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January 15, 2018

Salem County Board of Freeholders

ATTN: Hon. Melissa L. DeCastro
94 Market Street
Salem, NJ 08079

RE: Arbitrator selection

Hon. Melissa L. DeCastro:

Pursuant to a resolution of September 20, 2017 I was appointed as the Boards' Arbitrator to adjudicate the controversy concerning the selection of the location or improvements for a "new" Courthouse. Since that time Mr. Hoerst, the Court Appointee, and I have been unable to agree on a third Arbitrator and prior to the end of the year that standstill was made known to the Judge or the Moderator, Stuart Lederman in charge of the judicial proceeding.

I personally have spent more than fifty hours reviewing the Courthouse and the various uses and misuses under the umbrella of the Courthouse and the Fifth Street complex. In general some of the disappointing facts are:

- (1) conversion and use of the old Surrogate's Office as a conference room
- (2) placing a new Surrogate's Office in the second floor of the old jail requiring nine right hand turns before reaching the Surrogate's Office. The office obviously should be in the Courthouse.
- (3) the old Clerk's Office being locked and used for nothing
- (4) the vacant rooms in the basement (yes I am aware the large room is used infrequently as a jury assembly room)
- (5) long term use by the tax office

These appear to be a deliberate attempt not to use the Courthouse for Courts.

I have further listened to scare reports that Judges are easier to shoot on the first floor than the second floor and accordingly, no courtroom should be located on a first

floor. My only comment is if one is going to shoot a Judge, the perpetrator will find the Judge regardless of where he is located. If the individual is so frightened with the job of Judgeship, he or she should not accept the job.

I have further specifically reviewed the Fifth Street complex and the stores next door which were sold by the county as surplus. Added to this condition are the multiplicity of commercial establishments on Broadway in Salem which could be used for ancillary county offices, not attributed to true courts.

I was made aware of the report from a local newspaper that we are crowded with the use of five Judges at one time in our Courthouse. I respectfully submit in my entire practice, I have never seen five Judges working in Salem County. It is noted as of this week only one Judge has an assigned office in Salem County while we have three Judges chambers.

I have further recommended two extremely talented individuals to sit as the third party moderator which were unacceptable to Mr. Hoerst. I also have found Mr. Hoersts' recommendations of non-local people unacceptable.

Under the circumstances and the change in the philosophy of the freeholder board at the last organization, I am submitting my resignation as the designated Arbitrator. I want to grant unto the new administration the ability to select someone more to your philosophy and goals.

Although I have spent many hours on this matter I am waiving any fee I might be entitle to as I originally thought my work would be for the good of the community to have a total review of the Courthouse status.

My review as reflected in some of my visitations referred to above would indicate this planned renovation or construction is nothing more than a political plunder of the voters of Salem County and surely is not in the long-term interest of our community.

Very truly yours,

Donald L. Masten

DLM/pjn
cc: B. Laury
F. Hoerst



Jerlene H. Worthy
CLERK
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

COUNTY OF MERCER

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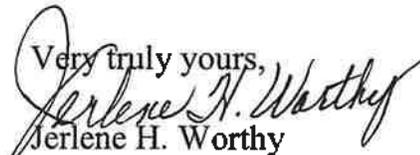
January 18, 2018

Dear Freeholder Board Clerk:

Enclosed please find a copy of the following Resolution No. 2018-35 Mercer County Freeholders opposing the New Jersey department of Agriculture's Proposed Bee Keeping Regulations.

This Resolution was adopted by the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders at their Formal Meeting held on January 11, 2018.

