

RESOLUTION NO. 181-2024(COTW), *Second Reading As Amended*

By President Cuda, Vice President Russell,
Councilmember Petras, Councilmember Cobb,
and Councilmember Larson

A Resolution Encouraging Heights Libraries to work toward a solution that preserves the P.E.A.C.E Campus Building at 2843 Washington Blvd, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118 as a hub for arts and culture.

WHEREAS, The City of Cleveland Heights recognizes the importance of a thriving arts community, which is vital to the City's identity and economy and the overall quality of life for residents; and

WHEREAS, The City of Cleveland Heights expresses its appreciation for the ongoing efforts of both Heights Libraries and Coventry PEACE, Inc to enhance our community's cultural and artistic landscape; and

WHEREAS, The City of Cleveland Heights deeply values the contributions of Heights Libraries, which has been an anchor of our community for over 100 years; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District transferred ownership of the old Coventry Elementary School, located at 2843 Washington Blvd, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118 and commonly known as the Coventry PEACE Campus, to Heights Libraries in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Coventry PEACE Campus has become a cherished community asset and vibrant hub for arts and culture in Cleveland Heights, offering diverse programming that enriches the lives of residents of all ages, backgrounds, and interests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS THAT:

SECTION 1. This Council hereby recognizes and commends Heights Libraries for its commitment to our community.

SECTION 2. This Council hereby recognizes and commends Coventry PEACE, Inc for its dedication to supporting the arts community.

SECTION 3. This Council emphasizes the importance of preserving spaces for the arts in Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 4. This Council encourages Heights Libraries to work toward a solution that preserves the building located at 2843 Washington Blvd, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118 as a hub for arts and culture, and in order to provide time and stability for a productive search for a solution, encourages Heights Libraries to consider extending the leases of current tenants.

SECTION 5. The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Heights Libraries and Coventry PEACE, Inc

SECTION 6. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 7. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to promptly encourage Heights Libraries. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.



TONY CUDA
President of Council



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Clerk of Council

PASSED: October 7, 2024

Presented to Mayor: 10/08/2024 Approved: 10/17/2024



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Mayor