## RESOLUTION **CITY OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY**

No. AR-203-22 Date of Adoption: October 11, 2022

## A RESOLUTION OPPOSING CONSTRUCTION OF CPV KEASBEY POWER PLANT IN WOODBRIDGE, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, Competitive Power Ventures (CPV) has proposed to build a gas-fired power plant ("CPV Keasbey") in the Keasbey section of Woodbridge, in Middlesex County, New Jersey that will be less than seven miles away from the City of Rahway; and

WHEREAS, Middlesex County has several major fossil-fuel power plants that generate high levels of air pollution that can affect the communities they are located within as well as the surrounding municipalities; and

WHEREAS, CPV received Woodbridge Planning Board approval for the application of the power plant in January 2019, and is currently being reviewed by New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; and

WHEREAS, organizers of Food & Water Watch and Food & Water Action have attended Council meetings, provided information regarding the negative impacts that CPV Keasbey could cause the City of Rahway; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Rahway fully support efforts to minimize and prevent environmental pollution from entering the City and other municipalities to provide safe environments for residents, businesses and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council implore the Department of Environmental Protection to review the CPV Keasbey application while being mindful of the possible and likely environmental ramifications that will result from the construction of the plant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the City of Rahway, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that in the interest of protecting its residents and businesses, it does not support the construction of the gas-burning power plant proposed by CPV; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rahway City Council call upon Governor Phil Murphy and the Department of Environmental Protection to oppose fossil fuel projects, and impose a moratorium on same until rules are established pursuant to the state's environmental justice law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall forward this Resolution to Governor Phil Murphy, Senator Robert Menendez, Senator Cory Booker, Congressman Donald Payne, Jr., Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Shawn LaTourette, State Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Assemblyman James Kennedy, Assemblywoman Linda Carter, and the Union County Board of County Commissioners.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Rahway, County of Union, State of New Jersey at the duly held Combined Meeting on the 11th day of October, 2022.

YES:

**MOTION:** Miles

**SECOND: City Council** 

Brooks, Cox, Gibilisco, Mojica, Newbury,

Parker, Miles

NO:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

Jeffrey J. Jotz, City Clerk

ABSENT: Brown, Parson