The County Executive and Freeholders of this County are deeply concerned about this matter. Please, assure that your support is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Jerlene H. Worthy
Clerk to the Board
Mercer County Board of
Chosen Freeholders

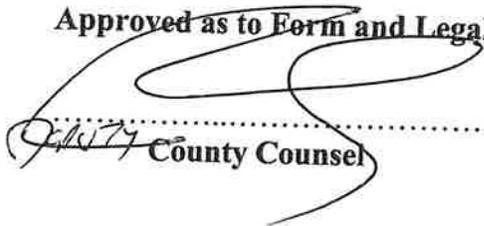
JHW/ew

Encl. (1)

CC: Governor of New Jersey
New Jersey Senate President
New Jersey General Assembly Speaker
New Jersey Legislators- Mercer County
New Jersey Secretary Agriculture

Approved as to Form and Legality

Date



 County Counsel

January 11, 2018

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN
 FREEHOLDERS OPPOSES THE NEW JERSEY
 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S PROPOSED BEE
 KEEPING REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the state insect of New Jersey is the honey bee; and,

WHEREAS, New Jersey is the home of many gardeners who depend upon insect
 pollination for fruitful orchards and home gardens; and,

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Agriculture has published new
 beekeeping regulations in the New Jersey Register that if approved will come into effect
 on January 19, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, these new regulations include a section on Apiary standards which
 state that bee colony density will be regulated as follows: on a residential lot of less than
 one- quarter acre where agriculture has been determined as permitted, new hives will not
 be permitted, residential lots of less than one-quarter acre, where agriculture has been
 determined as permitted where hives are in existence as of July 31, 2015, hobbyist
 beekeepers must seek a formal waiver; on a residential lot of one-quarter to less than five
 acres, where agriculture has been determined as permitted, a person wishing to keep bees
 as a hobbyist may keep two new hives; on a residential lot of one- quarter less than five
 acres, where agriculture has been determined as permitted where hives are in existence as
 of July, 2015, a person wishing to keep bees as a hobbyist must seek a formal waiver in
 order to keep more than two hives; and,

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 Clerk to the Board

RECORD OF VOTE

FREEHOLDER							FREEHOLDER						
FREEHOLDER	Aye	Nay	N.V.	Abs.	Res.	Sec.	FREEHOLDER	Aye	Nay	N.V.	Abs.	Res.	Sec.
Cannon	X						Koontz	X					
Cimino	X						Verrelli	X					
Colavita	X				✓		Walter	X					✓
Frisby	X												

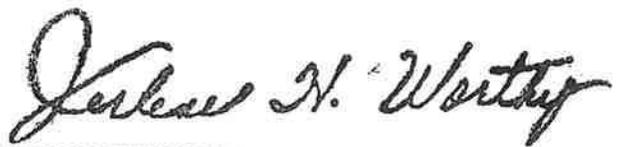
X—Indicates Vote Abs.—Absent N.V.—Not Voting
 Res.—Resolution Moved Sec.—Resolution Seconded

WHEREAS, these new regulations include a section on Location of Hives, which requires that all hives must be located at least 10 feet from any property line and at least 25 feet from any roadside, sidewalk, or path and 85 feet from any public place including playgrounds, sports fields, schools, parks, and churches, unless permission is granted; and,

WHEREAS, Chapters of the New Jersey Beekeepers Association, in furtherance of their mission of educating and mentoring school children, have kept bees at various public parks, green acres, schools, churches would now be in violation under these proposed regulations; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Mercer, that:

1. The Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders does oppose the New Jersey Department of Agriculture proposed bee keeping regulations.
2. That certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded, the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey Secretary Agriculture, the President of the New Jersey Senate, the speaker of the General Assembly, the legislators representing Mercer County and to all Clerk of the Boards of Chosen Freeholders throughout the State of New Jersey.



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Clerk to the Board



State of New Jersey
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
PO BOX 700
TRENTON NJ 08625-0700

CHRIS CHRISTIE
Governor
KIM GUADAGNO
Lt. Governor

ELIZABETH CONNELLY
Commissioner

January 10, 2018

Mr. Curt Harker
Salem County Administrator
110 Fifth Street
Salem, NJ 08079

**SUBJECT: Revised Calendar Year 2018 County Budget Projections –
Division of Family Development SSI and TANF Costs (Charts 2 & 3)**

Dear Mr. Harker:

Enclosed for your information and utilization are revised charts detailing the New Jersey Department of Human Services Calendar Year 2018 estimates of county costs related to the Division of Family Development SSI and TANF Programs. These schedules should be used in place of the ones issued on December 28, 2017.

This information will also be shared with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services. If there are any questions or concerns relative to this information, please contact David Baranowski at (609) 984-4650 or David.Baranowski@dhs.state.nj.us.

Sincerely,

Janet Z. Hand, Director
Office of Finance

Enclosures (2)

c David Baranowski
Timothy Cunningham, Director, DCA, Div. of Local Government Services
Jorge Carmona, DCA, Div. of Local Government Services
County Chief Financial Officer
County Adjuster

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
STATE ASSUMPTION OF CERTAIN
COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES COSTS
Estimated Impact on County Calendar Year 2018 Budgets**

**Division of Family Development (DFD) SSI Costs
Supplemental Security Income
CHART 2**

Revised: January 10, 2018

COUNTY	COUNTY APPROPRIATION	COUNTY REVENUE	COUNTY COST
ATLANTIC.....	\$941,274	\$941,274	\$0
BERGEN.....	\$1,019,565	\$1,019,565	\$0
BURLINGTON.....	\$815,670	\$815,670	\$0
CAMDEN.....	\$1,290,844	\$1,290,844	\$0
CAPE MAY.....	\$148,029	\$148,029	\$0
CUMBERLAND.....	\$562,842	\$562,842	\$0
ESSEX.....	\$2,576,916	\$2,576,916	\$0
GLOUCESTER.....	\$462,394	\$462,394	\$0
HUDSON.....	\$1,610,621	\$1,610,621	\$0
HUNTERDON.....	\$93,305	\$93,305	\$0
MERCER.....	\$830,078	\$830,078	\$0
MIDDLESEX.....	\$1,204,211	\$1,204,211	\$0
MONMOUTH.....	\$777,981	\$777,981	\$0
MORRIS.....	\$375,452	\$375,452	\$0
OCEAN.....	\$1,050,623	\$1,050,623	\$0
PASSAIC.....	\$1,236,619	\$1,236,619	\$0
SALEM.....	\$196,238	\$196,238	\$0
SOMERSET.....	\$475,096	\$475,096	\$0
SUSSEX.....	\$209,094	\$209,094	\$0
UNION.....	\$910,570	\$910,570	\$0
WARREN.....	\$159,141	\$159,141	\$0
TOTALS	\$16,946,558	\$16,946,558	\$0

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
STATE ASSUMPTION OF CERTAIN
COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES COSTS
Estimated Impact on County Calendar Year 2018 Budgets**

**Division of Family Development (DFD) TANF Costs
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families**

CHART 3

Revised: January 10, 2018

COUNTY	COUNTY COST
ATLANTIC.....	\$297,341
BERGEN.....	\$81,607
BURLINGTON.....	\$154,058
CAMDEN.....	\$445,530
CAPE MAY.....	\$41,675
CUMBERLAND.....	\$99,431
ESSEX.....	\$714,726
GLOUCESTER.....	\$104,536
HUDSON.....	\$451,094
HUNTERDON.....	\$7,870
MERCER.....	\$184,888
MIDDLESEX.....	\$222,616
MONMOUTH.....	\$72,186
MORRIS.....	\$48,907
OCEAN.....	\$189,688
PASSAIC.....	\$630,516
SALEM.....	\$25,495
SOMERSET.....	\$100,033
SUSSEX.....	\$22,017
UNION.....	\$242,434
WARREN.....	\$35,009
TOTALS	\$4,171,655

THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
OF THE
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

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MARION MASNICK
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

January 29, 2018

Honorable Phil Murphy
Honorable Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver
Monmouth County Legislative Delegation
Boards of Chosen Freeholders, NJ
NJ Municipalities

Re: Resolution opposing the legalization of Recreational Marijuana use

Honorable Ladies & Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a copy of the above certified resolution adopted by the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders at its Regular Public Meeting of January 25, 2018.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Marion Masnick'.

Marion Masnick
Clerk of the Board

MM: sct
Enclosure(s)

"SEPTEMBER 24, 1609 THIS IS A VERY GOOD LAND TO FALL IN WITH AND A PLEASANT LAND TO SEE."

