RESOLUTION NO. 7576 - R43

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MAINTENANCE OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FACILITIES IN DOWNTOWN URBANA

WHEREAS, the County Board of Champaign County is planning the development of new facilities for the various County functions which are now located in downtown Urbana; and

WHEREAS, an objective, professional study, "The Champaign County Court System Resource Analysis," prepared by the National Clearinghouse for Criminal Justice Planning and Architecture, studied in detail the County's needs for administrative, court, and jail facilities, and concluded that "the best site for the courthouse is in the downtown Urbana area;" and

WHEREAS, downtown Urbana has grown as a central, accessible, concentrated area developed to serve a wide range of commercial and civic needs, in which private offices, retail stores, public buildings, financial institutions and business services, and accessory uses all support the County complex and in turn benefit from its presence; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana is now undertaking new efforts to revitalize the central business district, and the improvement of the County's administrative, court, and jail facilities could and should be coordinated with this program; and

WHEREAS, a central location for the seat of County government has both practical and symbolic value in terms of the accessibility and visibility of government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Urbana City Council urge Champaign County officials to plan the development of new facilities in downtown Urbana; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City offer its full cooperation, in planning and other ways, to encourage the development of new County facilities in downtown Urbana.

PASSED by the City Council this 57 1976. Duane Eckerty, City APPROVED by the Mayor this 12day of, :1976. Hiram Paley, Mayon