Minutes January 4, 2025 Open Session 1:00pm

# **BOROUGH OF BOGOTA Mayor and Council Reorganization Meeting**

Meeting of the Borough of Bogota Mayor and Council meeting held on this date January 4, 2025 at the Bogota Senior Center, 375 Larch Ave, Bogota, New Jersey at 1:00 P.M

The notice for this meeting's time, date, location, and agenda fulfills the "Open Public Meetings Act," P.L.1975, c. 231, requirements.

# **CERTIFICATION OF GENERAL ELECTION – November 5, 2024**

Borough Clerk Yenlys Flores-Bolivard certified the election of Consuelo Carpenter and William Hordern to the office Councilmember.

# OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO COUNCILMEMBERS (3-year term)

The Honorable Germaine Ortiz administered the oath of office. **Councilwoman Carpenter** - Term Expires - December 31, 2027

The Honorable Germaine Ortiz administered the oath of office. **Councilman Hordern**- Term Expires - December 31, 2027

The Honorable Germaine Ortiz presented commendations from the Bergen County Commissioners to Councilwoman Carpenter and Councilman Hordern

# MAYOR'S WELCOMING AND OPENING ADDRESS

Mayor Fede- recounted the successes of the prior year. She thanked everyone for their hard work during 2024. The Borough hired new employees including and Administrator and Rec Director and three new police officers, dedicated veterans park, planted 100 trees, and received two new firetrucks. New athletic fields and residential projects were built. Steps were taken to address flooding on Fairview Avenue and the Bixby School sidewalk project is almost complete. There was a fire in Borough Hall, and due to the efforts of the Fire Department, the building suffered minimal damage, and recovery is almost complete. In 2025, we plan to build a new recreation center and playing courts in Olsen Park and plan for a new recycling center. Challenges in 2025 include filling budget gaps and rolling in \$9 million in school debt. The

Borough will improve communications with upgraded phone systems and Zoom meetings. She wished everyone well for the new year.

#### **ROLL CALL OF 2025 COUNCIL**

Mayor Fede I	Present
Councilwoman Carpenter I	Present
Councilwoman Kohles I	Present
Councilman McHale I	Present
Councilman Mitchell	Present
Councilman Hordern I	Present
Councilwoman Vergara I	Present

Also attending were Borough Administrator Hynes, Borough Attorney Betesh, and Borough Clerk Flores-Bolivard.

#### **CITIZEN REMARKS: One (5) minute time limit per person**

**Motion:** Councilman Mitchell made a motion to open Citizen Remarks. Seconded by Councilwoman Vergara. The motion passed with a voice vote.

**Debbie Cradock-** spoke about the problems with picking up and dropping students at Bixby School. She suggested implementing one-way streets during that time.

**Frank Miranda**- congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers. He offers the Board of Education's assistance in fixing traffic during pick up and drop off at school. He asked about the Mayor's budgetary comments.

**Motion:** Councilwoman Carpenter made a motion to close Citizen Remarks. Seconded by Councilwoman Kohles. The motion passed with a voice vote.

#### **RESPONSE TO CITIZEN REMARKS**

**Mayor Fede**- said that the first part of the bond referendum for \$10 million was replacing debt that was being paid off, while the \$9 million in debt for the school fields is new debt that would impact taxes.

The Council acknowledged the traffic problems with student pick up and drop off. They discussed methods to improve traffic flow during that time, including prohibiting turns, timed one-way streets, and permanent one-way streets.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

# **Council Appointments & Swearing-In Ceremony**

Nomination and Election of Council President

**Motion:** Councilwoman Carpenter made a motion to nominate Councilwoman Kohles as Council President. Seconded by Councilman McHale. All Councilmembers present voted yes.

The Honorable Germaine Ortiz administered the Council President Oath of Office to Councilwoman Kohles.

# Nomination and Election of the Class III Planning Board Member

**Motion:** Councilman McHale made a motion to appoint Councilman Mitchell as the Class III Planning Board member. Seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter. All Councilmembers present voted yes.

# **Mayoral Appointments & Swearing-In Ceremony**

Mayor Fede appointed and swore in Councilman McHale as the Police Commissioner.

# **LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

#### **Council Committees 2025**

BOARDS   COMMITTEES		MEMBERS
·	LIAISON	BACKUP
BUILDING AND GROUNDS	McHale	Mitchell
RECREATION	Hordern	Mitchell
VETERANS' AFFAIRS	Mitchell	Hordern
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Kohles	Mitchell
LIBRARY	Hordern	McHale
SENIOR CITIZENS	Hordern	McHale
HEALTH / INSURANCE	Carpenter	Kohles
POLICE / AUXILIARY POLICE / COURT/ OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MGMT	McHale	1.Vergara 2.Mitchell
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	McHale	Vergara
DPW	Carpenter	Hordern
TRANSPORTATION	Carpenter	Kohles
FINANCE / TAX / GRANTS	McHale	Vergara
LIAISONS TO COUNTY AND STATE	Carpenter	Kohles

ADMINISTRATION / PERSONNEL	Vergara	McHale
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION	Vergara	McHale
RESCUE	Vergara	McHale
BACSA	Carpenter	Hordern
CONSTRUCTION / PLANNING / ZONING	Mitchell	Kohles
BOARD OF EDUCATION	Kohles	Mitchell

The appointments passed with a voice vote.

# MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, & TEAMS

Board of Health Appointed by: Mayor with the Advice/Consent of the Council					
Position   Member   ''		Type of Appointment	Appointed	Term End	Term Duration
Member/Secretary	Elieen Hennessy	Reappoint	1/4/25	12/31/2027	3 years
Member	David Fitting	Reappoint	1/4/25	12/31/2027	3 years
Member	Cyndi Briones	Reappoint	1/4/25	12/31/2027	3 years
Member	Robert Robbins	Appoint	1/4/25	12/31/2027	3 years

2025-01- Appoint/Reappoint Board of Health Members

**Motion:** Council President Kohles made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-01-Appoint/Reappoint Board of Health Members. Seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter. All Councilmembers present voted yes.

Library Board					
	Appointed by: May	or with the Adv	ice/Consent o	of the Council	
Position	Member	Type of Appointment	Appointed	Term End	Term Duration
Mayor's representative	Robert Robbins	Appoint	1/4/25	1/2/31/2029	5 years
Member	Mary Komorowski	Reappoint	1/4/25	12/31/2029	5 years
Member	Nathan Kittner	Reappoint	1/4/25	12/31/2029	5 years

2025-02-Appoint/Reappoint Library Board Members

**Motion:** Councilwoman Carpenter made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-02-Appoint/Reappoint Board of Library Board Members. Seconded by Councilman McHale. All Councilmembers present voted yes.

	Planning/Zoning Board					
Position	Member	Type of Appointment	Appointed	Term End	Term Duration	Appointed by:
Class II – Borough Official	Arthur Sopelsa	Reappoint	1/4/2025	12/31/2025	1 year	Mayor
Class III – Councilmember	TBD	Appointed by Council	1/4/2025	12/31/2025	1 year	Council
Class IV	Robert Foster	Reappoint	1/4/2025	12/31/2028	4 years	Mayor, no advice/consent
Class IV	Yesenia Frias	Reappoint	1/4/2025	12/31/2028	4 years	Mayor, no advice/consent
Alt I	Samuel Harris	Reappoint	1/4/2025	12/31/2026	2 years	Mayor, no advice/consent
Alt II	Robert Robbins	New Appointee	1/4/2025	12/31/2026	2 years	Mayor, no advice/consent

2025-03-Appoint/Reappoint Planning/Zoning Board Members

**Motion:** Council President Kohles made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-03-Appoint/Reappoint Planning/Zoning Board Members. Seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter. All Councilmembers present voted yes. Kohles Mitchell

Recreation Committee  Appointed by: Mayor with the Advice/Consent of the Council					
	Appointed by	,	e Advice/Cons	sent of the Cou	ncii I
	Type of				
Title	Member	Appointment	Appointed	Term End	Term Length
Member	Stephanie Carl	Reappoint	1/04/2025	12/31/2027	3 years
Member	Nicole DeValle	Reappoint	1/04/2025	12/31/2027	3 years
Alternate	Joe Wynman	Appoint	1/04/2025	12/31/2027	3 years

2025-04-Appoint/Reappoint Recreation Committee Members

**Motion:** Councilwoman Carpenter made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-04-Appoint/Reappoint Recreation Committee Members. Seconded by Council President Kohles. All Councilmembers present voted yes.

# **Environmental Commission**

Appointed by: Mayor with the Advice/Consent of the Council

Position	Member	Type of Appointment	Appointed	Term End	Term Length
Planning Board	Yesenia Frias	Reappoint	1/04/2025	12/31/2027	3 years
Representative					
Member	Rebecca Youla	Reappoint	1/04/2025	12/31/2027	3 years
Member	Diane Mancini	Reappoint	1/04/2025	12/31/2027	3 years
Member	Isabel Bustamente	Reappoint	1/04/2025	12/31/2027	3 years
Assoc.	Mark Olson	Reappoint	1/04/2025	12/31/2027	3 years

2025-05- Appoint/Reappoint Environmental Commission Members

**Motion:** Councilman Mitchell made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-05-Appoint/Reappoint Environmental Commission Members. Seconded by Councilman Hordern. All Councilmembers present voted yes.

Creative Arts Team
Appointed by: Mayor with the Advice/Consent of the Council
Term Duration: 1 Year
Appointment: 1/4/2025 - Term End: 12/31/2025

<b>Appointment.</b> 1/4/2023 - Term End. 12/31/2023
Member:
Patricia Adriance
Isabel Bustamante
Sara Cassano
Christine Defazio
Daniele Fede
Joseph Gallagher
Lucy Lebron
Anthony Lopez
Kristin Meberg
Jodi Wu

2025-06- Reappoint Creative Arts Team Members

**Motion:** Council President Kohles made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-06-Reappoint Creative Arts Team Members. Seconded by Councilman Mitchell. All Councilmembers present voted yes.

#### **Green Team**

**Appointed by:** Mayor with the Advice/Consent of the Council

**Term Duration:** 1 Year

Appointment: 1/04/2025 - Term End: 12/31/2025

Member:
Mayor: Daniele Fede
Administrator: Conall O'Malley
DPW Superintendent: Gordon Kohles
Pauline McDonnell
Rebecca Youla
Diane Mancini
Isabel Bustamante
Robert Foster
Joseph Gallagher
Joseph Balducci
Kristin Meberg

2025-07- Reappoint Green Team Members

**Motion:** Councilwoman Carpenter made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-07- Reappoint Green Team Members. Seconded by Councilman McHale. All Councilmembers present voted yes, except for Council President Kohles who recused herself from DPW Superintendent Kohles.

# **ADOPTION OF BY-LAWS**

**Motion:** Councilwoman Carpenter made a motion to adopt the by-laws. Seconded by Councilman Mitchell. The motion passed with a voice vote.

# **CONSENT AGENDA**

2025-08	Approval of the 2025 Temporary Budget
2025-09	Authorizing CY2025 Budget to be read by Title Only
2025-10	Adopt Cash Management Plan
2025-11	Adoption of Meeting Schedule
2025-12	Adoption of Holiday Schedule
2025-13	Authorization for Borough Attorney and Tax Assessor to Settle Tax Appeals
2025-14	Authorize Bank Depositories
2025-15	Authorize Collection of Costs for Insufficient Fund
2025-16	Authorize Interim Payments
2025-17	Authorize Signatories for Checks
2025-18	Designating Official Newspapers - The Record, The Star Ledger and Bogota Blog
2025-19	Establish Delinquent Tax Rate
2025-20	Bid Proposal for the Recreation Center
2025-21	Administrative Agent to Administer Affordable Housing- Piazza Associate
2025-22	Affordable Housing Consultant/Attorney - Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan,
	LLC
2025-23	Auditor - Lerch, Vinci & Higgins
2025-24	Bond Counsel - Rogut McCarthy LLC
2025-25	Borough Engineer - Neglia Engineering

2025-26	Borough Labor Attorney - Trenk Isabel Siddiqi & Shahdanian P.C
2025-27	Borough Planner - Phillips Preiss Grygiel Leheny Hughes LLC
2025-28	Borough's Representation for Capital Projects - Anser Advisory, LLC
2025-29	Software & Hardware Computer Support Svcs - Tri-State Technical Services, Inc
2025-30	Financial Advisor - Phoenix Advisors LLC
2025-31	Risk Management Consultant - GJEM / Division of Otterstedt
2025-32	Special Projects Engineer - T&M Associates
2025-33	Tax Appeal Appraiser - AAG
2025-34	Webmaster - Ray Dwyer
2025-35	Renew Battaglia Associates Contract for 2025
2025-36	Establishing Affordable Housing Sub-committee
2025-37	Reappoint Licensed Tree Expert – Elizabeth Stewart
2025-38	Approving Renewal Proposal for Grant Consulting Services - Millennium
	Strategies
2025-39	Reappoint Arthur Sopelsa as the Zoning Officer
2025-40	Reappoint Christopher Eilert as Qualified Purchasing Agent
2025-41	Reappoint LOSAP Plan Administrator John Dunn
2025-42	Participate in Bergen County Police Mutual Aid Plan -
2025-43	Designation of Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O)
2025-44	Authorizing the Bogota Police Department to Participate in the Defense Logistics
	Agency, Law Enforcement Support Office 1033 Program (LESO)

**Motion:** Councilman Mitchell made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter. All Councilmembers present voted yes.

# **Resolutions to be Voted Separately**

2025-45	Service Agreement between the Bergen County Utilities Authority (BCUA) for a
	Certified Recycling Professional (CRP) to Prepare the Annual Recycling Tonnage
	Report
2025-46	Reappoint Bogota's Wastewater Collection Operation - Jesse D'Amore
2025-47	Reappoint Recycling Coordinator - Gordon Kohles
2025-48	Re-Appoint DPW Assistant Superintendent - Daniel Craddock
2025-49	Share Service Agreement between the Borough of Paramus and the Borough of
	Bogota for Maintenance and Repair of Vehicles for 2025
2025-50	DPW Full Time Employees - James Frei and Michele Stallone

**Motion:** Councilman Mitchell made a motion to approve Resolutions 2025-45 through 2025-50. Seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter. All Councilmembers present voted yes, except for Council President Kohles who recused herself.

