Wilmington, Delaware
November 19, 2026

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**Sponsor:**

**Council Member Darby**

**WHEREAS**, the Plummer Community Corrections Center ("Plummer Center") located in Wilmington, Delaware, operated as a community corrections facility providing work-release programming and reentry services that supported indivudals reintergration into society through local employment opportunities and connections to families, and other community support networks; and

**WHEREAS,** on September 30, 2025, the Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) announced plans to close the Plummer Center, citing declining community corrections populations, underutilized facilities, and the cost of maintaining the facility; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 5. 2025, DOC presented information concerning the closure of the Plummer Center to Wilmington City Council's Intergovernmental Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 25, 2025, Council Member Shané N. Darby held a press conference opposing the closure of the Plummer Center and, along with seven other members of Council, submitted a letter to Governor Matthew Meyer urging the reconsideration of this decision; and

**WHEREAS,** on December 11, 2025, Wilmington City Council adopted Resolution 25-069, urging Governor Meyer to maintain the Plummer Center's operations and engage Wilmington residents and stakeholders before proceeding with the closure; and

**WHEREAS,** despite concerns raised by local officials and community members, the Plummer Center closed in March 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** Section 81 of House Bill 500, the Fiscal Year 2027 Bond and Capital Improvements Act of the State of Delaware, appropriated $760,000 to the Office of

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Management and Budget to demolish the Plummer Center and authorized the subsequent transfer of the property to the Wilmington House Authority (WHA) for $1.00; and

**WHEREAS,** according to WDEL, WHA has expressed interest in redeveloping the Plummer Center property for affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed demolition of the Plummer Center raises significant concerns regarding use of public dollars, transparency surrounding the future use of the property, and the potential impacts on the Wilmington community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that this Council opposes the demolition of the Plummer Center and respectfully urges Governor Meyer and the appropriate State agencies to take all necessary steps to prevent the demolition of the facility.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Council urges the State of Delaware, in coordination with Wilmington Housing Authority to disclose its plans for the future use of this property and engage Wilmington residents and stakeholders with meaningful opportunities to review and offer input on those plans before any irreversible action is taken.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST:_____
City Clerk

**Ssynopsis:** This Resolution expresses Wilmington City Council's opposition to the demolition of the Plummer Community Corrections Center, and respectfully urges the State of

Delaware to prevent its demolition, disclose plans for the future use of the property, and provide opportunities for community input.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** This Resolution has no fiscal impact, as is expresses the opposition to the demolition of the Plummer Community Correcttions Center and does not require City funding.