Township Council
1 Municipal Plaza
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Louise M. Palagano
Municipal Clerk

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Meeting: 06/27/16 07:00 PM

2016 RESOLUTION APPROVAL

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTCLAIR'S REJECTION OF THE APPLICATION OF FULBRIGHT ACADEMY TO ESTABLISH A CHARTER SCHOOL IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTCLAIR

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Montclair adopted resolution R-16-108, recommending rejection of the application of Fulbright Academy to establish a charter school in the Township of Montclair; and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Council found that approval of the proposed Fulbright Academy Charter School would divert students and financial resources from the existing school system, and would not be in the best interests of Montclair's public school population; and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Council has grave concerns about the impact of the proposed charter school on the long-standing and successful magnet school configuration that was implemented more than 30 years ago as part of the resolution of desegregation litigation; and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Council fully adopted and endorsed the concerns and conclusions expressed by Ronald E. Bolandi, Interim Superintendent of Schools, and Jessica de Koninck, President of the Montclair Board of Education, in a letter dated May 20, 2016 to David C. Hespe, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Council urges the Department of Education to carefully consider the negative impacts that approving a language-immersion charter school would have on the entire Montclair community, and on the well-balanced and finely-tuned school system that the community supports.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND PROCEDURE
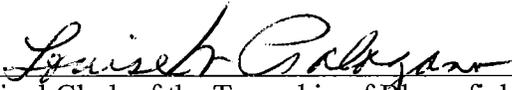ON BASIS OF FACTS SET FORTH

DIRECTOR OF LAW-TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, fully supports the Township of Montclair's resolution R-16-108; and
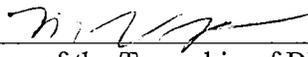
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Mayor and Council urges that Department of Education to consider the welfare impacts that approving the Fulbright Academy would also have on neighboring communities, including the Township of Bloomfield

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I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on June 27, 2016.

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Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield

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Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

✓ Vote Record – Resolution			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
☐ Adopt ☐ Deny	Elias N. Chalet		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Withdrawn	Nicholas Joanow		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Table ☐ Not Discussed	Carlos Bernard		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ First Reading ☐ Table with no Vote	Wartyna Davis		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Approve ☐ Veto by Mayor	Joseph Lopez		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Discussion	Carlos Pomares		☐	☐	☐	☑
☐ Defeated ☐ Discussion No Vote	Michael J. Venezia		☑	☐	☐	☐