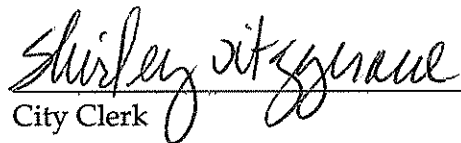


CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK)
COUNTY OF LAKE)SS
STATE OF ILLINOIS)

I, SHIRLEY FITZGERALD, City Clerk of the City of Highland Park, in the County of Lake, State of Illinois, do hereby certify that I am keeper of the records, ordinances, files and seal of said City, and;

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. R99-07, entitled "A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE POLLUTION DISCHARGE PERMIT AND EXEMPTION GRANTED TO BP PLC WHITING, INDIANA REFINERY BY THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (IDEM)," passed and approved by the City Council of said City at a regular meeting of the City Council held on July 23, 2007, and still in full force and effect, all as appears from the records and files in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of said City of Highland Park, this 26th day of July 2007.


City Clerk

CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

RESOLUTION NO. R99-07

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE POLLUTION DISCHARGE PERMIT AND EXEMPTION GRANTED TO BP PLC WHITING, INDIANA REFINERY BY THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (IDEM)

WHEREAS, Lake Michigan serves as an important source of drinking water for many communities along the lakefront; and

WHEREAS, Lake Michigan serves as an important source of transportation and recreation for the region; and,

WHEREAS, despite its size, Lake Michigan is a finite resource that is vulnerable to depletion and degradation;

WHEREAS, the Lake Michigan communities have a shared duty to protect, conserve, restore, improve and manage the finite waters of Lake Michigan for the use, benefit and enjoyment of all their current and future citizens; and

WHEREAS, pollution control standards regarding mixing zone requirements and anti-degradation standards are in place and should be applied and enforced equally to prevent increased toxic discharges into Lake Michigan and discourage actions that threaten the water quality of the Lake; and

WHEREAS, measures should be taken by all to ensure that toxic discharges are kept at or below current levels in a manner that is environmentally sustainable; and,

WHEREAS, the levels of contaminants that are being discharged into Lake Michigan and downstream lakes are an increasing threat to native organisms and the people who use the Lake for drinking water, recreation and transportation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) recently granted a pollution discharge permit and exemption to the BP PLC Whiting, Indiana refinery to allow an increase in discharge; and,

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2007, the City Lakefront Commission discussed and expressed concern over the pollution discharge permit and exemption granted to the BP PLC Whiting, Indiana refinery by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that advocating for the continued conservation, protection, and improvement of Lake Michigan will serve and be in the best interest of the City, its residents and the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HIGHLAND PARK, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION ONE: RECITALS. The foregoing recitals are incorporated into, and made a part of, this Resolution as findings of the City Council.

SECTION TWO: OPPOSITION TO BP PERMIT AND EXEMPTION. The City Council shall, and does hereby, express concern for and oppose the pollution discharge permit and exemption granted to BP by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and urges the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency to ensure that adequate pollution controls are in place to prevent increased toxic discharges from the expanded BP refinery in Whiting, Indiana.

SECTION THREE: DELIVERY. The City Clerk shall be, and is hereby, directed to transmit an executed and sealed copy of this Resolution to the Assistant Administrator for Water at the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), the Governor of the State of Indiana, the Governor of the State of Illinois, the President of the Illinois Senate, the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, and the City's elected representatives within the Illinois General Assembly.

SECTION FOUR: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval by a majority of the members of the City Council.


AYES: Mayor Belsky, and Councilmen Levenfeld, Brenner, Kirsch, Mandel and Silberman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilwoman Olian

PASSED: July 23, 2007

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Michael D. Belsky, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shirley Fitzgerald, City Clerk