December 30, 2014

Re: Request to Amend October 28th, 2014 Resolutions to authorize a redevelopment study for
Newark Avenue

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Attached is the resolution that the Honorable City Council adopted on October 28th, 2014
relating to the redevelopment of 829-961 Newark Avenue, 827-907 Newark Avenue, 1001-1013
Newark Avenue, 1015-1027 Newark Avenue, and 1029-1061 Newark Avenue. The Local
Redevelopment and Housing Law was amended which changed the administrative process for
starting a redevelopment study.

Once a municipality has identified an area as a redevelopment area, the Local Redevelopment
and Housing Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et. seq.) requires a municipality to adopt a resolution
stating whether the municipality is authorized to use its powers of eminent domain (a
"Condemnation Redevelopment Area") or not (a "Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area").

Accordingly, I respectfully request your Honorable Body to amend the October 28th, 2014
resolution to state that the redevelopment area determination for 829-961 Newark Avenue, 827-
907 Newark Avenue, 1001-1013 Newark Avenue, 1015-1027 Newark Avenue, and 1029-1061
Newark Avenue shall authorize the municipality to use only those powers permitted under
Section 5(g) of the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law and shall permit the use of eminent
domain.

Thank you for your attention regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director, Planning & Community Development

Cc: The Honorable Chris Bollwage, Mayor
Bridget Zellner, Business Administrator
William R. Holzapfel, City Attorney
Victor Vinegra, Harbor Consultants
BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the Director of the Planning and Community has requested authorization for the Planning Board to conduct a study to determine if 829-961 Newark Avenue (11-847), 827-907 Newark Avenue (11-847A), 1001-1013 Newark Avenue (11-848), 1015-1027 Newark Avenue (11-849), and 1029-1061 Newark Avenue (11-850) is an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, if so determined, it is requested that the Planning Board be authorized to prepare a redevelopment study and redevelopment plan for the area; and

WHEREAS, establishing a new redevelopment plan that incorporates all five adjacent lots will provide the best opportunity for redevelopment in a manner that will serve best the residents of the surrounding neighborhood and entire City; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for the preparation of the redevelopment study and the redevelopment plan shall be paid by the redeveloper; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth authorizes the Planning Board to conduct a study to determine whether the area located at 829-961 Newark Avenue (11-847), 827-907 Newark Avenue (11-847A), 1001-1013 Newark Avenue (11-848), 1015-1027 Newark Avenue (11-849), and 1029-1061 Newark Avenue (11-850) is an area in need of redevelopment.