

THE WEST VALLEY CITIZEN TASK FORCE

Resolution in Support of Town of Ashford Impact Aid Request October 25, 2017

WHEREAS, The West Valley Citizen Task Force Mission and Ground Rules State the following;

West Valley Citizen Task Force Objectives

The objectives of the Task Force are to:

- Provide a forum for open discussion of related issues by community representatives;
- Identify and understand the various interests of the community and other interested parties;
- Increase the flow of information between DOE, NYSERDA and the Task Force Members (and their constituencies);
- Expand areas of agreement, clarify differences, and explore ways to establish mutually agreed upon recommendations among the Task Force members;
- Enhance public involvement in the decision-making process; and
- Coordinate with regulators.

AND WHEREAS, in identifying and understanding various interests of the community and other interested parties the West Valley Citizen Task Force was presented with a Federal Impact Aid Request from the Town of Ashford to Congressman Reed stating the following:

The Town of Ashford asks "for your assistance in establishing the following";

- Federal Impact Aid to the Town of Ashford and the West Valley Central School
 District in an amount similar to and appropriate for the presence of a facility of this
 type. We feel that a minimum amount of \$1.5 million dollars per year until cleanup
 is completed is an appropriate amount. This amount will cover the lack of aid in the
 past, and provide the town a substantial base moving forward.
- Continued funding at the appropriate levels required to complete the mission of the West Valley Demonstration Project Act. We believe this level to be at \$75 million per year, based on the 2010 Record of Decision issued by USDOE.
- 3. Reclassification of all High Level, Trans-Uranic Waste, Greater than Class C waste, and all other waste buried at West Valley as Defense Waste, consistent with the West Valley Demonstration Project Act, allowing this waste to be placed in current federal waste repositories. The lack of this classification offers no true path for disposal at this time.
- 4. Continued support of the mission of USDOE Environmental Management cleanup efforts at the West Valley Demonstration Project.

AND WHEREAS, The West Valley Citizen Task Force is within its Mission and Ground rules to support this Impact Aid Request by the Town of Ashford,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Valley Citizen Task Force supports the Town of Ashford in its Impact Aid Request and will communicate its support to Congressman Tom Reed, Congressman Mike Simpson of the House Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee, and Congressman Mac Thornberry of the House Committee on Armed Services, Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Senator Thad Cochran of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and Senator John McCain of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

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