RESOLUTION NO. 2025-66

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, APPROVING AND ADOPTING A HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN TO SATISFY THE BOROUGH'S FOURTH ROUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATION

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2024, c.2, which amended the 1985 New Jersey Fair Housing Act ("Amended FHA"); and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2025, the Borough adopted a "binding resolution" as required by the Amended FHA, accepting the DCA-calculated Present Need and Prospective Need obligation, establishing its Fourth Round Present Need of thirty-four (34) units and Prospective Need of thirty-two (32) units; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Amended FHA and the Administrative Office of the Court's Directive No. 14-24 ("Directive 14-24"), the Borough filed a timely Fourth Round Declaratory Judgment complaint ("DJ Complaint") with the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program ("Program"), along with its binding resolution, on January 16, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the filing of the DJ Complaint gave the Borough automatic, continued immunity from all exclusionary zoning lawsuits, including builder's remedy lawsuits, which is still in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, the Borough did not receive any objections to its Present and Prospective Need numbers by February 28, 2025, resulting in the statutory automatic acceptance of the Borough's Fourth Round obligations on March 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2025, the court prepared an order fixing the Borough's obligation and authorizing the Borough to proceed with preparing and adopting its Housing Element and Fair Share Plan for the Fourth Round ("Court Order"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Amended FHA, Directive 14-24 and the Court Order, Peter Van den Kooy, PP, AICP, the Township's Affordable Housing Planner ("Planner") drafted a Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("Fourth Round HEFSP"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28, the Borough of Barrington Planning Board ("Board") may prepare and adopt or amend a master plan or component parts thereof, after a public hearing, to guide the use of lands within the municipality in a manner which protects health and safety and promotes the general welfare; and

WHEREAS, upon notice in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-13, the Board held a public hearing on June 26, 2025, on the adoption of the Fourth Round HEFSP as required by the Municipal Land Use Law. Said hearing was attended by the Planner, who was duly sworn, and provided testimony regarding the Fourth Round HEFSP; and

WHEREAS, the hearing was opened to the public and no members of the public provided any testimony on the Fourth Round HEFSP; and

WHEREAS, the Board determined that the Fourth Round HEFSP is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Borough's current Master Plan, and that adoption and implementation of the Fourth Round HEFSP is in the public interest and protects public health and safety and promotes the general welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Board of the Borough of Barrington, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the Planning Board hereby adopts the Fourth Round HEFSP, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Board of the Borough of Barrington adopts this resolution to memorialize the action taken by the Board following the close of the public hearing on June 26, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a copy of the adopted Fourth Round HEFSP and a certified copy of this Resolution to the governing body together with this Board's request that the governing body endorse the adopted Fourth Round HEFSP.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT THE HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN AFTER FINDING THAT IT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE MASTER PLAN.

(June 26, 2025)

Moved By: Karin Clarad Seconded By: ED Harrell

Those in Favor:

Those Opposed: none
Those Absent or Recused:

John-Rink

Chairperson

I hereby certify this to be a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Planning Board of the Borough of Barrington, Camden County, New Jersey at a public meeting held on June 26, 2025.

Carol Fultano, Secretary

Barrington Borough Planning Board

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Motion By: Karen Cilurso

Seconded By: Ed Harrell

Those in Favor: Councilman Beyer, Karen Cilurso, Ed Harrell, Mayor Hanson,

Larry Liss, Chairman Rink, Diane Schreyer, John Brennan

Those Opposed: None

Those Absent or Recused: Tyler Orlando, Dave Pawling, Linda Lang, Terri

Sullivan, Kyle Wright

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