

R-12-609  
8-14-2012

**RESOLUTION  
URGING SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL A575 AND  
SENATE BILL S253 WHICH PROHIBITS TREATMENT,  
DISCHARGE, DISPOSAL, OR STORAGE OF WASTEWATER,  
WASTEWATER SOLIDS, SLUDGE, DRILL CUTTINGS OR OTHER  
BYPRODUCTS FROM NATURAL GAS EXPLORATION OR  
PRODUCTION USING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING (PASSED  
BOTH HOUSES 6/21/12 and 6/25/12**

**WHEREAS**, new drilling and hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”) technologies have made it feasible to extract large amounts of oil and gas from shale and similar underground rock formations; and

**WHEREAS**, this shale development has been a boon for the oil and gas industry; and

**WHEREAS**, to frack a shale gas well, millions of gallons of fracking fluid, a blend of water, sand and chemicals are pumped underground at high pressure to break up shale rock, allowing gas to flow into the well; and

**WHEREAS**, the technology for shale oil development is essentially the same; and

**WHEREAS**, known and suspected carcinogens that have been present in fracking fluids include naphthalene, benzene and acrylamide; and

**WHEREAS**, other environmental toxins present in xylenes,

**WHEREAS**, other environmental toxins present in xylenes, can result in nervous system kidney and/or liver problems; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Legislature passed, by an overwhelming majority and just prior to its summer recess,

A575 and S253, which prohibit the treatment, disposal, and discharge of wastes from hydraulic fracturing operations in the State; and

**WHEREAS**, this measure is vital to preserving the State's natural resources and preventing serious environmental degradation; and

**WHEREAS**, this matter was reviewed at the Freeholder Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting of August 7, 2012 with a recommendation that the full Board support the adoption of these Bills with a letter to Governor Christie requesting that the legislation be signed into law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Passaic County that they hereby support Assembly Bill A575 and Senate Bill S253 and urge Governor Christie to sign the approved legislation into law; and

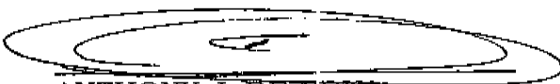
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Passaic County Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute letter of support to be forwarded to Governor Christie.

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This resolution was requested by:

*Theodore O. Best, Jr.*

Reviewed by:



ANTHONY J. DE NOVA  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

*William J. Pascrell III*  
WILLIAM J. PASCRELL, III  
COUNTY COUNSEL

**RECORD OF VOTE**

Freeholder	Y	N	NV	ABS	RES	SEC
Best	X					X
Ciambrone			X			
Duffy			X			
James	X				X	
Marotta	X					
O'Connell	X					
Dir. Lepore	X					

Y=yes N=no NV=not voting  
ABS=abstain RES=moved SEC=seconded

Dated: August 14, 2012