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### Mayor Elect Harvey Johnson Affirms Jackson Will Remain Committed to Metrocenter

**JACKSON, Miss. (June 05, 2009)** – Mayor Elect Harvey Johnson, Jr. said, “We are disappointed in Belk’s decision to close its Metrocenter store although we realize that this action is consistent with a trend of retailers nationally to reduce the number of stores in their inventory during this tough economy. Although this is unfortunate, we are committed to Metrocenter and still feel it is a hub for retail in West Jackson and surrounding communities.”

We have spoken to management at Metrocenter and will continue to reach out to assist them in their efforts to retain and attract tenants for this important community asset.” Johnson concluded.

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