

RESOLUTION NO. 68

WHEREAS, the Safeway Corporation has closed their East Braddock Road Store; and

WHEREAS, the East Braddock Road Safeway Store had served a significant number of Alexandrians on moderate or low incomes and elderly citizens who have no convenient means of transportation to supermarkets in other parts of the City; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the East Braddock Road area now only have access to convenience type stores whose prices normally exceed those of larger chain, full-service supermarkets; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens affected to have a choice in purchasing foodstuffs and other necessities in as economic a fashion as possible; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of all Alexandrians that our economically deprived and elderly citizens have an opportunity to buy foodstuffs and associated items at competitive prices; and

WHEREAS, the Safeway Corporation has not to this point responded to requests from the community to reopen the East Braddock Road Store; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council regards the closing of the Safeway Store as a community emergency requiring resolution at the earliest possible date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alexandria City Council goes on record as requesting that the Safeway Corporation examine the conditions under which it would be economically feasible for them to reopen the East Braddock Road Store and discuss the matter further with the Chairman and Coordinator of the Alexandria Economic Opportunities Commission, with representatives of neighborhood citizen groups, the Alexandria Board of Trade, and appropriate members of the City Manager's staff. Further, if it is determined that the Safeway Corporation will not reopen a store at the former East Braddock Road location, appropriate members of the City Staff to include the Coordinator of EOC, should aggressively investigate the possibility of another corporation moving into and operating a food market at the East Braddock Road location.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting of the City Council, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Safeway Corporation.

BY AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR. MAYOR

Adopted October 26, 1971

ATTEST:

Helen Vickers

Clerk