# <u>2<sup>ND</sup></u> <u>CITIZEN REMARKS</u>: One (5) minute time limit per person

**Motion:** Councilman Mitchell made a motion to open 2<sup>nd</sup> Citizen Remarks. Seconded by Councilwoman Vergara. The motion passed with a voice vote

**Frank Miranda**-the Board of Education does not have a deficit. There is about \$7 million in new debt for the Board of Education and they will receive \$2 million in state aid and earned \$1.2 million in interest. The Board made a debt payment early and does not expect to have a tax increase. It will yield a new CTE building, gym at Bixby School, sports complex, and a Borough Park. He thanks the taxpayers for putting their trust in the Board of Education.

**Jorge Nunez**-congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers. The current Mayor and Council are the best in over 20 years. He recommended taking care of the departments, which are filled with good employees who respond to critical issues. He urged the Mayor and Council to get things done and build what needs to be built.

**Motion:** Councilwoman Carpenter made a motion to close 2<sup>nd</sup> Citizen Remarks. Seconded by Councilwoman Vergara. The motion passed with a voice vote.

# RESPONSE TO 2<sup>ND</sup> CITIZEN REMARKS

Mayor Fede- clarified that her comments about deficits were not about the Board of Education, they were about the Borough. The Borough will not have funds it had in the past, such as American Rescue Plan funding and developer contributions from the Atwater. She recounted the successes of the prior year and has phoned to Congratulate the new Mayor Schwartz from Teaneck.

**Council President Kohles**- congratulated the Board of Education on their accomplishments and the new CTE building. She pledged to work with Board of Education and build on the shared services agreement.

**Councilwoman Carpenter-** praised the Board of Education for investing the bond monies. When the Borough side of the park is completed, the whole area is going to be beautiful. She will continue to work with Board of Education during her term.

# **ADJOURMENT**

Being no further business before the governing body, Councilman Mitchell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Council President Kohles. The motion passed with a voice vote at 2:40 PM.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the minutes.

Yenlys Flores-Bolivard, Borough Clerk

YFB 1/14/2025



DATE: 01-04-2025

COUNCIL	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	MOTION	SECOND
C. Carpenter							1
W. Hordern	1						
L. Kohles	1						
P. McHale	V						
J. Mitchell	/				•	~	
D. Vergara	~						
Mayor D. Fede							
(Tie Vote Only)							

# Appoint/Re-Appoint Board of Health Members

WHEREAS, the Board of Health shall consist of a president, vice president, and seven members appointed by the Mayor with the consent of Council.

WHEREAS, the terms of office shall be for three (3) years and members shall be appointed at the Borough annual reorganization meeting.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the Borough Bogota that the following individuals are hereby appointed or reappointed as members of the Board of Health for a three-year term:

Board of Health Appointed by: Mayor with the Advice/Consent of the Council									
Position Member Type of Appointed Term End Duration									
Member/Secretary	Elieen Hennessy	Re-Appoint	1/4/25	12/31/2027	3 years				
Member	David Fitting	Re-Appoint	1/4/25	12/31/2027	3 years				
Member Cyndi Briones Re-Appoint 1/4/25 12/31/2027 3									
Member	Robert Robbins	Appoint	1/4/25	12/31/2027	3 years				

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Yenlys Flores-Bolivard, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Bogota, Bergen County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough of Bogota, Bergen County, New Jersey at a meeting held on 01-04-2025.



DATE: 01-04-2025

COUNCIL	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	MOTION	SECOND
C. Carpenter	V					V	
W. Hordern	V						
L. Kohles	V						20
P. McHale	V						~
J. Mitchell	~	1					
D. Vergara	V						
Mayor D. Fede							
(Tie Vote Only)							

# Appoint/Re-Appoint Library Board Members

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Board of Trustees is to provide public library services to all residents of the Borough of Bogota in accordance with New Jersey State Laws; regulations of the State Library; and local ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Library Board of Trustees shall consist of seven members appointed by Mayor or other chief executive officer, the Mayor or the Mayor's representative, and the Superintendent of Schools or the Superintendent's representative; and

WHEREAS, the terms of office shall be for five (5) years, ending Dec. 31 of their fifth year, and members shall be appointed at the Borough annual reorganization meeting; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the Borough Bogota that the following individuals are hereby appointed or reappointed as members of the Recreation Committee for a five-year term to expire in December 31, 2029:

	Library Board Appointed by: Mayor with the Advice/Consent of the Council								
Position Member Type of Appointed Depointment Appointed Term End Term Duration									
Mayor's representative	Robert Robbins	Appoint	1/4/25	1/2/31/2029	5 years				
Member	Member Mary Komorowski Re-Appoint 1/4/25 12/31/2029 5 years								
Member	Nathan Kittner	Re-Appoint	1/4/25	12/31/2029	5 years				

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C. Carpenter	1						
W. Hordern	1						
L. Kohles	1						
P. McHale	V						
J. Mitchell	V						~
D. Vergara	1						
Mayor D. Fede							
(Tie Vote Only)							

#### Appoint/Re-Appoint Planning/Zoning Board Members

WHEREAS, the Planning Board/Zoning Board of Adjustment shall consist of nine (9) regular members consisting of the following four (4) classes:

Class I. The mayor or the mayor's designee in the absence of the mayor.

Class II. One (1) of the officials of the borough other than a member of the borough council, to be appointed by the mayor.

Class III. A member of the borough council, to be appointed by it.

Class IV. Six (6) other citizens of the borough to be appointed by the mayor. The members of Class IV shall hold no other municipal office, except that one (1) member may be a member of the board of education.

WHEREAS, the term of the Class I member shall correspond with his/her tenure in office as mayor. The term of any mayor's designee shall be at the mayor's pleasure, during the mayor's tenure in office. The terms of the Class II and Class III members shall be for one (1) year or at the completion of their respective terms of office whichever occurs first; and

WHEREAS, the term of a Class IV member who is also a member of the board of education shall terminate whenever he/she is no longer a member of the board of education, or at the completion of his/her Class IV term, whichever occurs first; and

WHEREAS, the terms of all Class IV members shall serve for a four (4) year term and all terms shall run from January 1 of the year in which the appointment was made; and

WHEREAS, the mayor shall appoint two (2) alternate members to the board, which members shall meet the qualifications of Class IV members of the board and the terms of the alternate members shall be for two (2) years; and

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the Borough Bogota that the following individuals are hereby appointed or reappointed as members of the Planning/Zoning Board for the following terms:

Planning/Zoning Board									
Position	Member	Type of Appointment	Appointed	Term End	Term Duration	Appointed by:			
Class II – Borough Official	Arthur Sopelsa	Re-appoint	1/4/2025	12/31/2025	1 year	Mayor			
Class III – Councilmember	TBD	Appointed by Council	1/4/2025	12/31/2025	1 year	Council			



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Class IV	Robert Foster	Re-appoint	1/4/2025	12/31/2028	4 years	Mayor, no advice/consent
Class IV	Yesenia Frias	Re-appoint	1/4/2025	12/31/2028	4 years	Mayor, no advice/consent
Alt I	Samuel Harris	Re-appoint	1/4/2025	12/31/2026	2 years	Mayor, no advice/consent
Alt II	Robert Robbins	New Appointee	1/4/2025	12/31/2026	2 years	Mayor, no advice/consent

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C. Carpenter	V					V	
W. Hordern	V						
L. Kohles	V						/
P. McHale	1/						
J. Mitchell	V						
D. Vergara	V		1				
Mayor D. Fede							
(Tie Vote Only)							

# Appoint / Re-Appoint Recreation Committee Members

WHEREAS, the Recreation Committee shall consist of seven members, along with two alternates appointed by the Mayor with the consent of Council.

WHEREAS, the terms of office shall be for three (3) years so that the terms of no more than one third  $(1/3^{rd})$  of the members including alternates, will expire each year, and their successors shall be appointed at the Borough annual reorganization meeting for terms of three years and until the appointment and qualification of their successors.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the Borough Bogota that the following individuals are hereby appointed or reappointed as members of the Recreation Committee for a three-year term to expire in December 31, 2027:

	Recreation Committee									
	Appointed by	y: Mayor with th	e Advice/Cons	sent of the Cou	ncil					
Title	Type of Appointment Appointed Term End Term Length									
Member	Stephanie Carl	Re-Appoint	1/04/2025	12/31/2027	3 years					
Member										
Alternate	Joe Wynman	Appoint	1/04/2025	12/31/2027	3 years					

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C. Carpenter	V						
W. Hordern	V						/
L. Kohles	V						
P. McHale	V						
J. Mitchell	V						
D. Vergara	V						
Mayor D. Fede							
(Tie Vote Only)							

# Appoint/Re-Appoint Environmental Commission Members

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota recognizes the importance of the Environmental Commission in promoting environmental awareness and implementing sustainable practices within the community; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:56A-1 and the Borough's ordinances, the Environmental Commission members are appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council; and

WHEREAS, the term of appointment for each member is three (3) years, commencing on January 4, 2025, and expiring on January 3, 2027.

WHEREAS, the following individuals have been recommended for appointment or reappointment to serve on the Environmental Commission:

Environmental Commission Appointed by: Mayor with the Advice/Consent of the Council									
Position Member Type of Appointed Term End									
Planning Board Representative	Yesenia Frias	Re-Appoint	1/04/2025	12/31/2027	3 years				
Member	Rebecca Youla	Re-Appoint	1/04/2025	12/31/2027	3 years				
Member	Diane Mancini	Re-Appoint	1/04/2025	12/31/2027	3 years				
Member	Isabel Bustamente	Re-Appoint	1/04/2025	12/31/2027	3 years				
Assoc.	Mark Olson	Re-Appoint	1/04/2025	12/31/2027	3 years				

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota that the above-named individuals are hereby appointed or reappointed to the Environmental Commission for the terms specified; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough Clerk shall maintain a record of these appointments and notify the appointees accordingly.

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COUNCIL	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	MOTION	SECOND
C. Carpenter	- L						
W. Hordern	V						
L. Kohles					W		
P. McHale	- L						
J. Mitchell							
D. Vergara							
Mayor D. Fede							
(Tie Vote Only)							

# **Re-Appoint Creative Arts Team Members**

WHEREAS, Sustainable Jersey is a nonprofit organization that provides tools, training and financial incentives to municipalities that choose to pursue sustainability programs in their communities, and;

WHEREAS, the financial incentives offered include grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$20,000 to qualifying support communities for the programs that they seek to implement, and;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota is presently a support community for Sustainable Jersey and a supporter of its efforts to link quality of life with creative sustainable programs that will advance the arts and cultural assets of the community, and;

WHEREAS, in its continuing efforts to advance the goals of the Sustainable Jersey program, and in an effort to better qualify for grants offered by that organization, the Mayor and Council established a Creative Team to assist the Governing Body in planning creative sustainability programs that will further the organization's goals while benefiting the residents of Bogota.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, that the 2025 Creative Team is hereby established for the purpose of assisting the Mayor and Council in developing creative sustainable programs that meet the guidelines of Sustainable Jersey, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the members of the Creative Team shall report to the Council and be appointed annually by the Mayor with the consent of the Council, and that the team must consist of least eight (8) members, each of whom must represent at least one of the following segments of the community:

- -One elected or appointed official from Bogota.
- -Two artists or arts leaders who live and/or work in the geographic area
- -One business leader
- -One representative from the educational community
- -One member from the Bogota Green Team
- -One member from Bogota Beautiful
- -One member from another Community Organization

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#### **RESOLUTION # 2025-06**

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Creative Team shall be tasked with the following goals: 1) improving local business vitality, community spirit and public safety, 2) rejuvenating neighborhoods and stimulating job growth within and beyond the arts and cultural sector, 3) contributing to overall economic development, 4) providing new reasons for others to visit, invest, or live in Bogota, 5) bringing diverse people together to celebrate, create, inspire and be inspired, 6) improving quality of life and community wellbeing, and 7) any other roles and responsibilities expected of the Creative Team by Sustainable Jersey, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Creative Team must submit a certified copy of this resolution to Sustainable Jersey, as well as a report that meets the organization's submission standards following the appointment of all Team members, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Creative Team shall be tasked with timely submitting all other documentation required by Sustainable Jersey in order to receive recognition points from the organization and to maximize the Borough's eligibility to qualify for grant funding.

The following members are hereby appointed for a one-year term expiring in December 31, 2025:

Cusativa Auta Tasus								
Creative Arts Team								
<b>Appointed by:</b> Mayor with the Advice/Consent of the Council								
Term Duration: 1 Year								
Appointment: 1/4/2025 - Term End: 12/31/2025								
Member:								
Patricia Adriance								
Isabel Bustamante								
Sara Cassano								
Christine Defazio								
Daniele Fede								
Joseph Gallagher								
Lucy Lebron								
Anthony Lopez								
Kristin Meberg								
Jodi Wu								

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Mayor D. Fede							
(Tie Vote Only)							

#### **Re-Appoint Green Team Members**

#### **MISSION**

The Borough of Bogota Green Team Advisory Committee will advise the Borough Officials on ways to improve municipal operations with "GREEN" initiatives which are economically and environmentally sound through research and evaluation

#### **GOALS**

Submit a report and recommendations to the Borough Council to include:

- 1. The progress of an audit on municipal facilities
- 2. Suggestions on best practices for "greener" municipal operations
- 3. What has been accomplished, and actions still needed to be done to achieve Sustainable Jersey certification and recertification.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- 1. Encourage participation of residents and employees to solicit ideas and implement green initiatives.
- 2. Research and analyze green initiatives which make practical environmental and financial sense
- 3. Develop strategies for sustainable green initiatives in municipal operations.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of Bogota, that the following persons are appointed to the Green Team Advisory Committee for a one-year term to expire in December 31, 2025:

