

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NJ

No. **MC 17-0215-8**

Date of Adoption **FEBRUARY 15, 2017**

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY ON THE BASIS OF FACTS SET FORTH BY

Legislative Research Officer

PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER

COX

SECONDED BY

BURGESS

NEW JERSEY LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES
2017 ELECTED OFFICIALS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE
DAVID LYONS
COUNCIL PRESIDENT, NORTH WARD COUNCIL MEMBER

WHEREAS, the Irvington Municipal Council wishes to acknowledge and commend our own Council President David Lyons who was inducted in New Jersey League Of Municipalities Elected Officials Hall of Fame on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 in recognition of his over twenty years of elected service in the Township of Irvington; and

WHEREAS, David Lyons was born in Thomaston, Georgia, a small community of about 10,000 in West central Georgia. He attended elementary school at Drake Elementary school where he was an honor student. David attended Albany State College in Albany, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, in 1984 David moved to Irvington where he soon became a voice for the tenants of the building he lived in. Seeking to better the conditions of the tenants of the building, David met Lil Maurice, who was the founder of the Irvington Tenants Association. Seeing the passion that David showed in speaking up for others, Ms. Maurice and others chose David as the president of the Irvington Tenants Association. Not satisfied with the lack of progress made in his dealings with landlords, David soon began attending council meetings in hopes of getting the town to force landlords to be held accountable for their lack sensitivity toward tenants; and

WHEREAS, David Lyons became a regular at council meetings and soon began to speak on all issues that he felt the Council Members should have been more proactive in on a daily basis. In 1994, David was arrested at a council meeting and charged with being disorderly, simply because he turned to the audience to make a point. At a subsequent trial held in Maplewood, New Jersey, David was found "NOT GUILTY" of the charges. Two (2) years later in 1996, David was elected to the Irvington Municipal Council after running at the urging of people who liked the passion that he showed at council meetings. Since that time, David has been reelected 5 times by his constituents; and

WHEREAS, David Lyons served admirably as the Chairman of Irvington's Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for four years, from 1996 to 2000; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2016, David was elected President of the Township Council by his colleagues. He presently is Chairman of the Legal Committee, Finance Committee and Public Safety Committee and he also serves as a member of the ABC Board, as well as a member of the Taxi/Livery, Rent Leveling, Licensing/Permit Constable Committee and Cable TV & Technology Committees; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving on Irvington's Township Council, David is also employed with the Veteran's Administration. Himself a veteran, David gives the Veterans that he serves the same passion he gives his township. Displaying the same passion that he always brings to positions he serves; and

WHEREAS, David has served his community for over twenty (20) years and he continues to give his all. He is happiest knowing that he now has a Mayor and council that works together as they move to make Irvington the place that he thought it always could be. A Mayor and Council working to keep Irvington Strong; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that the Irvington Municipal Council hereby congratulates Council President David Lyons on his induction in New Jersey League Of Municipalities Elected Officials Hall of Fame and wishes him continued success; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this governing body in lasting tribute to Council President David Lyons.

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE

X = Indicates Vote

N.V. = No Vote

A.B. = Absent

COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	N.V.	A.B.
BURGESS, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT	X				INMAN				X
COX	X				JONES, 2ND VICEPRESIDENT	X			
FREDERIC	X				LYONS, PRESIDENT	X			
DR. HUDLEY				X					

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL CLERK

DATE **FEBRUARY 15, 2017**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Municipal Council. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the Corporate Seal of the Township of Irvington.

MUNICIPAL CLERK

DATE

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ADMINISTRATOR ☐ ASSESSOR ☐ BLDG ☐ CFO ☐ COLLECTOR ☐ COURT ☐ EDGO ☐ ENGINEER ☐ FIRE ☐ SCF ☐ HEALTH ☐ HOUSING ☐ INIC ☐ JUDGE ☐ LEGAL ☐ LIBR ☐ LICEN ☐ MAYOR ☐ NPP ☐ OCDP ☐ PARKS ☐ PAYROLL ☐ PUBLIC SAFETY ☐ DIR ☐ PUBLIC WORKS ☐ PURCHASING ☐ SEC ☐ PB/ZBA ☐ TRAFFIC ☐ ZONING ☐ OFF ☐ DLGS ☐ GNCD ☐ OTHER(S):