

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

**ITEM NO.: DRPA-10-054**

**SUBJECT: Resolution Banning  
Political at Work  
(As Amended on the Floor)**

**COMMITTEE:**

**Unfinished Business**

**COMMITTEE MEETING DATE:**

**December 5, 2012**

**BOARD ACTION DATE:**

**December 12, 2012**

**PROPOSAL:** A resolution that would ban DRPA/PATCO commissioners, officers and employees from engaging in political activity while on DRPA/PATCO time or premises. The resolution also would prohibit employees from using DRPA resources to engage in political activity.

**PURPOSE:** Because members of the public have a right and every reason to expect that public resources will not be used to advance political campaigns or agendas, this resolution proposes to prohibit DRPA/PATCO commissioners and all DRPA/PATCO employees from using DRPA time, real estate or resources to contact, coordinate or raise funds for political campaigns, political parties, political action committees, candidates for public or party office, campaigns for initiatives and referenda, recall campaigns, political petition drives or any other activities that a reasonable person would consider partisan or political in nature.

**BACKGROUND:** On August 25, 2010, the DRPA Board of Commissioners passed resolution 10-054, which proposed to prohibit Authority employees from engaging in political activities at work. The Governor of New Jersey, observing that resolution 10-054 did not include commissioners, vetoed it on September 2, 2010. This resolution was written to address the concerns the governor raised in his 2010 veto message.

<b>SUMMARY:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
	<b>Source of Funds:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Capital Project #:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Operating Budget:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Master Plan Status:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Other Fund Sources:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Duration of Contract:</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED:** Members of the public have a right and every reason to expect that public resources will not be used to advance political campaigns or agendas; therefore, let it be

**RESOLVED:** That DRPA/ PATCO commissioners and all DRPA/PATCO employees shall not use any DRPA/PATCO time, real estate, work products, telecommunications bandwidth, computers, telephones, emails or email lists of DRPA employees, paper, copiers or any other resources to contact, coordinate or raise funds for political campaigns, political parties, political action committees, candidates for public or party office, campaigns for initiatives and referenda, recall campaigns, political petition drives or any other activities that a reasonable person would consider partisan or political in nature. In addition, all commissioners and employees in receipt of confidential commissioner contact list shall not use this list for any political use or purpose.

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