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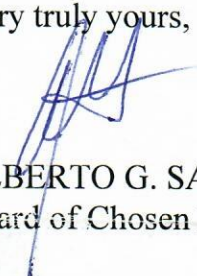
March 9, 2018

Mayor Stuart K. Patrick
Glen Ridge Borough
825 Bloomfield Avenue
Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028

Dear Mayor Patrick:

Enclosed you will find a certified copy of a resolution which was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hudson on March 8, 2018 entitled, "Resolution in support of the Hudson-Essex Greenway."

Very truly yours,


ALBERTO G. SANTOS, Clerk
Board of Chosen Freeholders

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**BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
COUNTY OF HUDSON**

RESOLUTION

No. 136-3-2018

On Motion of Freeholder Board as a whole.
Seconded by Freeholder _____

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HUDSON-ESSEX GREENWAY

WHEREAS, Greenways connect neighborhoods with business districts, parks, places of employment and other communities; and

WHEREAS, Greenways also provide residents with a unique and safe off-road option for recreation and mobility; and

WHEREAS, the 2002 decommissioning of the lower Boonton Line—a segment of railroad running from Montclair to Hoboken—provides a tremendous and unique opportunity to create a greenway for residents of Hudson and Essex Counties; and

WHEREAS, The Hudson-Essex Greenway incorporates the Ice & Iron Greenway which is a grassroots project under the leadership of the New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition. This project's mission is to transform the lower Boonton Line, currently owned by Norfolk Southern Railroad, into an eleven-mile greenway connecting the municipalities of Montclair, Glen Ridge, Bloomfield, Belleville, Newark, Kearny and Jersey City; and

WHEREAS, Along its route, the Ice & Iron Greenway will connect parks, including Branch Brook Park, Kearny neighborhoods, schools, hospitals and retail, in addition to providing an integral active transportation link enabling commuters to bypass some of New Jersey's most congested roadways. It will provide recreation for thousands living along this corridor, providing them access to exercise and the ability to walk or ride a bike to destinations in a car-free environment; and

WHEREAS, Hudson County Executive Thomas A. DeGise endorsed the Ice & Iron Greenway project in a letter dated October 29, 2014 and the Meadowlands Connector Greenway Trail in a letter dated August 24, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation recently released a routing study that supports a Meadowlands Connector Greenway Trail along the lower Boonton line, bringing the Hudson-Essex Greenway closer to fruition; and

WHEREAS, The Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders believe that the Hudson-Essex Greenway is in the best interest of its constituents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hudson, that:

1. The Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders supports the creation of a Hudson-Essex Greenway; and
2. A Copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Mayors of Montclair, Glen Ridge, Bloomfield, Newark, Kearny and Jersey City.

Freeholder	Atty. Gen.	Non-Atty.	Atty.	Non-Atty.	Atty.	Non-Atty.	Atty.	Non-Atty.	Atty.	Non-Atty.
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