

Resolution No. _____, Series 2009

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF KEEPING JBS IN BUTCHERTOWN; DECLARING THE ENACTMENT OF THIS RESOLUTION AN EMERGENCY.

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WHEREAS, there has been meatpacking on the site now occupied by JBS (a/k/a “Swift”) in Metro Louisville’s Butchertown neighborhood for over 100 years; and

WHEREAS, the JBS plant provides 1300 jobs with living wages, family health coverage, and a defined-benefit pension; and

WHEREAS, these 1300 jobs mean a \$40 million annual payroll making JBS the third-largest manufacturing facility in Metro Louisville; and

WHEREAS, Louisville Metro Government offers incentives to companies to bring these types of jobs to our area; and

WHEREAS, Louisville Metro Government’s annual operating budget is heavily dependent upon revenues derived from occupational taxes; and

WHEREAS, United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 227 and JBS have an excellent relationship, and both are good community citizens; and

WHEREAS, the plant’s conditional-use permit came before the Louisville Metro Board of Zoning Adjustment for the possibility of revocation, which would have closed the plant and caused massive job loss; and

WHEREAS, JBS is encouraged to continue to be a good neighbor by reducing odor, noise and traffic; and

WHEREAS, JBS, a fast-growing global meatpacking company, has many choices among many communities all over the United States in which to operate; and

WHEREAS, a relocation of JBS could suspend operations at the plant thus greatly impacting the collection of occupational taxes for Louisville Metro Government’s annual operating budget due to the suspension of jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Council (“Council”) wishes to send a strong message indicating their appreciation of the plant’s contributions to our city, and to indicate our desire of their continued operations in Metro Louisville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Council supports efforts by UFCW Local 227 and JBS to preserve Louisville’s historic Butchertown by keeping the butchers in Louisville’s Butchertown neighborhood.

Section 2. Due to our current economic recession, attempts to jeopardize the existence of good paying jobs in Metro Louisville should not be condoned.

Section 3. The Council encourages JBS to stay, grow, and thrive in Butchertown for years to come.

Section 4. In recognition of the current controversy and need to strongly support JBS due to its being a significant contributor to the financial viability of this community and pursuant to Section 7.12 of the Rules of the Council, the enactment of this resolution is deemed an emergency.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

Kathleen J. Herron
Metro Council Clerk

David W. Tandy
President of the Council

Jerry E. Abramson
Mayor

Approved: _____
Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:
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