

**BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
RESOLUTION 22105**

**MUNICIPAL PUBLIC QUESTION FOR THE NOVEMBER 2022
GENERAL ELECTION**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:37-1 empowers the governing body of any municipality which desires to ascertain the sentiment of the legal voters of the municipality upon a question of policy pertaining to the government or internal affairs thereof to place a question on the ballot for a non-binding referendum; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Hillsdale seek to ascertain the sentiment of the legal voters of the Borough of Hillsdale on the matter set forth below; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale as follows:

The Clerk of the County of Bergen is hereby formally requested pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A 19:37-1 et seq. to print the following Non-Binding Referendum question and interpretative statement upon the official ballots to be used in the November 8, 2022 General Election in the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be filed immediately with the Clerk of the County of Bergen.

Non-Binding Referendum Question & Interpretive Statement

Do you support the spending of approximately \$3.5 million to install artificial turf on the Centennial Field Complex, located east of Lincoln Avenue and Kinderkamack Road, specifically on that portion of the field known as "Harada Field", for the playing of soccer, lacrosse, and football, and to make other capital improvements to the complex such as improved lighting, fencing, a walking path, and netting? () Yes () No

Interpretative Statement:

The Hillsdale Council's Special Field Committee has recommended that the Governing Body explore the installation of artificial turf on the Harada field portion of the Centennial Field Complex. The objective primarily would be to increase the use of the field by organized sports teams and reduce regular daily maintenance required by the DPW. The Borough has begun conducting preliminary engineering due diligence services to renovate and improve the complex, following two earlier studies performed in 2019 and 2020. If construction proceeds, the project would be financed largely through the issuance of municipal debt, either in the form of a bond anticipation note or a bond. Bond Counsel would need to be consulted for a cost estimate of what such debt would cost taxpayers, reflecting terms and structure. However, an approximate & unofficial indication based on a simple loan model using a 3% interest rate over 10 years with semi-annual payments & compounding, points to an additional \$111 for the average homeowner.

Council member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Recuse
DeRosa, Anthony							
Escobar, John							
Horvath, Zoltan	X						
Lundy, Abby							
Pizzella, Frank							
Trochimiuk, Janetta							
Ruocco, John							

Adopted: May 10, 2022

Attest: _____

Denise Kohan
Municipal Clerk

John J. Ruocco
Mayor

NO SECOND - MOTION FAILS TO CARRY