



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS  
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

## RESOLUTION 24-129

### **AUTHORIZING PLACEMENT OF A NON-BINDING BALLOT QUESTION ON THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT REGARDING ACCEPTANCE BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS OF A FEDERAL FLOODWALL PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, a presentation was made at the Borough of Highlands May 14, 2024 public meeting regarding a large-scale Federal floodwall project, which includes eminent domain of private property, with an initial cost of \$13 million dollars and an additional annual cost of at least \$500,000 per year to be paid by taxpayers for maintenance of the floodwall; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Highlands desires to ascertain the sentiments of the legal voters of the Borough regarding acceptance of the above referenced project; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:37-1 permits municipalities to adopt a Resolution authorizing the placement of a non-binding question on the general election ballot to “ascertain the sentiment of the legal voters of the municipality” and request the County Clerk to print the question upon the official ballot of the next general election.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highlands that the County Clerk include on the ballot for the general election to be held on November 5, 2024 the following question:

“Should the Borough of Highlands accept the large-scale Federal floodwall project as presented at the May 14, 2024 Public Meeting, which includes the includes the possible exercise of eminent domain to take private property, with an initial estimated cost to the taxpayers of at least \$13 million dollars, in addition to annual funding paid by taxpayers for maintenance estimated to be at least \$500,000 per year?”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution certified by the Borough Clerk to be a true copy be immediately filed with the Monmouth County Clerk together with the request that the ballot question be placed upon the ballot for the general election to be held on November 5, 2024.

Motion to Approve R 24-129:

	INTRODUCED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CERVANTES						
CHELAK						
MELNYK						
OLSZEWSKI						
BROULLON						

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

DATE OF VOTE: June 19, 2024

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Nancy Tran, Municipal Clerk  
Borough of Highlands