Green Team Appointed by: Mayor with the Advice/Consent of the Council							
Term Duration: 1 Year							
Appointment: 1/04/2025 - Term End: 12/31/2025							
Member:							
Mayor: Daniele Fede							
Administrator: Conall O'Malley							
DPW Superintendent: Gordon Kohles							
Pauline McDonnell							
Rebecca Youla							
Diane Mancini							
Isabel Bustamante							
Robert Foster							



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Joseph Gallagher
Joseph Balducci
Kristin Meberg

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Mayor D. Fede							
(Tie Vote Only)							

# Approval of the 2025 Temporary Budget for the Borough of Bogota

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2025 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first 30 days of the fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, said temporary appropriations are limited to 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2024 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvements and public assistance, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Bogota, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the following appropriations be made and a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records:

ACCOUNT NAME	TEMPORARY BUDGET			
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION - S&W	\$	31,762.50		
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION - O/E	\$	5,250.00		
GRANTSPERSON - O/E	\$	9,450.00		
MAYOR & COUNCIL - S&W	\$	9,712.50		
MAYOR & COUNCIL - O/E	\$	1,312.50		
MUNICIPAL CLERK - S&W	\$	42,597.19		
MUNICIPAL CLERK - O/E	\$	11,156.25		
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION - S&W	\$	4,961.25		
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION - O/E	\$	44,362.50		
AUDIT SERVICES	\$	14,437.50		
DATA PROCESSING	\$	14,437.50		
REVENUE ADMINISTRATION - S&W	\$	2,953.13		
REVENUE ADMINISTRATION - O/E	\$	26,512.50		
TAX ASSESSMENT - S&W	\$	4,711.88		
TAX ASSESSMENT- O/E	\$	2,625.00		
LEGAL SERVICES	\$	59,062.50		
ENGINEERING SERVICES	\$	13,125.00		

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GE PLANNING/ZONING BO	ARD - S&W	\$	1,082.81	DATE. U	1-04-202.
PLANNING/ZONING BO	ARD - O/E	\$	1,837.50		
CONSTRUCTION CODE -	s&w	\$	38,535.00		
CONSTRUCTION CODE -	O/E	\$	2,100.00		
PROPERTY MAINTENAN	CE - S&W	\$	10,959.38		
PROPERTY MAINTENAN	CE - O/E	\$	656.25		
LIABILITY INSURANCE		\$	176,470.09		
WORKERS COMPENSATI	ION	\$	80,209.76		
<b>GROUP INSURANCE</b>		\$	252,000.00		
UNEMPLOYMENT INSUR	ANCE	\$	3,937.50		
OTHER INSURANCE PREI	MIUMS	\$	3,937.50		
POLICE - S&W		\$	565,221.56		
POLICE - O/E		\$	52,500.00		
CROSSING GUARDSD - S	&W	\$	23,480.63		
AUXILIARY POLICE - O/E		\$	1,575.00		
POLICE DISPATCHING/93	I1 - S&W	\$	70,218.75		
POLICE DISPATCHING/91	L1 - O/E	\$	1,181.25		
OEM - O/E		\$	3,281.25		
FIRE - O/E		\$	33,206.25		
RESCUE SQUAD - O/E		\$	3,937.50		
FIRST AID - O/E		\$	3,937.50		
UNIFORM FIRE SAFETY -	s&w	\$	13,650.00		
UNIFORM FIRE SAFETY -	O/E	\$	22,509.38		
DPW - S&W		\$	210,131.25		
DPW - O/E		\$	43,312.50		
SHADE TREE - S&W		\$	1,050.00		
SHADE TREE - O/E		\$	6,562.50		
SOLID WASTE COLLECTIO	N	\$	152,250.00		
<b>BUILDINGS AND GROUNI</b>	DS	\$	40,687.50		
BOARD OF HEALTH - S&V	v	\$	741.56		
BOARD OF HEALTH - O/E		\$	12,075.00		
ANIMAL CONTROL SERVI	CES	\$	4,593.75		
SENIORS - S&W		\$	4,987.50		
SENIORS - O/E		\$	1,312.50		
RECREA	TION SERVICE	ES - S&W	\$	21,393.75	
RECREA	TION SERVICE	ES - O/E	\$	11,025.00	
CELEBRA	ATION OF PU	BLIC EVEN	TS \$	9,187.50	
FREE PU	BLIC LIBRARY	- s&w	\$	67,597.43	
FREE PU	BLIC LIBRARY	- O/E	\$	26,914.39	



