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VIA E-COURTS

Honorable William G. Mennen, J.S.C.
Somerset County Superior Court
20 N. Bridge Street
Somerville, New Jersey 08876

Re: In the Matter of the Application of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren
Docket No.: WRN-L-41-25

Dear Judge Mennen:

Please be advised that this office represents the Plaintiff Borough of Washington in the above referenced matter. Pursuant to the Court's January 30, 2026 Consent Order, please find annexed to this correspondence a Certified Resolution of the Borough's Resolution 2026-44 endorsing an updated Housing Element and Fair Share Plan.

Respectfully submitted



Erik Peterson

Encl.

Cc: Joshua Bauers, Esq., FSHA via e-courts

**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON
County of Warren**

RESOLUTION 2026-44

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE AMENDED HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH LAND USE BOARD ON MARCH 9, 2026 AND AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY TO FILE A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION WITH THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM THROUGH eCOURTS PURSUANT COURT ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE 14-24, DOCKET NO. WRN-L-41-25

WHEREAS, recent legislation created a new process for municipalities to come into constitutional compliance with their affordable housing obligations under the Fair Housing Act (“FHA”), and the new law, L. 2024, c. 2 (the “Law”), also established the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (“the Program”) within the Judiciary for the purpose of resolving disputes associated with the FHA; and

WHEREAS, as authorized by the Law, the Administrative Director of the Courts has established the procedures for the Program’s operation, as set forth in the Administrative Directive #14-24 (“Directive #14-24”) (“Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program – Implementation of L. 2024, c. 2”); and

WHEREAS, the Program procedures address initiating actions and challenges using the Judiciary’s electronic filing systems, criteria for assignment of a case to the Program, appointment of special adjudicators by Program members, settlement conferences and sessions, appeals, codes of conduct, and public access to filings; and

WHEREAS, after the entry of an Order determining present and prospective fair share obligations, a municipality, such as the Borough, must file with the Program its adopted Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (which must include the elements set forth in the Addendum attached to Directive #14-24) within 48 hours after adoption by the Planning Board or by June 30, 2025, whichever is sooner; and

WHEREAS, actions that do not meet the statutory deadline will not be considered by the Program; and

WHEREAS, by Order dated March 25, 2025, the Honorable William G. Mennen, J.S.C. accepted the Amended Program Settlement Present Need and Prospective Need recommendation of the Honorable Thomas C. Miller, A.J.S.C. (Ret.) establishing the Borough’s present need obligation as 0 affordable units and its prospective need obligation as 27 affordable units; and

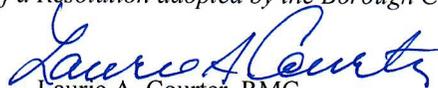
WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington Land Use Board held publicly noticed hearing on March 9, 2026, and by Resolution Adopting “*Fourth Round Housing Element And Fair Share Plan*” dated February 26,, 2026, adopted an Amended Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (“Amended HEFSP”) attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and the Borough Attorney filed the original HEFSP on June 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council, at its public meeting on March 11, 2026, considered the Amended HEFSP adopted by the Borough Land Use Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Borough Council, pursuant to the Law and Directive #14-24, now endorses the Amended HEFSP and directs the Borough Attorney to, within 48 hours of adoption of this Resolution #2026- , file this Borough Council Resolution with the duly adopted Land Use Board Resolution Adopting "Fourth Round Housing Element And Fair Share Plan", and the Amended HEFSP, with the Program through eCourts and further to provide a copy of the Amended HEFSP to Fair Share Housing Center via eCourts, Docket No. WRN-L-41-25.

Certification

I, Laurie A Courter, Clerk of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of The Borough of Washington on March 11, 2026


Laurie A. Courter, RMC

Borough Clerk

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the Borough this

11th day of _____ March _____, 2026.

[SEAL]

