

1 surrounding Armstrong Park, in addition to city leadership, have consistently shown great
2 enthusiasm for this development; and

3 WHEREAS, the Levitt model is a private-public partnership at its core; all Levitt
4 venues are state-of-the-art outdoor venues that are city-owned facilities on city-owned land,
5 typically public parks; the model requires that a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization be
6 formed to work in partnership with the city and the Levitt Foundation in the development
7 of a Levitt Pavilion and maintenance of the local Levitt program; and

8 WHEREAS, Friends of Levitt New Orleans will be responsible for producing the
9 annual free Levitt concert series, which will be accomplished with grants and resources
10 provided by the Levitt Foundation and local funding; the Levitt Foundation pledges a
11 minimum \$500,000 seed grant towards the construction of the new Levitt Pavilion in
12 Armstrong Park, provided the site and venue design meet the requirements of the Levitt
13 Program, and an additional \$1.1 million in grant funding to help with the first five years of
14 operation and for core operating support; in the sixth year of operation and beyond, the
15 foundation will contribute a minimum of \$200,000 annually for core operating support
16 through 2041; and

17 WHEREAS, the development of a Levitt Pavilion in Armstrong Park in New Orleans
18 is an inspiring undertaking that is worthy of the highest recognition for making the arts
19 accessible to all and for seeking to breathe new life into Louisiana's public spaces.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
21 express support for the development of a Levitt Pavilion in Armstrong Park in New Orleans;
22 does hereby further recognize the Mortimer & Mimi Levitt Foundation for its support of the
23 arts and local communities; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes for the success of this
24 development which will help to promote Louisiana and New Orleans culture in a welcoming
25 and inclusive setting.

DIGEST

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