

**CITY OF WESTON, FLORIDA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-83**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESTON, FLORIDA, OPPOSING FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 336299-001 SUBMITTED BY KANTER REAL ESTATE LLC, A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, FOR AN OIL AND GAS PERMIT ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES, APPROXIMATELY SIX AND ONE-HALF MILES SOUTHWEST OF THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WESTON, AND OPPOSING EXTREME WELL STIMULATION, HYDRAULIC FRACTURING, ACID FRACTURING, AND ANY FORM OF EXTREME WELL STIMULATION FOR PURPOSES OF RESOURCE EXTRACTION IN THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, First, Kanter Real Estate LLC, a Foreign Limited Liability Company ("Kanter"), has submitted permit application No. 336299-001 (the "Application") to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (the "FDEP") for an Oil and Gas permit seeking authorization to conduct exploratory oil well drilling operations on property owned by Kanter located in the Florida Everglades, approximately six and one-half miles southwest of the City of Weston (the "City") limits; and

WHEREAS, Second, Kanter's application proposes the drilling depth of 11,800 feet, through and below the area known as the Biscayne Aquifer, which provides the water supply for many residents of Broward County, including those in the City; and

WHEREAS, Third, the drilling process is anticipated to use extreme well stimulation such as hydraulic and acid fracturing (also known as "fracking") which 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, Fourth, chemical constituents injected during fracturing process have documented adverse effects on human health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Fifth, occurrences of water contamination have been known to have been found near fracking sites; and

WHEREAS, Sixth, use of well stimulation fracturing mixes exposes adjacent lands and surface waters to the risk of contamination through open pit storage, truck transport on roadways, and other activities attendant for fracking; and

WHEREAS, Seventh, the City, along other Broward municipalities, has expressed 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, and the negative impact on the Florida Everglades fragile ecosystem comprised of water supplies, plant and vegetation, and protected wildlife; and

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WHEREAS, Eighth, federal, state and local agencies have enacted numerous laws and spent countless public dollars for the clean-up, restoration, and preservation of the Florida Everglades, and the granting of any permits for oil or gas drilling in the Florida Everglades is counterintuitive to the laws enacted and the dollars spent for preservation of the Florida Everglades; and

WHEREAS, Ninth, Florida's water supplies and resources are best 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, Tenth, the City Commission deems it to be in the best interest of the City to oppose the granting of the oil and gas permit application sought by Kanter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Weston, Florida:

Section 1: The foregoing recitals contained in the preamble to this Resolution are incorporated by reference herein.

Section 2: The City Commission urges the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to deny Oil and Gas Permit Application No. 336299-001 sought by Kanter Real Estate LLC, for the purpose of oil and gas well drilling in the Florida Everglades.

Section 3: The City Commission opposes extreme well stimulation, hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing, and any form of extreme well stimulation for purposes of resource extraction in the Florida Everglades.

Section 4: The City Attorney is authorized to file all pleadings, briefs, or other appropriate papers in opposition to the Application with the agencies having jurisdiction.

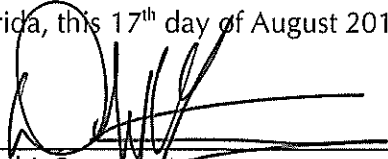
Section 5: The City Clerk is directed to distribute a copy of this Resolution to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Board of County Commissioners for Broward County, and each of the municipalities in Broward County.

Section 6: The appropriate City officials are authorized to execute all necessary documents and to take any necessary action to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

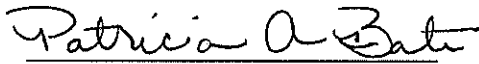
Section 7: This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

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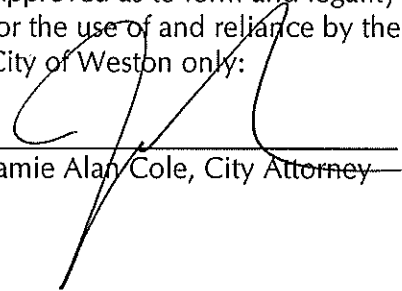
ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Weston, Florida, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015.

  
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Daniel J. Stermer, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Patricia A. Bates, City Clerk

Approved as to form and legality  
for the use of and reliance by the  
City of Weston only:

  
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Jamie Alan Cole, City Attorney

Roll Call:

Commissioner Norton	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Feuer	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Kallman	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Gomez	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Stermer	<u>Yes</u>