Resolution in Favor of Historically Preserving the Rochester Community Schools Administration Building at 501 W. University Drive, Rochester, MI

Rochester-Avon Historical Society Resolution No. 01-2022

Whereas, the mission of the Rochester-Avon Historical Society (RAHS) is to help preserve, collect, and interpret the history of the greater Rochester area, as well as to foster an appreciation for local history; and

Whereas, the City of Rochester's historic character is visible in remaining structures, buildings, and sites, like the current Rochester Community Schools (RCS) Administration Building, yet the area's historic charm is rapidly deteriorating and in danger of being lost to future generations; and

Whereas, the Village of Rochester was platted in 1826 and in 1829 the village became Avon School District No. 5; and

Whereas, the Avon School District No. 5 Schoolhouse, built in 1889 and named the William F. Harrison Building in 1934, was listed on the State Register of Historic Places in 1987; and

Whereas, RAHS has taken the initial steps to nominate the RCS Administration complex to the National Register of Historic Places; and

Whereas, the RCS Administration Building has been a school or school office for 133 years and the site of a school building for 175 years; and

Whereas, The RCS Administration Building complex is currently for sale; and

Whereas, RAHS believes the RCS Administration Building and the New Deal bas relief by Leonard D. Jungwirth and an oil painting by Detroit artist Marvin Beerbohm located therein; as well as other artifacts, photographs, and ephemera located therein have great historical significance; and

Whereas, RAHS believes that the preservation, restoration, and adaptive reuse of the RCS Administration Building located at 501 W. University Drive, significantly contributes to the historical character, beauty, and economic vitality of Michigan, Oakland County, and the Greater Rochester area; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that RAHS urges the RCS Board of Education to emphasize and maximize the historical preservation of the RCS Administration Building located at 501 W. University Drive.

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