

Resolution SS1213-29

October 10, 2012

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS
KELSEY ECKENRODE, DIRECTOR**A RESOLUTION TO PURSUE INITIATIVES GENERATED BY STUDENT AND CITY LEADERS AT THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2012 COMMUNITY SUMMIT**

Whereas, On September 28th, 2012, student and city leaders met for the annual Community Summit, which served as a safe place for the establishment and maintenance of relations between these leaders; and

Whereas, Student and city leaders spent a morning in productive discussion regarding the topics of Addressing Existing Perceptions, Neighborhood Safety, Forms of Engagement, and Supporting Local Business and Community Events;

Whereas, The discussion group entitled "Addressing Existing Perceptions" developed ideas which included, but were not limited to, Promoting South Bend events in the Observer with a weekly column, focusing on welcoming freshmen to the city with various pamphlets outlining what South Bend has to offer them, and promoting the Mayor's Office website, which views students as part of the greater South Bend community;

Whereas, The discussion group entitled "Neighborhood Safety" developed ideas which included, but were not limited to, promoting greater use of crimereports.com, developing better relations between students and their neighbors, promoting the use of Transpo 7A bus route on weekends, and implementing a "Welcome Back" campaign put on by the city every Fall as students arrive back to school;

Whereas, The discussion group entitled "Forms of Engagement" developed ideas which included, but were not limited to, extending CommUniversity Day to include high school and middle school student volunteers, promoting campus events to the public, and making the Notre Dame campus a more inviting place to community members;

Whereas, The discussion group entitled "Supporting Local Businesses and Community Events" developed ideas which included, but were not limited to, creating a South Bend bucket list that highlights the main events and places of interest in the city, establishing a South Bend entertainment committee to increase student awareness of community events, increasing attendance to the New Student Bus Tour offered in the Fall, and offering a student-only "Dine Downtown" week of special deals at area restaurants; and

Resolved, That the conversations between area and student leaders continue, and that work shall be done to put the ideas discussed at the September 28, 2012 Community Summit into action within this academic school year.