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Subject: FW: Resolution #146-09

Good Afternoon, attached is a resolution opposing the adoption of P.L.
2009, C.118 adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mendham.
Maureen Massey

**BOROUGH OF MENDHAM
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION #146-09

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM THE COUNTY
OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, OPPOSING THE ADOPTION OF P.L. 2009,
C. 118 AND ITS APPLICATION STATEWIDE**

WHEREAS, P.L. 2009, C. 118 was enacted by the New Jersey Legislature, and signed into law by the Governor on August 18, 2009, creating a pilot program in Gloucester County, whereby the county will take over the tax assessment and valuation duties heretofore performed by municipal tax assessors; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Mendham understands that the Legislature is considering the expansion of this pilot program statewide, consolidating the duties of every municipality's tax assessor into those of newly appointed county tax assessors; and

WHEREAS, the Borough believes that local control of the municipal tax assessment and revaluation function is essential to the municipality's ability to control costs and effectively budget for the future; and

WHEREAS, the Borough believes that the local knowledge and expertise of a municipal tax assessor familiar with the properties within a municipality and local conditions affecting the community cannot be effectively and efficiently reproduced at the county level; and

WHEREAS, the Borough believes that any potential cost savings to be realized by consolidation are outweighed by the local expertise and attention that local assessors currently provide to our State's communities.

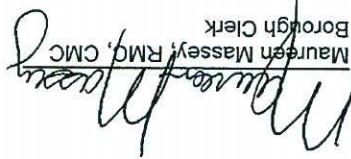
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Mendham, County of Morris and State of New Jersey objects to and opposes the enactment of P.L. 2009, c. 118, and opposes any plan to expand the pilot program to include Morris County.

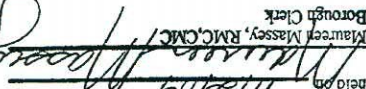
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk forward copies of this resolution to the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders, each municipality in Morris County, Senator Christopher Bateman, Assemblyman Peter Biondi, Assemblywoman Denise Coyle and the N.J. League of Municipalities.

DATED: November 2, 2009

ATTEST:


Neil Henry, Mayor


Maureen Masseey, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk

CERTIFICATION
I, Maureen Masseey, Clerk of the Borough of Mendham, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution/ordinance adopted at a meeting of the Mayor and Council held on 11/18/09

Maureen Masseey, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk