

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 195

BY REPRESENTATIVE JIMMY HARRIS

COMMERCE: Requests the city of New Orleans to develop and implement initiatives to attract quality retail and dining establishments to certain areas of the city

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the city of New Orleans to develop and implement initiatives to attract  
3 quality retail and dining establishments to neighborhoods east of the Industrial Canal  
4 and to those within planning districts seven, eight, nine, ten, and eleven.

5 WHEREAS, increasing access to quality retail and dining establishments is an  
6 important strategy for improving the economic viability and nutritional health of  
7 underserved communities within the city of New Orleans; and

8 WHEREAS, prior to 2005, there were numerous retail and dining establishments  
9 located throughout the city of New Orleans that provided the city's residents with a multitude  
10 of quality shopping and dining options; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2005, Hurricane Katrina caused catastrophic damage to many areas  
12 of the city, including the destruction of many of these retail and dining establishments; and

13 WHEREAS, in the wake of the recession, many department stores, malls, and dining  
14 establishments throughout the United States, including some in the city of New Orleans,  
15 were forced to close their doors as consumers began tightening their belts in the face of  
16 stagnant wages and reduced employment opportunities; and

17 WHEREAS, since that time, very few quality retail and dining establishments have  
18 returned to the neighborhoods east of the Industrial Canal or to those within planning  
19 districts seven, eight, nine, ten, and eleven; and

1           WHEREAS, in these areas, there has been an influx of dollar stores, or deep-discount  
2 retailers, that do not offer quality merchandise or fresh fruits, vegetables, or other healthy  
3 food; and

4           WHEREAS, it is imperative that the city attract quality retail and dining  
5 establishments to these areas as they will become economic anchors in the community,  
6 providing merchandise and fresh food at competitive prices, creating jobs, and attracting  
7 additional investment; and

8           WHEREAS, the city of New Orleans should work diligently to ensure that all  
9 residents of the city of New Orleans have access to quality merchandise and healthy food.

10          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
11 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the city of New Orleans to develop  
12 and implement initiatives to attract quality retail and dining establishments to neighborhoods  
13 east of the Industrial Canal and to those within planning districts seven, eight, nine, ten, and  
14 eleven.

15          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
16 mayor of the city of New Orleans.

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DIGEST

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