

## Southeast Working-Class Task Force August-September 2019 Newsletter

It is important that the history and culture of America's blue collar workers and other laboring people be respected for all the heavy lifting they put into building and maintaining our city and country.

A major way to recognize this is to appreciate the county music that's traditionally associated with the working class. A truly American music, paring the African banjo and the European violin, it gave birth to folk, hillbilly, country, country blues, country and western, bluegrass, and rockabilly--all of which came out of the lived experiences of those who used their hands, backs, and wits to make a living.

This is why, through working with City-County Councillors Frankie Mascari and Jared Evans, as well as Council President Vop Osili and Mayor Joe Hogsett, on Monday, Sept. 9, the Indianapolis City-County Council passed a Southeast Working-Class Task Force (SEW-CTF) written and initiated resolution making the weeks of Sept. 15 and Sept. 22, 2019 Country Music Weeks in Indy. The proclamation celebrates the Ken Burns PBS WFYI channel 20 documentary *Country Music*.

See the proclamation here: <http://vorcreatex.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/SEW-CTF-sponsored-City-County-Council-resolution-proclaims-Sept-15-Sept-22-Country-Music-Weeks-in-Indy.pdf>. View the presentation at 21 minute 30 second mark of council session video here: [http://indianapolis.granicus.com/player/clip/19146?view\\_id=3](http://indianapolis.granicus.com/player/clip/19146?view_id=3)

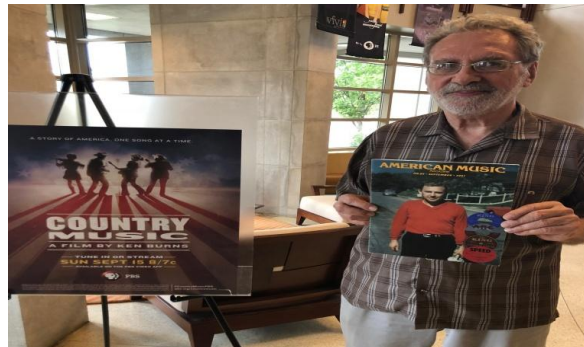


John talks to council about SEW-CTF resolution. Behind him are Councilor Adamson, SEW-CTF member Michael Smith, Councilor Mascari, and Councilor Evans



Council President Osili and Council Minority Leader Councilor McQuillen congratulate SEW-CTF

On Wednesday, (Sept 11) Kyle Long interviewed John on Kyle's WFYI FM 90.1 weekly Cultural Manifesto radio show around a tribute to the history of Indy's country music scene. They discussed Indianapolis country music and Fountain Square honky tonk and rockabilly legend Lattie Moore. Listen to the show here: <https://www.wfyi.org/programs/cultural-manifesto/radio/Lattie-Moore>



John at WFYI studios after interview for Kyle Long's Cultural Manifesto radio show

Kyle's show was also the lead-in to the 8 day/16 hour series Ken Burns *Country Music* film on WFYI Channel 20. See the a preview here of the series: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVOZl671ssY>

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