

Introduced by: **Councilman Mello**

Seconded by: _____

CITY OF HOBOKEN
RESOLUTION NO. : 11-57

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**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN IN
THE SOUTHWEST PORTION OF HOBOKEN**

WHEREAS the City of Hoboken in general and the Southwest portion of Hoboken in particular has a deficiency of open space; and

WHEREAS with 48 acres of open space and 50,005 residents, the City of Hoboken has an open space ratio of 0.96 acres per 1000 residents, well below even New York City's ratio of 2.5 acres per 1000; and

WHEREAS the 2010 Reexamination Report calls for "build[ing] new parks in redevelopment areas and other parts of the City that have severe shortage of open space"; and

WHEREAS the Open Space Plan in the 2010 Reexamination Report designates the Southwest Six area as a planned/possible new park; and

WHEREAS the Hoboken Master Plan of 2004 designates these properties in Southwest Hoboken as targets for acquisition for the creation of a park; and

WHEREAS flooding is a serious concern in Southwest Hoboken, and open space is an important component of a long-term green flood mitigation solution; and

WHEREAS all of the area in Southwest Six is privately owned, and the Administration has reached out to property owners who have not expressed interest in selling their properties at market value;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Hoboken reaffirms its support for the creation of a park in Southwest Hoboken and expresses its support for the use of eminent domain to acquire properties for the creation of the park if that acquisition tool is necessary.

Meeting Date: July 20, 2011

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