Entry in the log of Henry Hudson's Ship Half Moon made after the Dutch Explorer became
the first European to come ashore in what was later known as Monmouth County

Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders

Freeholder Meeting Venue:

Date: Jan 25, 2018 - 5:00 PM

Location: Hall of Records
 Freeholder's Meeting Room
 1 E. Main Street
 Freehold, NJ 07728

Agenda: Resolution opposing the legalization of Recreational Marijuana use

Official Document #	Res# 2018-0107						
Meeting Date	01/25/2018						
Introduced Date	01/25/2018						
Adopted Date	01/25/2018						
Agenda Item	15						
FREEHOLDER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC.	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Impeveduto	✓		✓		✓		
Curley	✓			✓	✓		
Burry	✓				✓		
Arnone	✓				✓		

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE ABOVE TO BE A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AT A MEETING HELD

Jan 25, 20 18
Maria Masquil
 CLERK

Administrator

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE LEGALIZATION OF
RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA USE

WHEREAS, recent news stories have indicated that the Governor of the State of New Jersey will move to legalize recreational marijuana use within his first 100 days in office; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America outlaws recreational cannabis pursuant to the Controlled Substances Act, 21 USC Section 811; and

WHEREAS, only eight states and the District of Columbia have legalized recreational marijuana; and

WHEREAS, Colorado, one of the states that legalized recreational marijuana has seen an increase in documented traffic deaths involving drivers that had used marijuana (in 2013, the year before marijuana was fully legalized in Colorado, there were 55 documented traffic deaths and in 2016 the number was 125); and

WHEREAS, in 2016 the Rocky Mountain High Density Drug Trafficking Area ("RMHDDTA") annual report shows that the number of medical marijuana centers in Colorado is greater than the number of Starbucks coffee shops, and the number of recreational marijuana outlets is greater than the number of McDonald's restaurants; and

WHEREAS, the RMHDDTA report also demonstrates that marijuana use among Colorado teens aged 12 to 17 is 74% above the national average; and

Introduced on: January 25, 2018
Adopted on: January 26, 2018
Official Resolution#: 2018-0107

WHEREAS, medical marijuana is generally carefully controlled for the amount of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol, generally referred to as "THC"; recreational marijuana, on the other hand, is specifically designed to have as much "THC" as possible; and

WHEREAS, "THC" is known to impair physical function in the user including reaction time while operating a vehicle and the user's ability to perceive danger; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey utilizes drug recognition experts ("DRE") to determine whether someone is under the influence of a drug including marijuana when operating a motor vehicle and there is no current objective standard for operating under the influence of drugs like marijuana as compared to standards established for driving while intoxicated (.08%); and

WHEREAS, the enforcement of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs such as marijuana is very difficult; and

WHEREAS, the Freeholders continue to strive to support the local law enforcement effort and recognize that the resources of law enforcement is already drastically strained; and,

WHEREAS, many health professionals consider marijuana a "gateway" drug; and

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic is well known to residents of the County of Monmouth and the State of New Jersey even though opioids are currently "legal" and available by

prescription and has not been controlled and, in fact, has become an epidemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Monmouth that this Board does hereby oppose the legalization of recreational marijuana use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board shall forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, Lieutenant Governor of the State of New Jersey, the members of the Monmouth County Legislative Delegation, all County Boards of Chosen Freeholders, and the Mayor and Council of all towns within the County of Monmouth.

BOARD of CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

COUNTY of CAPE MAY

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Elizabeth Bozzelli
Clerk of the Board

January 30, 2018

State of New Jersey
Board of Chosen Freeholders

Dear Gentlemen & Ladies:

Enclosed for your information, please find Resolution No. 57-18 which was adopted by the Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders at its January 23, 2018 Public Meeting.

