

RESOLUTION 2016-263

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY OPPOSING LICENSED CASINOS OUTSIDE OF ATLANTIC CITY, ATLANTIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Legislature has voted in support of a constitutional amendment to permit casinos to operate in jurisdictions in Northern New Jersey, outside of Atlantic City; and

WHEREAS, this initiative will increase the tax burden on Atlantic County residents; and

WHEREAS, this initiative will create downward pressure on the Township of Buena Vista's population growth and housing values as residents are forced to seek opportunities elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, any legislator representing any portion of Atlantic County who voted to support this constitutional amendment acted against the best interests of his or her constituents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean and State of New Jersey that it is opposed to the above-described constitutional amendment in any form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all governing bodies in Southern New Jersey are invited to join Barnegat Township in recognizing the negative impact Northern New Jersey casinos will have on our regional economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be distributed by the Township Clerk to all governing bodies in the counties of Burlington, Camden, Salem, Cumberland, Ocean, Atlantic and Cape May, together with copies to all state legislatures representing all or a portion of those counties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent by the Township Clerk to Senator Dawn-Marie Addiego, with the hope that she will reconsider her previous vote in support of Northern New Jersey casinos and join her Southern New Jersey colleagues in the legislature in opposing what constitutes bad policy for the entire State and particularly her own legislative district.

CERTIFICATION

I, Michele Rivers, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee at their regular meeting held in the Municipal Complex, 900 W Bay Avenue, Barnegat NJ on the 5th day of July 2016.

Michele Rivers, RMC
Township Clerk