

BROWARD COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-B-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BROWARD COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES STATING THE LEAGUE'S OPPOSITION TO THE EXPLORATORY DRILLING OPERATIONS OF KANTER REAL ESTATE, LLC, IN BROWARD COUNTY, AND ENCOURAGES ITS MEMBERS TO PASS SIMILAR RESOLUTIONS IN OPPOSITION TO THE EXPLORATORY DRILLING ACTIVITIES PROPOSED BY KANTER REAL ESTATE, LLC; ENCOURAGING THE LEAGUE'S MUNICIPAL MEMBERS TO FILE A NOTICE WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (THE "DEPARTMENT") AS AN INTERESTED PARTY WITH RESPECT TO THE PENDING DRILLING APPLICATION FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT BY KANTER REAL ESTATE, LLC; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Broward League of Cities ("League") recently learned that Kanter Real Estate, LLC, a Florida for profit limited liability corporation ("Kanter"), has submitted an application for an oil drilling permit to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection seeking authorization to conduct exploratory oil well drilling operations on property in the Florida Everglades owned by Kanter located in west Broward County; and

WHEREAS, if granted, the oil drilling is anticipated to exceed 11,000 feet in depth, well below the area known as the Biscayne Aquifer, which provides the water supply for many residents of Broward County; and

WHEREAS, the League, in recognition of the substantial concerns about the potential harmful effects of the proposed drilling, including potential adverse environmental impacts such as the degradation and possible contamination of the Biscayne Aquifer, the substantial impact such drilling operations will have on the Florida Everglades fragile ecosystem comprised of water supplies, plant and vegetation, as well as the possible harm and injury to wildlife; and

WHEREAS, extreme well stimulation such as hydraulic and acid fracturing (also known as "fracking") is the process of pumping a complex mix of fluids and chemicals, including large volumes of water, under very high pressure into or below the surface of the ground to create fractures in the oil/gas bearing geological formations for the purpose of producing or recovering oil or gas; and

WHEREAS, many of the chemical constituents injected during fracturing have documented adverse effects on human health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, there have been more than 1,000 documented cases of water contamination near fracking sites; and

WHEREAS, use of well stimulation fracturing mixes exposes adjacent land and surface waters to the risk of contamination through open pit storage, truck transport on roadways, and activities during well development such as the exploratory well sought by Kanter; and

WHEREAS, Florida's water supplies and resources are better protected through the prevention of contamination and environmental degradation from the outset, rather than the clean-up of contamination and restoration of degraded environments after the fact

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Broward League of Cities hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing "Whereas clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

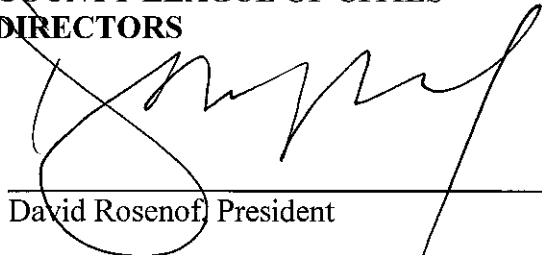
Section 2. The Broward League of Cities, consisting of its thirty-one (31) municipal members, opposes the exploratory drilling operations sought by Kanter Real Estate, LLC, in Broward County. The League encourages its member municipalities to pass similar resolutions in opposition of the proposal by Kanter Real Estate, LLC. The League further encourages each municipality to register with the State of Florida as an interested party in the permitting application pending with the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and designate a specific municipal representative as the key contact for communications with regarding this important matter.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BROWARD COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES ON THIS 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015.

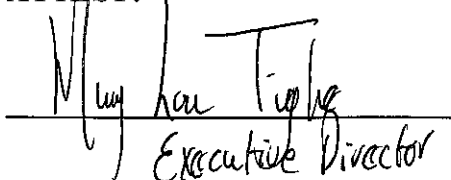
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

By:



David Rosenof, President

ATTEST:



Mary Ann Tipler
Executive Director