

Resolution No. 620-2024

By Council Members Griffin, Howse-Jones, Jones, Bishop, McCormack, Gray, Starr, Polensek, Conwell, Hairston, Kelly, Maurer, Harsh, Santana, Spencer, Kazy and Slife

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION
Urging the Cleveland Metropolitan School District to change the name of East Professional Center to “Arnold R. Pinkney Professional Center”.

FOR ADOPTION
June 3, 2024

WHEREAS, Arnold R. Pinkney is the Chairman of Pinkney-Perry Insurance Agency, Inc., which has been in business for 42 years in Cleveland; he is also Senior Consultant and Chief Operations Officer of betpin & associates, a consulting firm focusing on political strategic planning and management consulting as well as representing motivational speakers; and

WHEREAS, a native of Youngstown, Ohio, Mr. Pinkney received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History, along with a minor in Economics, from Albion College in Michigan; he attended Case Western Reserve School of Law, is a graduate of the Agency Management Training Course, and holds an Honorary Doctor of Law Degree from Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, where he was appointed to the Board of Trustees by Governor John Gilligan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pinkney began his professional career at Great Lakes Mutual Life Insurance and Prudential Life Insurance companies; Mr. Pinkney was the first African American hired by Prudential nationally and the first African American to become a million-dollar producer; and

WHEREAS, a great proponent of education, his illustrious career with the Cleveland School Board began with his appointment in 1967, and continued with his election to the School Board in 1967, 1973 and 1977; Mr. Pinkney was elected School Board President in 1971 and reelected every subsequent year until 1978; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pinkney serves on many boards affecting Cleveland’s economic, civic and political communities, including The Urban League, University Circle, Incorporated and Cleveland Musical Arts Association; Mr. Pinkney is a founder and a member of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank Association, established in 1974 as the first African American full service bank in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, for years, Arnold Pinkney has been a concerned and involved citizen of greater Cleveland, demonstrating dedication and commitment to the health and welfare of the City by providing limitless public service and community volunteerism to support business, civic, educational and political endeavors that have improved and enhanced the City; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council urges the Cleveland Metropolitan School District to change the name of East Professional Center to “Arnold R. Pinkney Professional Center”.

Section 2. That the Clerk is directed to send copies of this resolution to Dr. Warren G. Morgan, CEO, Cleveland Metropolitan School District.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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**REPORT
after second Reading**

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PRESIDENT

CITY CLERK

APPROVED

MAYOR

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