

CITY OF VINELAND

RESOLUTION NO. 2013- 338

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE RELOCATION OF THE BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES FROM VINELAND AS PROPOSED BY THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS.

WHEREAS, presently the Board of Social Services is located on Delsea Drive in the City of Vineland which services approximately 28,000 County residents and provides much needed services; and

WHEREAS, approximately 46% of the County population receiving services at the Vineland location are from the City of Vineland, almost the same amount as Millville and Bridgeton combined; and

WHEREAS, the present location of the Board of Social Services on Delsea Drive is a building which is surrounded by other buildings that are vacant and further surrounded by many businesses such as food services; and

WHEREAS, the existing businesses remain at this location on Delsea Drive due to the foot traffic that occurs as a result of individuals utilizing the services at the building; and

WHEREAS the Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders have considered the relocation of the Board of Social Services outside of the City of Vineland and into the City of Bridgeton causing 46% of the population utilizing the services to be required to find alternative transportation from Vineland to Bridgeton, cause a vacancy in a building located on Delsea Drive in an area which presently has many vacancies, and causing a substantial decline in revenue to businesses who are supported by the population utilizing the site in Vineland; and

WHEREAS, the Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders voted 6 to 1 to approve an Ordinance for the County of Cumberland to enter into a lease agreement with the Cumberland County Improvement Authority with guaranteed lease payments not to exceed twenty-five million dollars for the proposed new facilities to be constructed outside of the City of Vineland as well as Ordinance No. 2013-5 which authorizes the County to guarantee payment of principal and interest for the funding of the construction of the facilities to be located outside of the City of Vineland by the Cumberland County Improvement Authority; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Vineland contribute approximately 43% of the County taxes which in essence means that the residents of the City of Vineland will fund 43% of the cost associated with relocating the facilities outside of the City of Vineland causing a substantial hardship to the residents of the City of Vineland as well as the businesses surrounding the present site in the City of Vineland on Delsea Drive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Vineland that the Administration opposes the relocation of the Board of Social Services from its present location on Delsea Drive as well as the funding of the cost associated with the relocation and construction of new buildings outside of the City of Vineland by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Cumberland.

Adopted:

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk