

BOROUGH OF LONGPORT

Resolution 2023-125

A RESOLUTION TO PRESIDENT JOSEPH BIDEN OPPOSING THE SUGGESTION TO UTILIZE THE ATLANTIC CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AS A SHELTER SPACE FOR MIGRANTS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Longport has received information that the Biden Administration has suggested the utilization of the Atlantic City International Airport in Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey as a shelter place for illegal migrants; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic County lacks the adequate resources to provide ample housing, food, education, healthcare and basic necessities for the proposed 60,000 illegal migrants; and

WHEREAS, the lack of appropriate resources and accommodations will lead to inhumane conditions for those who are dropped at the Atlantic City International Airport without adequate support; and

WHEREAS, the sheltering of 60,000 migrants at the Atlantic City International Airport will diminish the State, County and Municipal allocated in support of current Atlantic County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Longport supports diversification, and embraces our multicultural population; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Longport recognizes the Federal Government's immigration problems and lack of comprehensive border policies have created an overwhelming effect of the United States both socially and economically; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Longport echoes and joins the positions of opposition already released to the public by United States Congressman Jeff Van Drew, New Jersey Senator Vince Polistina, Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson and all of our Federal and State Legislators that represent Atlantic County, New Jersey on this issue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we oppose President Joseph Biden's suggestion to utilize the Atlantic City International Airport for migrant shelter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we urge New Jersey Governor Philip Murphy to prevent this unfunded mandate;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution is forwarded to Governor Philip Murphy, Senator Mike Testa, Senator Vince Polistina, Senator Jean Stanfield, Senator Christopher Connors, Assemblyman Don Guardian, Assemblywoman Claire Swift, Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson, and the Atlantic County Board of Commissioners.

RECORD OF GOVERNING BODY VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE						
COMMISSION	AYE	NAY	N.V	AB.	MOT.	SEC.
RUSSO		X				
LEEDS	X				X	
LAWLER	X					X
X-Indicates Vote NV-Not Voting AB-Absent MOT-Motion SEC-Second						

This is a Certified True copy of the Original Resolution on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

DATE OF ADOPTION:
9/20/2023

/s/ MONICA A. KYLE, RMC