

CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 15-081

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE OIL DRILLING PERMIT APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY KANTER REAL ESTATE LLC, A FLORIDA FOR PROFIT LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION, TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SEEKING OIL DRILLING RIGHTS ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES, AND SUPPORTING EFFORTS OPPOSING EXTREME WELL STIMULATION, HYDRAULIC FRACTURING, ACID FRACTURING, AND ANY FORM OF EXTREME WELL STIMULATION FOR PURPOSES OF RESOURCE EXTRACTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City 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 owned by Kanter in the Florida Everglades; 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 City, along with many local agencies, have expressed substantial concerns about the potential harmful

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effects of the proposed drilling, including potential adverse environmental impacts such as the degradation and possible contamination of the Biscayne Aquifer, the substantial impact that 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 oil - or gas-bearing geologic 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 these well stimulation fracturing mixes exposes adjacent land and surface waters to the risk of

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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 cleanup of contamination and restoration of degraded environments after the fact; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission deems it to be in the best interest of the residents and citizens of the City of Margate to present its vehement opposition to the Kanter oil drilling permit application and resultant operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2: That the City Commission of the City of Margate hereby publicly expresses its vehement opposition to the exploratory oil drilling operations sought by Kanter Real Estate LLC in the Florida Everglades, and urges Broward County and all municipalities in Broward County to consider similar legislation opposing the efforts of Kanter.

Section 3: That the City Commission of the City of

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Margate hereby opposes extreme well stimulation, hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing, and any form of extreme well stimulation for purposes of resource extraction.

Section 4: The City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Broward County and all cities within Broward County.

SECTION 5: That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 26TH day of AUGUST, 2015.

ATTEST:



JOSEPH J. KAVANAGH
CITY CLERK



MAYOR JOANNE SIMONE

RECORD OF VOTE

Peerman	<u>Yes</u>
Talerico	<u>Yes</u>
Bryan	<u>Yes</u>
Ruzzano	<u>Yes</u>
Simone	<u>Yes</u>