

**Resolution Number 72**  
**National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Prioritization of St. Louis City location**

**WHEREAS**, on June 4, 2014 the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) Chief News and Information Officer Christine Phillips confirmed the agency's plans to close its South City operations center and relocate more than 3,000 of its St. Louis City employees to a yet to be determined site, with many possible locations outside of the city of St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, our elected officials and development agency work diligently to retain and grow businesses within the city of St. Louis in an effort to increase the job base, and NGA is currently one of the largest employers in the city; and

**WHEREAS**, The 3,000 jobs housed at the current NGA location are vital to the economic health of the city of St. Louis, through earning tax revenues and economic support of surrounding businesses and restaurants; and

**WHEREAS**, the movement of the agency outside of our urban core contrasts with smart growth principles that encourage investment in high density areas that are easily accessible to mass transit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Aldermen understands and appreciates the importance of the agency's mission in regards to our national security and intelligence and have long been proud of its location right here in our city; and

**WHEREAS**, if the NGA and the city work diligently together for a solution, the federal government's considerations of zoning, commuting, infrastructure, development suitability and quality of site can be met within the boundaries of the city of St. Louis; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we request the NGA to make keeping these jobs within the City of St. Louis a top priority as they consider relocation sites and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings.

Introduced on the 6th day of June, 2014 by:

**Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen**

Adopted this the 6th day of June, 2014 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen