



# 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.