

**CITY OF LA VISTA  
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT  
FEBRUARY 3, 2015 AGENDA**

Subject:	Type:	Submitted By:
HEARTLAND 2050 REGIONAL COMPACT	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	PAM BUETHE CITY CLERK

**SYNOPSIS**

A resolution has been prepared authorizing the Mayor to execute a mutual agreement (compact) for collaboration with all entities represented in the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA) to support and adopt Heartland 2050 as the long-term vision for the future of the metropolitan area.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval.

**BACKGROUND**

After the presentation and discussion on Heartland 2050 at the January 20, 2015 meeting this agenda item is the action item to show the Council's support for and adoption of Heartland 2050 as the long-term vision for the future of the metropolitan area.

This compact will pledge the City's support through participation of staff members, elected officials and financial support (subject to final review and approval by the City). \$2,500 was budgeted in the current fiscal year for support of Heartland 2050. There will be no additional request for financial support until FY16.

The Heartland Regional Compact is attached

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE HEARTLAND REGIONAL COMPACT

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is desirable to support and adopt Heartland 2050 as a long-term vision for the future of the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the City pledges to continue to work together in good faith with the region toward implementation of the Vision; and

WHEREAS, the City pledges to provide support through participation of staff members, elected officials and financial support (subject to final review and approval by the City); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of La Vista, Nebraska, does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute the Heartland Regional Compact.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015

CITY OF LA VISTA

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Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pamela A. Buethe, CMC  
City Clerk

# **The Heartland Regional Compact**

**BE IT ENACTED**, by the *City Council* of the City of La Vista, Nebraska

- I. **WHEREAS**, Heartland 2050 is a collaboration of the eight counties in the Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA): Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders and Washington Counties in Nebraska and Harrison, Mills and Pottawattamie Counties in Iowa; collectively created by residents and leaders from government, business, education, non-profit, neighborhood, philanthropic and faith-based organizations; and
- II. **WHEREAS**, Heartland 2050 is based on the core values of area residents, and seeks to protect and preserve these values to make our communities stronger; and
- III. **WHEREAS**, we recognize that growth and development decisions can affect neighboring jurisdictions and the region, and we support planned growth and development to maximize efficiency through coordination among jurisdictions to provide for the orderly extension and integration of services, promote the economic vitality of the region's cities and counties and enhance the quality of life of its residents; and
- IV. **WHEREAS**, the Heartland 2050 Vision project promotes six goals to improve quality of life for the region's people, places and resources:
  - Economic Development: Together, our region will strengthen its robust economy to encourage business expansion, job growth and become a national magnet for a young and highly skilled workforce.
  - Education: Together, our region will have a world-class education system that educates the work force of the future.
  - Health and Safety: Together, our region will be noted for its healthy living, safe neighborhoods and exceptional healthcare providers.
  - Housing and Development: Together, our region will be known for welcoming, connected and lively communities that offer residents a range of housing choices and locations.
  - Infrastructure: Together, our region's investments will develop efficient infrastructure that supports economic development, provides more transportation choices, and reduces energy consumption.
  - Natural Resources: Together, our region values, protects and utilizes our natural features and systems to provide access to open space and resiliency from natural disasters.
- V. **WHEREAS**, the Vision is guided by the following Principles:
  - Equity-All individuals, regardless of ability, and communities within the region will have full and equal access to opportunities that enable them to attain their full potential.
  - Efficiency-Public infrastructure and services will be provided efficiently and cost-effectively.



- Inclusivity-Decision making and the execution of solutions in the region will be carried out in a way that ensures that all of the region's residents have an opportunity to participate in the process, implementation, and evaluation.
- Local Control/Regional Benefit- Cities and counties within the region will maintain local control over their communities while working collectively together to ensure that local decisions enhance rather than adversely affect other neighborhoods, communities or the region as a whole.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual agreement contained herein, the undersigned agrees as follows:

We support and adopt Heartland 2050 as the long-term vision for the future of the metropolitan area to create the kind of place where our children and grandchildren will want to live and work, a thriving region to call home.

We pledge to continue to work together in good faith with the region toward implementation of the Vision and will provide support through participation of staff members, elected officials and financial support (subject to final review and approval by each jurisdiction or organization).

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 3rd day of February, 2015.

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Douglas Kindig  
Mayor

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Ron Kohn  
Chairman, MAPA Board of Directors

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Greg Youell  
MAPA Executive Director