

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Manager's Recommendation: Approval of the resolution as follows:

Council _____ offered and moved adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO PRESERVE KROGER GROCERY STORE

WHEREAS, the Kroger Company has operated a full service grocery store at 3430 State Street in the City of Saginaw for many years; and

WHEREAS, this grocery store serves as the anchor for a thriving and important neighborhood retail area and provides important access to citizens many of whom do not have access to automobiles and are able to access this store only because it is within walking distance of their homes; and

WHEREAS, this Kroger store is the last full service grocery store located in the entire City of Saginaw; and

WHEREAS, the Kroger Company has announced plans to construct a new "mega" Kroger store in Saginaw Township and permanently close this grocery store located in the City of Saginaw; and

WHEREAS, the closure of this store would have a serious and long term detrimental effect on this neighborhood, depriving the residents of a needed resource and creating the real possibility of a vacant building subject to vandalism and arson.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Saginaw hereby strongly urges the Kroger Company to keep its grocery store in the City open and available to serve its customers, the citizens of the City of Saginaw; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if this Kroger store does close that the Kroger Company waive any restriction or limitation that would prevent or impede another grocery store from operating at the same location.