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## **Legislation Passing, a Big Step Toward Dimond Center Anchorage Dave & Buster's Store Opening**

### *Dimond Center Applauds Alaska Legislative Vote*

ANCHORAGE, AK - Following swift and effective action by the Alaska Legislature and the Governor, the Dimond Center and Dave & Buster's are one step closer to bringing a unique food and entertainment experience to Anchorage, Alaska.

Dimond Center Partner Hugh Ashlock is excited for the next big venture. "As the next step in the multi-year redevelopment of Dimond Center, Dave & Buster's will provide Alaskans with a new, energetic entertainment option," said Ashlock. "The project will create hundreds of jobs and grow the Anchorage economy."

Senate Bill 157 unanimously passed the Alaska Senate and House. Now that Governor Bill Walker has signed the Bill, pending the necessary permits, construction will begin in the next few months. Dave & Buster's is slated to open in 2017.

"We at Dave & Buster's want to thank the Legislature for their support, especially legislative sponsor Senator Lesil McGuire, and Governor Bill Walker who signed the bill today," said John Mulleady, Dave & Buster's Vice President of Development. "We look forward to beginning construction and allowing Anchorage the opportunity to experience our distinctive approach to food and entertainment."

Between construction and Dave & Buster's hires there will be up to 600 jobs created by this Dimond Center expansion. The estimated investment will be \$10 million by Dave & Buster's and \$11 million by Dimond Center.

The fact that Dave & Buster's caters to larger populations speaks of the potential that Anchorage has to offer, and Dimond Center is excited to be a part of that.

Dimond Center has always committed to offering diversity to Alaskan shoppers, striving to

create a space that combines shopping, entertainment, and dining. Dave & Buster's offers a unique experience combining upscale food & beverage, the latest games and state-of-the-art sports viewing. The 44,000 square foot Dave & Busters will be on the second floor near the Regal Movie Theaters, making it the perfect choice for the next step of the planned renovation of Dimond Center.

As a locally owned business, Dimond Center believes in investing in the community by supporting local businesses. The construction contracts will be given to local companies. Current tenants of the area Dave & Busters will be occupying will be relocated inside the mall.

This is the next step of the Dimond Center remodel and expansion, that has already brought the first H&M and Kids Foot Locker to Alaska, as well as an Ulta Beauty last fall.

### **About Dave & Buster's**

Dave & Buster's, headquartered in Dallas, Texas, operates 84 large-venue, high-volume restaurant/entertainment complexes throughout North America, and is slated to open the 85th in Little Rock, AR, and the 86th in Florence, KY, in June. The exciting environment of Dave & Buster's also provides the perfect setting for corporate and group events. Each Dave & Buster's offers an impressive selection of high-quality food and beverage items, combined with the latest games and attractions. Guests can watch sporting events in D&B Sports and play state-of-the-art simulators and games of skill they can't play anywhere else. For more information, visit [www.daveandbusters.com](http://www.daveandbusters.com)

### **About Dimond Center**

Founded in 1977, the Dimond Center is a family-owned Alaska shopping center that is home to retail stores, restaurants, professional offices, a bowling alley, ice chalet, athletic club and movie theaters. Creating synergy among all these resources Dimond Center continues its founding commitment to community and family. With more than 700,000 square feet, Dimond Center is the largest enclosed shopping center in Alaska. For more information: [www.dimondcenter.com](http://www.dimondcenter.com)