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TOWNSHIIP OF ROXBURY

Attached please find three resolutions passed by the Governing Body of The Township of Roxbury:

RESOLUTION 08-95
A RESOLUTION OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. A-1880, REQUIRING A PUBLIC REFERENDUM PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS BY MUNICIPALITIES

RESOLUTIONS 08-96
A RESOLUTION OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. A-816, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ESTABLISH MAXIMUM WORKLOADS AND MINIMUM FUNDING AND STAFFING FOR THE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS OFFICE

RESOLUTION 08-97
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE BINDING INTEREST ARBITRATION LAWS

PLEASE PROVIDE THESE RESOLUTIONS TO YOUR GOVERNING BODY

Thank you

BettyLou DeCroce
 Township Clerk
 Township of Roxbury

RESOLUTION 08-95

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. A-1880, REQUIRING A PUBLIC REFERENDUM PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS BY MUNICIPALITIES

WHEREAS, the State Assembly has introduced legislation (A-1880) which would require a public referendum before a Municipality may issue general obligation bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Local Bond Law differs considerably from the laws governing the issuance of State debt; and

WHEREAS, the Local Bond Law already provides for the public's right to participate in the bonding process; and

WHEREAS, the additional requirement of a referendum is not in the public's interest; and

WHEREAS, any delays associated with compiling a referendum could hamper a Municipality's ability to take advantage of favorable market rates consequently adding costs to the property tax payers; and

WHEREAS, such a mandate could negatively affect bond ratings which would again place additional burden on local residents; and

WHEREAS, while the Township of Roxbury favors and supports public participation and interest in the passage of said bond ordinances, a referendum is not necessary because the current law provides ample opportunity for public participation; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. A-1880 undermines the Township's ability to operate in an efficient and effective manner and further hinders the Township's Municipal operations in an already constrained environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Roxbury, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Township Council hereby opposes Assembly Bill No. A-1880 and urges the Legislature and the Governor to reject this bill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Anthony Bucco, and Assemblyman Michael Carrol and Assemblyman Rick Merkt, members of the Assembly Housing and Local Government committee, Municipalities of Morris County, the New Jersey League of Municipalities and the office of the Governor.

ADOPTED: March 11, 2008

BettyLou DeCroce, Township Clerk

RESOLUTION 08-96

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. A-816, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ESTABLISH MAXIMUM WORKLOADS AND MINIMUM FUNDING AND STAFFING FOR THE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS OFFICE

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. A-816 requires the Attorney General to establish guidelines that would limit the number of court room hours for Municipal Prosecutors, establish maximum caseloads, and minimum funding for Prosecutors offices as well as minimum requirements for support personnel; and

WHEREAS, these guidelines would be mandatory for all Municipal Prosecutors unless they wished to apply for a waiver in which case the Attorney General would have the sole discretion to grant or deny said application; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of any such guidelines should be left to the local elected officials in order to promote budgetary priorities within the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, if enacted such mandates will stretch local property tax resources beyond local need and would have to be met under the new arbitrary and artificial 4% budget cap.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Roxbury, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Township Council hereby opposes Assembly Bill A-816 and petitions the Legislature and the Governor to reject said bill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk send a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Governor, the Legislators of the 25th district, Municipalities of Morris County and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

ADOPTED: March 11, 2008

BettyLou DeCroce, Township Clerk

RESOLUTION 08-97

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN AMMENDMENT TO THE BINDING INTEREST ARBITRATION LAWS

WHEREAS, personnel and personnel related costs make up approximately 70%+ of municipal budgets; and

WHEREAS, binding interest arbitration has been a principal reason for the increase in public safety salaries and therefore correlates to increased salaries for all public employees; and

WHEREAS, there is a strong connection between current binding arbitration awards and the overwhelming property tax burden on the residents of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the binding interest of arbitration laws to mandate greater emphasis on the Municipalities ability to pay and the impact on the tax paying public would help to level the playing field and lessen the impact on residents; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Roxbury, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Township Council hereby encourages Legislator and the Governor to amend the current binding interest arbitration laws to provide municipalities with a fairer and more appropriate process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Jon Corzine, the legislators to the 25th district, municipalities of Morris County and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

ADOPTED: March 11, 2008

Betty Lou DeCroce, Township Clerk