the fellow will be a full-time employee of the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that:

1. The Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Des Moines, Iowa, and Harvard College is hereby approved.
2. The Human Resources Department staff are authorized to post the position for recruitment of a Harvard Fellow.
3. The Finance Department and Neighborhood Services Department staff are authorized and directed to provide payment in accordance when applicable and to otherwise administer the Memorandum as provided for therein.

(Council Communication No. 26-194)



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Moved by Gatto to adopt.

Second by Westergaard

Approved as to form:

/s/ Meg Norberg

Meg Norberg

Deputy City Attorney

| COUNCIL ACTION | YEAS | NAYS | PASS | ABSENT |
|----------------|------|------|------|--------|
| BOESEN | ✓ | | | |
| SIMONSON | ✓ | | | |
| VOSS | ✓ | | | |
| BARRON | ✓ | | | |
| WESTERGAARD | ✓ | | | |
| MANDELBAUM | ✓ | | | |
| GATTO | ✓ | | | |
| TOTAL | 7 | | | |

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

CERTIFICATE

I, LAURA BAUMGARTNER, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

Connie Boesen

Mayor

Laura Baumgartner

City Clerk