

RESOLUTION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF WESTWOOD

TITLE: Opposing Construction of Power Plant in North Bergen

RESOLUTION #18- *269*

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection have received a proposal and permit applications to construct a natural gas-fired power plant in North Bergen, NJ on a 15-acre parcel near Railroad Avenue on the banks of Bellman's Creek in the Meadowlands; and

WHEREAS, the electric energy produced by this plant would solely benefit ConED and its' customers in New York; and

WHEREAS, the air pollution and greenhouse gas emission from this plant would adversely affect the already poor air quality in Bergen and Hudson Counties, and directly impact the health and well-being of the state's residents; and

WHEREAS, the delicate ecological infrastructure of the Meadowlands would suffer severe degradation as a result of construction disruption and subsequent ongoing pollution such as the daily discharge of chemically-charged wastewater; and

WHEREAS, on site storage of chemicals such as ammonia, bleach, acids, and 1 million gallons of diesel fuel for the diesel backup generators, as well as trucks to supply these products, increases the potential for spills into nearby wetlands and streams;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Westwood, in the interest of protecting its residents, businesses and institutions, strongly opposes construction of the North Bergen Liberty Generating power plant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk shall forward this Resolution to Governor Murphy; Commissioner of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection; State Senator Cardinale; State Assemblypersons Schepisi and Auth; Food and Water Watch; The Sierra Club – New Jersey Chapter; Hackensack Riverkeeper; Hudson County Freeholders and Administration and all Hudson County Municipal Councils, Boards of Health and Environmental Commissions; Bergen County Freeholders and Administration and all Bergen County Municipal Councils, Boards of Health and Environmental Commissions; League of New Jersey Municipalities; NJ Advance Media.

Certified true copy of a Resolution adopted
at the meeting of the Mayor and Council on
September 18, 2018

Karen Hughes
Karen Hughes, Borough Clerk

| NAME | MOVED | SECOND | AYES | NAYS | ABSENT | ABSTAIN |
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| Collins | | | ✓ | | | |
| Montana | | | ✓ | | | |
| Bicocchi | | | ✓ | | | |
| Dell | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| Grefrath | | | ✓ | | | |
| Arroyo | | ✓ | ✓ | | | |