

RESOLUTION NO.: 26-2017
INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Roche and Members of Council

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE JC PENNEY COMPANY TO KEEP ITS STORE IN THE RICHMOND TOWN SQUARE MALL, IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OHIO, OPEN AND OPERATIONAL.

WHEREAS, the JC Penney Company has announced the closing of several of its stores, including possible closing of the JC Penney store located at the Richmond Town Square Mall; and

WHEREAS, the JC Penney store in the City of Richmond Heights is the only store on the northeast side of Cuyahoga County, and it is a critical retail destination in the City of Richmond Heights and the region; and

WHEREAS, the City is working closely with the new management at the Richmond Town Square Mall, and together they are working to make the Mall an entertainment and shopping destination for families in the region and working towards a goal of 90-95% average occupancy; and

WHEREAS, the City is working to expand current zoning to permit the development of specialty destination shops at the Mall and allow for fresh new concepts to expand the businesses at the Mall; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond Heights offers convenient access to highways in the region, and its residents possess a moderate to high net worth, more than \$4,000.00 higher than the average median household income in Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond Heights would welcome an opportunity to engage in dialog with JC Penney to examine how it may assist and enhance the ability of JC Penney to do business in the City so that it can be a continuing successful business for years to come.

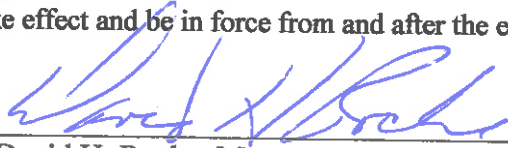
NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: The City of Richmond Heights encourages the JC Penney Company to continue to do business in the City at the Richmond Town Square Mall, and would welcome the opportunity to engage with JC Penney to enhance its presence at the Mall and ensure a successful business operation well into the future, in the best interests of JC Penney, the residents of the City of Richmond Heights and the region.

Section 2: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.


Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: April 11, 2017


David H. Roche, Mayor

APPROVED: April 11, 2017

ATTEST: Betsy Traben
Betsy Traben
Clerk of Council


Eloise Cotton-Henry
President of Council