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PRESS RELEASE

FOR MORE INFORMATION Linda D. Puglisi, Town of Cortlandt (914) 734-1002, Fax (914) 734-1003 For Immediate Release July 29, 2016

RE: Town of Cortlandt's <u>OPPOSITION</u> to the Coastguard's proposed anchor sites on the Hudson River in the Hudson River off Cortlandt's shores.

The Cortlandt Town Board and I on July 19, 2016 voted unanimously to oppose any Coastguard anchor sites proposed off our shores in the Hudson River for many reasons.

The anchors would be a detriment to the visual aesthetics of the Hudson River that our residents enjoy on a yearly basis. The Town of Cortlandt government has spent millions of dollars to purchase property along this shoreline to add to the assets of the town. They include a recent purchase of 100 acres from Con Edison, Inc., a life estate with a property owner and a former marina. All of this land is now part of our landscape.

Also, we have the Indian Point nuclear plants (2), the ongoing construction of the Spectra expanded gas line project going throughout our community from across the river and we now do not need anchors off our shores in the Hudson River.

We have submitted a request to the Coastguard to hold their public meetings in Cortlandt and have passed an official Town Board resolution opposing this Coastguard anchor plan. We encourage our residents to also contact the Coastguard stating their opposition to this plan. Visit federalregister.gov for more information on the proposal and how to submit comments.

Linda Puglisi

Town of Cortland Supervisor

(attachment)

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RESOLUTION

NO. 203-16

(IN OPPOSITION TO THE PLAN TO ANCHOR BARGES ALONG THE SHORES OF VERPLANCK, MONTROSE IN THE TOWN OF CORTLANDT)

WHEREAS, the Town has been recently notified that the United States Coast Guard is taking public comment with respect to its plan to allow the anchorage of barge along the shorelines of Verplanck, Montrose and other parts of the Town of Cortlandt in the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, the anchoring of these facilities would cause an eyesore obstruction and a congregation of dangerous material immediately adjacent to the shoreline; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board feels that the public should be heard and all views and comments of the Town should be considered;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby endorse a letter previously filed by the Town Supervisor with the Coast Guard requesting that a Public Meeting for information and to receive public comments be held within the Town of Cortlandt prior to the enactment of any regulations pertaining to this; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby direct that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the members of the United States Congress representing the Town of Cortlandt.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CORTLANDT JO-ANN DYCKMAN, TOWN CLERK

Adopted July 19, 2016 At a Regular Meeting Held at Town Hall