



City of Newark

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Legislation Text

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Dept/ Agency: Offices of Municipal Council/City Clerk

Action: () Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending

Type of Service: Opposing the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission Power Plant in the East Ward

Purpose: To declare opposition to Governor Murphy's Plan and the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) plan and operation of a methane gas-fired power plant in the East Ward.

Sponsor(s): Council Member, Michael J. Silva

Additional Information:

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the City of Newark strongly opposes the proposed Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) methane gas-fired plant in the East Ward, a.k.a. Ironbound section of Newark; and

WHEREAS, this will be the fourth gas power plant located in an area that has endured multiple sources of air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council recognizes that PVSC wants to protect itself against extreme weather; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council also recognizes that PSE&G has made significant enhancements on the reliability of the power grid; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newark was faced with record flooding during Hurricane Ida and the reliability throughout the city was maintained; and

WHEREAS, there will never be a one hundred percent guarantee and another power plant will not improve the odds; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) categorizes the Ironbound section as an "overburdened community" under the New Jersey Environmental Justice Law; and

WHEREAS, the Ironbound is home to more gas plants than any other neighborhood in the state as well as the state's largest waste incinerator.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

1. The Municipal Council of the City of Newark strongly opposes the proposed Passaic

Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) methane gas-fired plant in the Ironbound section of Newark.

STATEMENT

This resolution proclaims that the Municipal Council strongly opposes the building of another gas-fired plant within the confines of the city.