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Councilmember BRAY offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

SUSTAINABLE LAND USE PLEDGE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, land use is an essential component of overall sustainability for a municipality; and

WHEREAS, poor land use decisions can lead to and increase societal ills such as decreased mobility, high housing costs, increased greenhouse gas emissions, loss of open space and the degradation of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, well planned land use can create transportation choices, provide for a range of housing options, create walkable communities, preserve open space, provide for adequate recreation, and allow for the continued protection and use of vital natural resources; and

WHEREAS, given New Jersey's strong tradition of home rule and local authority over planning and zoning, achieving a statewide sustainable land use pattern will require municipalities to take the lead;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of West Long Branch take the following steps with regard to municipal land use decisions with the intent of making West Long Branch a truly sustainable community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the intent of the Borough Council to include these principles in the next master plan revision and reexamination report and to update the Borough's land use zoning, natural resource protection, and other ordinances accordingly.

Regional Cooperation – The Borough pledges to reach out to administrations of neighboring municipalities concerning land use decisions and to take into consideration regional impacts when making land use decisions.

Transportation Choices – The Borough pledges to create transportation choices with a Complete Streets approach by considering all modes of transportation, including walking, biking, transit and automobiles, when planning transportation projects and reviewing development applications and to reevaluate parking with the goal of limiting the amount of required parking spaces, promoting shared parking and other innovative parking alternatives and encouraging structured parking alternatives where appropriate.

Natural Resource Protection – The Borough pledges to take action to protect the natural resources of the State for environmental, recreational, and agricultural value, avoiding or mitigating negative impacts to these resources and to further complete a Natural Resources Inventory when feasible to identify and assess the extent of our natural

resources and to link natural resource management and protection to carrying capacity analysis, land use and open space planning.

Mix of Land Uses – The Borough pledges to use zoning power to allow for a mix of residential, retail, commercial, recreational, and other land use types in areas that make the most sense for the municipality and the region, particularly in downtown and town center areas.

Housing Options – The Borough pledges, through the use of zoning and revenue generating powers, to foster a diverse mix of housing types and locations, including single- and multi-family, for sale and rental options, to meet the needs of all people at a range of income levels.

Green Design – The Borough pledges to incorporate the principles of green design and renewable energy generation into municipal buildings to the extent feasible and when updating our site plan and subdivision requirements for residential and commercial buildings.

Municipal Facilities Siting – The Borough pledges, to the extent feasible, to take into consideration factors such as walkability, biking access, greater access to public transit, proximity to other land use types, and open space when locating new or relocated municipal facilities.

Seconded by Councilmember SNIFFEN and carried upon the following roll call vote:

AYES:	BRAY, CIOFFI, MANGO, NEYHART, PENTA, SNIFFEN
NAYS:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of the original resolution as adopted by the West Long Branch Borough Council on April 6, 2022.


ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

