

Subject: CSG Resolution: The "Pinball Pete's" Act
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Hello,

On December 5, 2023, the Central Student Government Assembly passed a Declarative Resolution to Denounce the Demolition of Pinball Pete's.

This resolution denounces and protests the developments proposed by architecture firm, Myefski Architects, that would result in the demolition of the Galleria building as well as many businesses along South University Avenue, including Pinball Pete's, a long-standing and dearly beloved small business.

The Sponsors of this Resolution have been CC'd for any further inquiries regarding this Resolution.

Attached is the Resolution for your viewing. Thank you and have a great day!

Best,
Jarek Schmanski
Speaker of the 13th Assembly



Central Student Government

Assembly Resolution 13-033

The “Pinball Pete’s” Act

Resolution Information

Sponsor(s)	Liam Reaser, Rules Chair (LSA) Riley Kina, Rules Vice Chair (LSA) Patrick Szendro Arceo, Executive Nominations Vice Chair (LSA) Paige Cook, Non-Traditional Ex Officio (LSA) Benjamin Thomas, LSA Alexander Gavulic, Law
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Long title	A Declarative Resolution to Denounce the Demolition of Pinball Pete’s
Author Summary	This resolution denounces and protests the developments proposed by architecture firm, Myefski Architects, that would result in the demolition of the Galleria building as well as many businesses along South University Avenue, including Pinball Pete’s, a long-standing and dearly beloved small business.


Assembly Information (to be completed by the Speaker)

Requirements	Reading in two separate meetings; simple majority vote; Presidential approval.
Committees	Communications

Committee Information (to be completed by the respective Committee Chairs)

Committee (if applicable)	Passed For First Reads (Y/N; Initials)	Passed For Second Reads (Y/N; Initials)
Rules		
Finance		
Communications	N/A	N/A
Resolutions		

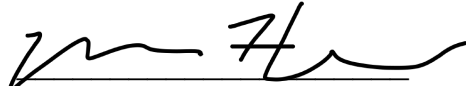
Attest


Jarek Schmanski, LSA
Speaker of the Assembly

Unanimous Consent

Date: 5 December 2023

Presidential Approval


Meera Herle, Ford

1/18/2024

Date

Section 1.

The Central Student Government Assembly finds and declares all of the following:

WHEREAS,

The Central Student Government (CSG) is an elected body designed to advocate on behalf of the students of the University of Michigan; AND

WHEREAS,

Myefski Architects has proposed development in the area of South University Avenue that would include the demolition of the Galleria building and the termination of the leases of many businesses in the area, including local arcade, Pinball Pete's; AND

WHEREAS,

Pinball Pete's is, and has faithfully been, one of the few remaining arcades in Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County as a whole; AND

WHEREAS,

Pinball Pete's has been serving the Ann Arbor community for over 30 years¹; AND

WHEREAS,

Arcades are declining as an industry and are considered endangered as a medium of entertainment²; AND

WHEREAS,

Local residents have already organized in strong support of the preservation of Pinball Pete's³; AND

WHEREAS,

If the Ann Arbor Pinball Pete's were demolished, it would leave just one location of Pinball Pete's in East Lansing, Michigan.

Section 2.

THEREFORE it is, by the Students of the University of Michigan, through Central Student Government:

RESOLVED,

CSG strongly disapproves of Myefski Architects' proposal to demolish the Galleria building on South University Avenue;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED,

CSG encourages all parties to acknowledge the voices of the majority of students and Ann Arbor residents alike;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED,

CSG stands resolutely behind Ted Arnold, the staff of Pinball Pete's, and all other small business owners in Ann Arbor who would be impacted by this development;

¹ <https://www.michigandaily.com/uncategorized/pinball-petes-secondary/>

² <https://abcnews.go.com/Lifestyle/death-resurgence-arcades-america/story?id=24970591>

³ <https://www.savepetes.com/>

AND FURTHER RESOLVED,

CSG calls upon the City of Ann Arbor to express support for the position of University of Michigan students, and to assist in the effort to prevent the demolition of Pinball Pete's;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED,

CSG directs the Communications Director to post this resolution on all official CSG affiliated social media accounts;

AND FINALLY RESOLVED,

That a copy of this resolution will be sent to the following individuals and organizations:

- Mayor Christopher Taylor
- The Ann Arbor City Council
- Ted Arnold, Pinball Pete's owner
- Myefski Architects
- Local and university-affiliated newspapers, including the Michigan Daily and Michigan Review