

Resolution No. 219-2022

By Council Members Starr and Maurer

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Strongly opposing Cuyahoga County's selection of the Cuyahoga Valley Industrial Center at Pershing Avenue in Ward 12 as the location of a new jail and further opposing Cuyahoga County's alternative use of the Cuyahoga Valley Industrial Center as a container storage facility.

WHEREAS, Ward 12 includes a 40 acre undeveloped industrial site known as the Cuyahoga Valley Industrial Center (CVIC) on Pershing Ave, which was previously a steel mill slag site; and

WHEREAS, the CVIC site is immediately adjacent to residential neighborhoods in Slavic Village and Ward 5's North Broadway neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2014, after extensive remediation and meeting rigorous standards, the CVIC was awarded the designation of a Certified Ohio Job Ready site; and

WHEREAS, in late 2021, Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish publicly confirmed that he was interested in the CVIC site as the location for the new Cuyahoga County Jail; and

WHEREAS, at the time the County Executive confirmed the County's interest in the site, the County had made no effort to contact community groups, local non-profit organizations, or neighbors in Slavic Village and North Broadway; and

WHEREAS, the Slavic Village Development Corporation, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio, University Settlement, Neighbors in North Broadway and many individual residents have all opposed building the jail at the CVIC site; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has suggested publicly that, alternatively, the County could locate the jail at a site in Ward 3 that currently holds a container storage facility and the County would move the container storage facility to the CVIC site; and

WHEREAS, neither is the use of the CVIC as a container storage facility a productive or a favorable use of the site; using the CVIC site for container storage would take over one of the most buildable, exciting parcels in the City without creating jobs and ignore all the promising development and job possibilities the site offers; and

WHEREAS, this Council encourages the County to look elsewhere in the County for its jail location and at the very least, not at sites located in or near residential areas of the City to build its jail; and to cease further discussion of the CVIC as a site for a jail or a container storage facility; 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 strongly opposes Cuyahoga County's selection of the Cuyahoga Valley Industrial Center at Pershing Avenue in Ward 12 as the location of a new jail and further opposes Cuyahoga County's alternative use of the Cuyahoga Valley Industrial Center as a container storage facility.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish, Cuyahoga County Law Director Greg Huth and Cuyahoga County Director of Public Works Michael Dever.

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
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READ FIRST TIME on FEBRUARY 28, 2022

REPORTS

**and referred to DIRECTOR of Law;
COMMITTEE on Finance Diversity Equity and Inclusion**

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