This Resolution opposes offshore oil and gas activities.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth Bozzelli
Clerk of the Board

EB/dd

Enclosure(s)

cc: Ryan K. Zinke, Department of the Interior
Philip Murphy, Governor
Senator Orrin Hatch, President Pro Tempore
Cape May County Legislative Delegation

**BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
CAPE MAY COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION**

No. 57-18

WHEREAS, the harmful environmental consequences of offshore oil and gas exploration and development are serious and threatens the environmental and economic assets of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the BP Horizon disaster in the Gulf of Mexico (2010) is clear evidence of the dangers associated with offshore drilling, including costing the lives of 11 people, devastating coastal economies and countless livelihoods, and killing countless marine animals, as well as continuing to cause harm to marine life as documented by a steady flow of studies; and

WHEREAS, within 5 days of the release of the DPP Governor Scott from Florida was able to convince Department of Interior Secretary Zinke to remove Florida from further consideration for drilling due to the importance of coastal tourism to that state and New Jersey shares this same economic dependence on tourism and clean ocean economies; and

WHEREAS, bi-partisan opposition against drilling off the New Jersey coast has included every Governor since 1985, and a majority of the congressional delegation and most coastal towns; and

WHEREAS, coastal municipalities have a profound interest in maintaining strong federal protections for our nation's coastal environment, as well as the economic and social benefits it supports.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Cape May County hereby opposes offshore oil and gas exploration and drilling activities that would affect the coast of New Jersey, and calls upon Secretary of the Interior Ryan K. Zinke who oversees the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to withdraw New Jersey and the entire Atlantic Ocean from consideration for the offshore oil and gas exploration, development, or drilling.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be served upon Ryan K. Zinke, Secretary of the Interior, Governor Phil Murphy, President of the Senate, Orrin Hatch, Cape May County Legislative Delegation, and all New Jersey Boards of Chosen Freeholders.

STATEMENT

This Resolution is in opposition of offshore oil and gas activities.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY) ss:
COUNTY OF CAPE MAY)

I, Elizabeth Bozzelli, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a meeting duly held on the 23rd day of January, 2018.

Signed, 
Clerk of the Board

Freeholders	RECORD OF VOTE					
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Moved	Second
Mr. Desiderio	✓					
Ms. Hayes	✓				✓	✓
Mr. Morey	✓					
Mr. Pierson	✓					
Mr. Thornton	✓					

✓ - Indicates Vote Moved-Resolution Offered Second-Resolution Seconded

**BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
CAPE MAY COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION**

No. 57-18

RESOLUTION OPPOSING OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2018, the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) announced in the Federal Register Notice the release of their Draft Proposed Program (DPP) for the 2019-2024 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program. BOEM is requesting public comment on the DPP as well as formal scoping for a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the 2019-2024 Program; and

WHEREAS, this new plan includes the entire Atlantic Ocean from Maine to Florida, including the waters off New Jersey within 3 miles of beaches, as well as including other ocean areas totaling some 90% of US ocean waters; and

WHEREAS, the physical, hydrodynamic, and biological characteristics of the ocean off the Jersey Shore are unique in the world, as more than 300 species of fish, nearly 350 species of birds, 5 species of sea turtles, and many marine mammals such as 20 species of whales and dolphins, 1 species of porpoise, and 4 species of seals, frequent this region. Nine endangered species, four of which are whales, can be found in these ocean waters, including the Atlantic Right Whale, one of the world's most endangered marine mammals. The region also serves as an essential migratory pathway for many of these species; and

WHEREAS, the Jersey Shore sustains the economy of the region with its bounty of natural resources and intrinsic values for millions of people through tourism. Tourism brings more than \$44 billion to NJ's economy each year and provides jobs to more than 500,000 people; and

WHEREAS, recreational and commercial fisheries in NJ provide enormous economic benefits, including revenue, food production, and recreational activities. In 2014, recreational fishing supported nearly 20,000 jobs and resulted in \$2 billion of retail sales. Commercial fishing supports nearly 7,300 jobs and provides \$152 million in landings, not including restaurant and retail sales; and

WHEREAS, current estimates of the amount of technically recoverable oil off the entire Atlantic coast from Maine to Florida would only last the nation approximately 229 days, and the amount of technically recoverable gas would only last approximately 562 days; and

WHEREAS, offshore oil and gas development, causes substantial environmental impacts, including: (a) onshore damage due to infrastructure, (b) water pollution from drilling muds and the water brought-up from a well with oil and gas (called "produced waters"), (c) noise from seismic surveys, (d) air pollution, and (e) oil spills; and