

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-01-002R

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE WEST URBANA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
DOCUMENT ENTITLED "PRESERVING AND REVITALIZING THE WEST URBANA
NEIGHBORHOOD"

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana is an active participant in the West Urbana Neighborhood Association's University-Neighborhood-City Group, whose goals are to improve the quality of life for all residents of the neighborhood, to maintain an attractive campus gateway, to preserve the West Urbana residential neighborhood, and to promote pride in property ownership and neighborhood residency; and

WHEREAS, in coordination with the University-Neighborhood City Group, the West Urbana Neighborhood Association has prepared a document entitled "Preserving and Revitalizing the West Urbana Neighborhood", the purpose of which is to promote increased participation by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in efforts to stabilize the West Urbana neighborhood by maintaining a solid base of owner-occupied, single family residential housing and investing in the neighborhood through active collaboration with the City and the community; and

WHEREAS, the goals and recommendations set forward in the "Preserving and Revitalizing the West Urbana Neighborhood" are consistent with the City's 2005 Comprehensive Plan policies and strategies for the West Urbana area to explore neighborhood conservation designation, to promote single family residential uses in areas zoned for single family residential, to preserve existing zoning protections, and to respect the traditional physical development pattern for new development; and

WHEREAS, increased participation by the University in efforts to stabilize the West Urbana neighborhood in recognition of its value as an asset for faculty and staff recruitment and retention and consistent with the efforts of other major universities is critical for the successful achievement of the goals set forward by the City and neighborhood, as expressed in the 2005 Comprehensive Plan and in the document entitled "Preserving and Revitalizing the West Urbana Neighborhood"; and

WHEREAS, the Urbana City Council desires to express its support for many of the concepts outlined in the document entitled "Preserving and Revitalizing the West Urbana Neighborhood" and supports the efforts of the West Urbana Neighborhood Association to bring these important issues to the attention of the City of Urbana and to the University of Illinois administration and staff.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the City Council of the City of Urbana; do hereby recognize the document entitled "Preserving and Revitalizing the West Urbana Neighborhood" as a position statement of the West Urbana Neighborhood; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Chancellor of the University of Illinois.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of January, 2006

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of January, 2006

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor