



Township Council

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Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Louise M. Palagano
Municipal Clerk

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Meeting: 01/22/13 07:00 PM

2013 RESOLUTION RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

**SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL A-2753 REQUIRING DIRECT
PAYMENT OF ENERGY TAXES TO MUNICIPAL
GOVERNMENT**

WHEREAS, taxes on gas and electric utilities were originally collected by the host municipalities, and when the State made itself the collection agent for these taxes, it promised to dedicate the proceeds to municipal property tax relief; and

WHEREAS, just as municipalities collect property taxes for the benefit of school districts, counties and other entities; the State is supposed to collect Energy Taxes for the benefit of municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, for years, though, State officials have diverted funding from Energy Taxes to plug holes in the State budget and to fund State programs; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative impact of years of underfunding has left many municipalities with serious needs and burdensome property taxes; and

WHEREAS, municipalities lost \$331 million in combined Energy Tax and Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Aid (CMPTRA) funding in Fiscal Years 2009, 2010 and 2011, while also being denied scheduled incremental funding; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these cuts, in a number of municipalities property taxes are higher now, despite the fact that they are spending less, proving that the State's diversion of tax relief funding has contributed to higher municipal property taxes; and

WHEREAS, A-2753, sponsored by Assemblymen Daniel Benson and Wayne DeAngelo, and S-1923, sponsored by Senator Linda Greenstein, would restore the \$331 million in municipal

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


Director of Law - Township Attorney

property tax relief funding, ensure that each municipality will be restored to 2007 (SRY 2008) Energy Tax Receipts/CMPTRA level and adjust that amount to account for inflation; and

WHEREAS the bills would require certain energy tax receipts to be paid directly to municipalities and thereby, would assure local property taxpayers compensation for hosting transmission facilities and lines that allow gas and electric energy corporations to serve customers and conduct business in our Garden State; and

WHEREAS, the time has come to restore to local budgets the million in property tax relief that have been annually diverted to meet State needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Essex, State of New Jersey salutes the sponsors for listening to the Mayors in their districts and all around New Jersey and for advancing this legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we enthusiastically support and urge our State Legislators to pass A-2753/S1923; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolutions be forward to Governor Christie, Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno, New Jersey Senate President Steve Sweeney, New Jersey Senate Republican Leader Thomas Kean, Jr., New Jersey Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver, New Jersey Assembly Republican Leader John Bramnick, our State Senator Richard J Codey,. our Assemblypersons Mila M, Jasey and John F McKeon and to the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

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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 January 22, 2013.

Louise P. Galzano

 Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield

Raymond Dunigan

 Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

| ✓ Vote Record - Resolution 2413 | | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended | Elias Chalet | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated | Nicholas Joanow | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn | Carlos Bernard | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled | Michael Venezia | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Approved | Peggy O'Boyle Dunigan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Approved by Consensus | Bernard Hamilton | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not Discussed | Raymond McCarthy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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