

**To:** The University Senate  
**From:** David Sanders  
**Subject:** Resolution Calling for the Maintenance of a Bureau of Motor Vehicles License Branch in West Lafayette  
**Reference:** [BMV Announces West Lafayette Branch Closure](#)  
**Disposition:** University Senate for Discussion and Adoption

**Rationale:** The City of West Lafayette has grown from a population of 29,596 in 2010 to a population that exceeds the 44,595 people reported in the 2020 decennial census.

The City of West Lafayette is the most densely populated city in Indiana. The student population at Purdue University now exceeds 50,000 students.

The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles opened its West Lafayette branch in the fall of 2002, noting that population growth in Greater Lafayette had warranted it.

The City's population features a large percentage of both Purdue University retirees and international students who could benefit from in-person contact with the state agency.

The State is now planning to close the West Lafayette branch of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Public sentiment on the campus of Purdue University is opposed to this closure.

**Proposal:** BE IT RESOLVED, that the Purdue University Senate strongly encourages the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles to reverse its decision to close the West Lafayette branch; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University Senate urges the President of Purdue University and the Board of Trustees to advocate on behalf of retention of the West Lafayette Bureau of Motor Vehicles branch; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University Senate Chair or Vice-Chair will communicate this resolution to the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles and to our Lafayette-area representatives in the State Assembly and Senate.