

LANCASTER COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION

Honoring the Vision and Contributions of Clarence Edward Darcus

WHEREAS, the vision and leadership of Clarence Edward Darcus (“Ted”) were instrumental in creating the collaboration necessary between the City of Lancaster (“the City”) and the County of Lancaster (“the County”) to establish a convention center in Penn Square known as the Lancaster County Convention Center (“the Convention Center”); and

WHEREAS, Ted believed that the Convention Center would improve the vitality of the area and distinguish the City and County as premier and vital economic and destination hubs within in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Ted served as President of the Lancaster City Council in September 1999, when it voted to authorize the City’s membership in the Lancaster County Convention Center Authority (“the LCCCA”) together with the County; and

WHEREAS, for nearly thirty (30) years, Ted has pioneered, championed, and supported the Convention Center’s development, construction and success; and

WHEREAS, Ted has been an influential civic leader in overseeing the Convention Center’s development, funding, and ongoing operations as follows:

- LCCCA Board Chair. Ted served as the LCCCA Board Chair from 2003 through 2007, shepherding the LCCCA from infancy of the Convention Center through groundbreaking.
- Project Financing and Leadership. As chairman of the LCCCA Board, Ted successfully navigated the complex and highly-debated \$170 million public-private partnership financing plan required to construct the 220,000-square-foot convention center and integrated Marriott Hotel at Penn Square.
- Operations Committee. After stepping down as LCCCA Board Chair, Ted served as the Chair of the LCCCA’s Operations Committee from 2007 through 2026.
- Volunteerism. Ted served multiple terms spanning over two (2) decades on the LCCCA Board through appointments by both the City and County, establishing him as one of the most consistent and influential oversight figures in LCCCA’s history.

WHEREAS, the Convention Center development and the LCCCA would not have been possible without Ted's leadership; and

WHEREAS, we are grateful for Ted's dedicated work to improve the quality of life in the City and his determination to ensure that his vision for the City and Penn Square came to fruition.

WHEREAS, the Board of the Lancaster County Convention Center Authority unanimously adopts this Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of the Lancaster County Convention Center Authority expresses its gratitude, appreciation and respect for his years of service to the City of Lancaster and to the LCCCA.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution shall be included in the minutes of today's meeting and a copy forwarded to Ted.

September 17, 2026, the Lancaster County Convention Center Authority meeting passed the above resolution unanimously.