

### Why I Love Downtown Highland

I've lived in Highland for my whole life and one of my favorite things to do is to spend an afternoon in Downtown Highland. Downtown Highland contains so many different stores and activities which you would never know about until you stop into those stores. There are many stores that have been there for many decades and continue to be an amazing place to shop at or relax and enjoy. Although there are many older stores, there are also many newer ones that add a new touch of excitement to the area.

There are many places that I love to visit in Downtown Highland. Some of these places are new, and others have been there for many years. One of my favorite places to go is Sip Coffee House because of all the beautiful artwork on the walls and the delightful atmosphere inside. It always smells amazing and I love looking at the decorative cookies sitting in the display case, waiting to be eaten. It's an amazing place to go to meet up with friends to do homework or to relax and hang out. The drinks at Sip are always amazingly hand-crafted and delicious. I always end up suggesting we go to Sip if my friends and I have a project to work on or as a comfortable hang-out spot.

Another place I love going to in Downtown Highland is more of a lesser-known spot. It is called Michael's Resale and Consignment. Michaels is a used-furniture store and it is a spot that my grandma and I always visit whenever we spend an afternoon together. They have stunning jewelry there, as well as furniture, which is the area I usually spend the most time in. I love looking at the new stuff they get and I always buy at least one thing wherever I stop into the store. Another reason I enjoy supporting Michaels is because your purchase helps go towards their mission of educating parents as to the early signs of serious mental illness in children and young adults. Michael's Resale and Consignment is an amazing store that everybody should visit at least once in their lives.

My favorite place to visit in Downtown Highland is a store called Legacy Thrift. Although a visit to Legacy Thrift is long overdue, I have the best memories from going to Legacy Thrift. My great-grandmother used to work at Legacy Thrift and we would go to see her most Sundays while she worked. I remember laughing and being ecstatic everytime my parents would say we were going to see my great-grandma. They have great items in Legacy Thrift and I love walking past and looking into the front display cases. Legacy Thrift is one of the best thrift stores in the area and definitely worth a visit whenever you are near it.

Overall, Downtown Highland is an amazing place to explore as there are many different stores. They have delicious places to eat at such as Sakura Bowl, Langels, and The Counter. After eating, there are many places to spend hours shopping at such as Michaels, Legacy Thrift, and Ya Ya Sisters Boutique. If you have a free weekend and nothing to do, I suggest going to Downtown Highland and checking out the many stores

there. I guarantee you will have an amazing time examining the extravagant stores, which you can easily get lost in for hours.