

RESOLUTION NO. 2-2011-23
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF
CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ASKING PRESIDENT OBAMA
TO MAINTAIN CURRENT FUNDING LEVELS FOR THE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, we understand that discussions are taking place within the Obama Administration regarding a substantial reduction in spending for the Community Development Block Grant program in preparation of the FY2012 budget; and

WHEREAS, some reports have indicated that a cut of 25%, or \$1 billion dollars is under consideration; and

WHEREAS, this, or any reduction in funding for CDBG projects would have a devastating impact on the Borough of Barrington and would hinder our ability to continue doing our part in aiding the Nation's economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, specifically, a 25% reduction in funding would mean curtailing or cancelling the following projects that are planned for the Borough of Barrington;

- Construction of curb cuts throughout our town for handicapped access
- Providing of transportation for senior citizens
- Improvements to the Barrington Senior Center

WHEREAS, the ability to complete these projects not only provides valuable services to our senior and handicapped population but also has a positive economic impact in that it results in contracts being awarded to the construction and related industries; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the following projects have been completed in the Borough of Barrington using CDBG funds:

- Construction of the Barrington Senior Center
- Removal of architectural barriers in the Barrington Community Center
- Construction of curb cuts for handicapped access

WHEREAS, these projects have been funded through the CDBG program and have provided a direct benefit to our low and moderate income residents and their neighborhoods, something that would not have been possible without this federal-local partnership;

NOW, THEREFORE, Mr. President, we strongly urge you in your FY2012 budget to freeze CDBG formula funding at the FY2010 level of \$3.9 billion dollars so that we may continue to improve the quality of life for our low and moderate income, senior citizens and handicapped residents and so that we may also continue to contribute to the recovery of our local economy.

THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON

BY: _____
JOHN D. RINK, MAYOR

ATTEST:

TERRY SHANNON, BOROUGH CLERK

I, **TERRY SHANNON**, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Barrington, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by Borough Council at a meeting of said Borough Council on February 8, 2011, and that said Resolution passed by a majority vote of the members of Borough Council.

TERRY SHANNON, BOROUGH CLERK