

BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
RESOLUTION 14110

WHEREAS, the Palisades Interstate Park Commission was created to maintain and operate park land “for the use of the public and for the purpose of preserving the scenic beauty of the Palisades and other lands therein”; and

WHEREAS, under the Palisades Interstate Park Commission’s Congressionally approved 1937 Interstate Compact, it was agreed to and pledged the “faithful co-operation in the future planning, improvement, development, maintenance, government and management of the park, holding in high trust for the benefit of the public the special blessings and natural advantages thereof”; and

WHEREAS, with a fourfold increase upon existing zoning, the 143-foot height of the proposed development of the LG USA Headquarters in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, poses a new threat and precedent to the scenic beauty of the Palisades north of the George Washington Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the development needs of an LG USA headquarters on this 27-acre site can be achieved at a lower building height that would not pose such a threat and precedent to the scenic beauty of the Palisades; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, through the Executive Director, provided correspondence and testimony to the Englewood Cliffs Zoning Board expressing concerns about the adverse visual impact on the Park and its historic and scenic integrity as a national landmark by the proposed height of the building and sent a letter dated November 14, 2012 to Seog-Won Park, Chief Executive Officer of LG Electronics USA, Inc., expressing similar concerns; and

WHEREAS, letters from the National Park Service dated December 23, 2013 from William Bolger, National Historic Landmark Manager and January 7, 2014 from Kristina Heister, Chief of Natural Resources for the Northeast Region both detail the significance of the area and how the construction of a 143-foot building would threaten the integrity of this nationally designated area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Palisades Interstate Park Commission finds that the height of the proposed LG USA Headquarters building above the tree line is not in accordance with our stewardship mission and the public trust to preserve the scenic beauty of the Palisades and would create a precedent inconsistent with our mission and again urge the management of LG USA, Inc. to lower the proposed height of the building to below the tree line in order to preserve the scenic beauty of the Palisades; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Palisades Interstate Park Commission requests LG USA, Inc. to refrain from implying, in correspondence or its website, that the Palisades Interstate Park Commission does not have concerns with the proposed 143- foot building height; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Palisades Interstate Park Commission indicates its continued interest and willingness to work with LG USA, Inc. in finding a suitable solution to the building height at this location.

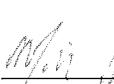
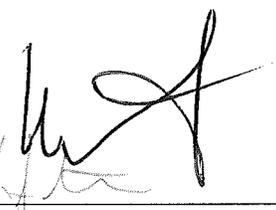
Council member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Recuse
Della Pesca, Amelia/ DeGise, Jason			X				
Gallagher, Jack/ Frank, Douglas			X				
Latteri, Brandon/ Meyerson, Lawrence	X		X				
Marshall, Chuck/ Kelley, Thomas				X			
Stackpole, Jordan/ Looes, Chrisoula		X	X				
Stein, Emily/ Pizzella, Frank			X				

Adopted: May 13, 2014

Attest:


 Alex Lotito/ Susan Witkowski
 Municipal Clerk





 Mia Stern/Max Arnowitz
 Mayor