

Council Member	Intro	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recused
Von Rudenborg			X				
Deputy Mayor Canestrino	X		X				
Deputy Mayor Sims			X				
Battaglia		X	X				
Mayor Labrosse			X				

CITY OF HACKENSACK

RESOLUTION NO. 164-19

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING CONSTRUCTION OF
PROPOSED POWER PLANT PROJECT IN HUDSON COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hackensack is aware that an application is pending for a proposed large power plant project in North Bergen, Hudson County, New Jersey known as the “North Bergen Liberty Generating Station;” and,

WHEREAS, the City Council understands that that this project has raised substantial concerns among the environmental community and others for numerous reasons and that it has been suggested that once operational, this project would present a source of significant additional pollution in the area; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council believes, following a careful review and analysis by the Hackensack Environmental Commission, that the benefits of this project to the people of New Jersey and Hackensack in particular do not outweigh the potential environmental risks; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council further believes that it is critical that the appropriate permitting authorities, including the state of New Jersey and its Department of Environmental Protection, consider the City’s opposition to this project in weighing whether or not it should be authorized to proceed; and,

WHEREAS, if this project ultimately is authorized to proceed despite the City’s opposition, the City Council implores the appropriate permitting authorities take action to ensure that the project has the most advanced level of pollution control technology available; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council affirms its support for Governor Phil Murphy's long-term goal of moving New Jersey towards 100% clean renewable energy usage and intends for the City of Hackensack to take all available steps to reduce its energy footprint as its own part in accomplishing this goal; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council intends to keep a careful eye on the progress of the North Bergen Liberty Generating Station to ensure that its concerns are addressed and will take further measures as necessary if it determines they are not.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack that it expresses its opposition to the construction of the "North Bergen Liberty Generating Station;" and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council respectfully requests that all appropriate authorities, including the state of New Jersey and its Department of Environmental Protection, carefully consider the concerns expressed in this Resolution in determining whether or not it shall be allowed to proceed; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the City's 37th District Legislative Delegation, Governor Phil Murphy, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and the Clerk of the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

**CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF HACKENSACK HELD ON
MARCH 26, 2019.**



DEBORAH KARLSSON, CITY CLERK