



Chelsea City Council

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February 28, 2012

Mr. Jay Ash
City Manager
500 Broadway
Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150

Dear Mr. Ash,

On Monday, February 27, 2012, the Chelsea City Council voted to stop Global Oil from bringing **1,800,000 gallons of ethanol, twice a week** through Everett, Chelsea, Revere, and East Boston. We have passed a resolution on a roll call vote of 9-2-0-0.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul G. Casino".

Paul G. Casino
Clerk to the Chelsea City Council

PGC/ncp

City of Chelsea, Massachusetts

FEB 27 2012, 2012

Roll Call Vote in Connection With BIH to adopt Resolution by Roll Call

Ethanol to go through the City
by Train.

CHELSEA CITY COUNCIL

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Councillor Cliff Cunningham District Seven		✓		
Councillor Joseph Perlatonda District Five	✓			
Councillor Matt Frank District Three	✓			
Councillor Leo Robinson At-Large	✓			
Councillor Dan Cortell District Eight	✓			
Councillor Paul Murphy District One	✓			
Councillor Giovanni Recupero District Six	✓			
Councillor Paula S. Barton District Four	✓			
Councillor Calvin T. Brown At-Large	✓			
Councillor Brian Hatleberg At-Large	✓			
Councillor Chris Cataldo District Two		✓		

Totals

9-2-0-0

Comments



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Passed 9-2-0-0*

Resolution

- Whereas, Daniel Faber, PhD. and Eric Krieg, PhD., identify Chelsea as the 3rd most intensively overburdened community in Massachusetts;¹ and
- Whereas, The Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) Environmental Justice Policy classifies every single neighborhood in Chelsea as an environmental justice population;² and
- Whereas, Chelsea is one of the most densely populated cities/towns in state with more than 35,000 residents inhabiting 1.8 square miles; and
- Whereas, Global Oil located in Revere, MA is proposing to bring freight trains carrying ethanol to their facilities along the Chelsea River via the commuter rail line; and
- Whereas, Ethanol is an alcohol based fuel that is mixed with gasoline and is a highly volatile, flammable, colorless liquid that burns at extremely high temperatures; and
- Whereas, Large volumes of alcohol resistant foam are necessary to extinguish ethanol fires; and
- Whereas, Global Oil is proposing to bring 60-car trains, each car carrying 30,000 gallons of ethanol, into its facility twice per week, every week. This will result in **187,200,000** gallons of ethanol on freight trains coming through our neighborhoods **each year**; and
- Whereas, The train will travel through other densely populated communities including Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, Everett and Revere; and
- Whereas, The train travels very closely to the Williams School, the Mary C. Burke Elementary School Complex and Chelsea High School in addition to the urban renewal district, MGH and the MITC Building; and
- Whereas, Should a fire or explosion occur, thousands of people and dozens of businesses can be impacted -- entire neighborhoods decimated; and

¹ Faber, Dr. Daniel R., and Dr. Eric J. Krieg, Unequal Exposure to Ecological Hazards 2005: Environmental Injustices in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, page 48, October 12, 2005.

² www.mass.gov/envir/ej

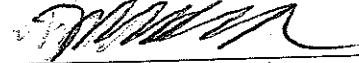
- Whereas, Trains carrying these volatile and flammable materials are significant public safety threats and terrorist targets; and
- Whereas, The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is holding a public hearing on a Chapter 91 water dependent license being sought by Global Oil on Thursday, March 8th at 6pm at Revere City Hall; now therefore be it
- Resolved, The Chelsea City Council fully opposes the proposal put forth by Global Oil to transport ethanol via railway through Chelsea neighborhoods to Revere, MA; and be it further
- Resolved, The Chelsea City Council strongly opposes any new public safety, public health and environmental threats in Chelsea's already overburdened community; and be it further
- Resolved, The City Council does not believe the proposal to be a water-dependent use and should not qualify for a Chapter 91 license; and be it further
- Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Patrick, EOEEA Secretary Rick Sullivan, Mr. David Slagle MA DEP Waterways Resource Protection, Boston City Council, Cambridge City Council, Somerville Board of Alderman, Revere City Council, Everett City Council, Congressman Michael Capuano, Senator DiDomenico, Representative O'Flaherty and Representative Reinstein.

Leo Robinson

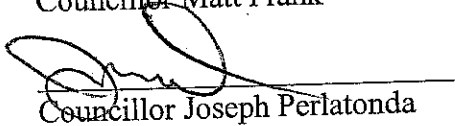
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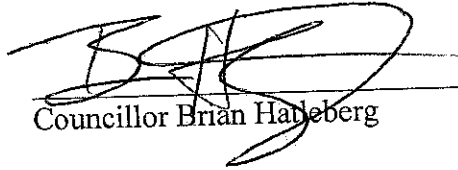


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