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SPEARMAN/WILSON/FUENTES/REDD/MORAN/JENKINS/BURLEY
04-28-09

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ADJUSTING OUTSTANDING
MUNICIPAL LIENS ON CERTAIN PROPERTIES
OWNED BY UNITY COMMUNITY CENTER**

WHEREAS, Unity Community Center of South Jersey Incorporated ("Unity Community Center") is a valid 501(c)(3) tax exempt entity that has a long history and substantial record of positive and productive service to many residents, particularly the youth, in Camden. The City Council of the City of Camden desires to ensure the continued and expanded programmatic offerings of Unity Community Center in the City of Camden in service to its youth and community; and

WHEREAS, Unity Community Center owns certain properties located at 1427-1429 Haddon Ave block/lot no. 1336/43 and 1544 Mt. Ephraim Ave Block/ Lot No. 1342/96 with outstanding municipal liens on each property; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Camden understands that, while City Council ordinarily has certain powers under law to adjust past due taxes and interest charges; nevertheless, under the Municipal Rehabilitation and Economic Recovery Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27BBB-1 et seq. ("MRERA"), and the Tax Lien Financing Corporation Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27BBB-66 et seq., the Chief Operating Officer and Tax Lien Financing Corporation Board must each provide further required approvals of any adjustment to the total outstanding municipal liens on the above properties; and

WHEREAS, City Council understands that, in the alternative, there is statutory relief provided to Unity Community Center to potentially reduce the total amount of the outstanding municipal liens on each of its properties to the appraised value of the property; and

WHEREAS, City Council understands that whichever statutory process Unity Community Center utilizes to reduce and fully satisfy its total outstanding municipal liens, the end goal will be to secure separate grant and other project-related funding for an expansion of the physical infrastructure and programmatic offerings to the Camden community of Unity Community Center; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Camden hereby supports the efforts of Unity Community Center in its pursuit of all available statutory remedies to reduce and fully satisfy its total outstanding municipal lines on the aforementioned properties.

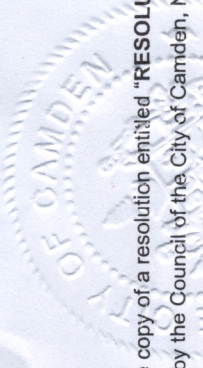
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Camden hereby encourages the Chief Operating Officer and Tax Lien Financing Corporation Board to provide all necessary approvals to facilitate Unity Community Center's reduction and full satisfaction of its total outstanding municipal lines on each of the aforementioned properties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Camden hereby supports Unity Community Center's efforts to secure grant and other project-related funding for an expansion of the physical infrastructure and programmatic offerings to the Camden community of Unity Community Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27BBB-23, a true copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Chief Operating Officer, who shall have ten (10) days from the receipt thereof to approve or veto this Resolution. Notice of approval or veto shall be filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk shall transmit a true copy of this resolution to the Chief Operating Officer and Tax Lien Financing Board for their review and further appropriate action.

I, ELESHA M. JOHNSON, DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution entitled "RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ADJUSTING OUTSTANDING MUNICIPAL LIENS ON CERTAIN PROPERTIES OWNED BY UNITY COMMUNITY CENTER" adopted by the Council of the City of Camden, New Jersey, the 28th day of April, 2009 as taken from and compared with the original now on file in my office.




Elesha M. Johnson
Elesha M. Johnson, Deputy Municipal Clerk

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have thereunto set my hand and affixed seal of the City of Camden, at this 19th day of May, 2009

On Motion of: GILBERT "WHIP" WILSON

Dated: April 28, 2009

The above has been reviewed
and approved as to form:

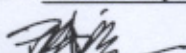


LEWIS WILSON
City Attorney



ANGEL FUENTES
President, City Council

APPROVED: APRIL 28, 2009

ATTEST: 

LUIS PASTORIZA
Municipal Clerk