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AGE! ELECTRICITY \$ 65,625.00 **TELEPHONE** \$ 16,275.00 \$ WATER 5,250.00 \$ SEWER PROCESSING - OPERATIONS 162,865.76 \$ SEWER PROCESSING - DEBT SERVICE 44,354.89 \$ GASOLINE 24,937.50 \$ SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL 98,437.50 \$ PERS PENSION 51,471.00 \$ SOCIAL SECURITY 48,562.50 **DCRP** \$ 1,312.50 \$ PFRS PENSION 164,629.76 \$ LOSAP 11,025.00 \$ **JUDGEMENTS** 26,250.00 \$ **BUDGETED GRANTS** 9,258.64 \$ **BOGOTA BOE - SLEO - S&W** 51,450.00 \$ MUNICIPAL COURT - S&W 8,931.56 \$ MUNICIPAL COURT - O/E 24,412.50 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND 32,812.50 \$ SERIAL BOND - PRINCIPAL 162,750.00 \$ SERIAL BOND -INTEREST 35,824.69 \$ **BAN - INTEREST** 77,068.69 \$ **BAN - PRINCIPAL** 32,494.61 **EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION** \$ 7,000.61

#### **CERTIFICATION**

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Yenlys Flores-Bolivard, Municipal Clerk

SPECIAL EMERGENCIES - 5 YEAR

RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES

TOTAL TEMPORARY BUDGET



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P. McHale	1/						
J. Mitchell	~					1	
D. Vergara	V						
Mayor D. Fede							
(Tie Vote Only)							

# Authorizing CY2025 Budget to be Read by Title Only

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40a:4-8 provides that the budget be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing a complete copy of the approved municipal budget as advertised has been posted in the Municipal Building and copies have been made available by the Clerk to persons requiring them; and

WHEREAS, these two conditions have been met;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2025 municipal budget shall be read by the title only.

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# Adopt Cash Management Plan

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A:5-14 requires the Borough of Bogota to adopt a Cash Management Plan annually;

WHEREAS, this Cash Management Plan shall be designated to assure to the extent practicable the investment of local funds in interest-bearing accounts, and may be modified from time to time in order to reflect changes in Federal or State law or regulations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Bogota adopts a Cash Management Plan for 2025.

#### CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN AND SUPLUS POLICY

The purpose of the Cash Management Plan (the "Plan") is to provide the Borough of Bogota (the "Borough") with maximized current interest income earnings that are consistent with providing liquidity and preservation of principal. This plan is in compliance with the requirements of N.J.S.A 40A:5-14, which regulates investments by County and local government units and is administered by the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services.

The Plan establishes the policies and administrative framework regarding cash flow, budgeting, investments and financial institutions including banks and joint government investment programs as permitted by N.J.S.A 40A:5-15.1 and P.L. 1997; Chapter 14 enacted June 30 1997.

As required to implement the Plan, the Borough CFO is authorized to establish account relationships with designated depositories on the CFO's signature in accordance with the statutes controlling the activities of the Chief Financial Officer. To securely, efficiently and expeditiously move funds among the depositories accordingly, of certain employees that should be authorized to affect transfers between accounts and to affect investments on behalf of the Borough.

Any bank providing documentation of qualification under the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act can be chosen as a depository of Borough funds. However, the decision as to which bank shall receive those funds and in what concentration shall be in accordance with the guidelines adopted by the Borough based on information supplied by both eternal rating agency services and by interviewing of bank staff by the CFO. The ultimate decision in choosing depositories is based on the maximum safety of those funds.

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To assure that the Borough is receiving fair and competitive value from its relationships, the Borough CFO will undertake, at least annually a review and analysis of those relationships. The review shall include, but not limited to, an analysis of balances, fees and charges, services provided, earnings credited, and interest rates paid or allowed on accounts established by the Borough. Further, the Borough CFO shall examine at least twice each year the services offered and the charges and rates available for the provision thereof in the banking community to ensure a competitive atmosphere for the acquisition of the state-of-the-art services for the Borough.

#### Records

Monthly, the Borough CFO shall prepare and report for the Mayor and Council, which shall include a summary of all investment activity as well as a compilation of deposits by depository and account number. The report shall include all new accounts established, if any.

# Cash Flow Budgeting

The Plan acknowledges that an accurate cash flow budget is a prerequisite to the effective management and utilization of the Borough's cash balances.

Prior to the beginning of each budget year, the Borough CFO shall cause to be prepared a monthly projection of all anticipated receipts and disbursements for the major operating accounts of the Borough of Bogota for the coming year. During the course of the year, the CFO shall provide in a monthly report and updated cash flow projection for the remainder of this year, by month, as well as record of actual cash flows of the prior month.

The information derived from the cash flow projections will be utilized by the CFO in designing an investment strategy that is consistent with the projections.

The anticipated cash requirements as evidenced by the projections when considered in conjunction with current projected market trends for interest rates shall be used to construct and appropriate investment portfolio matrix. The portfolio shall be at all times cognizant of cash needs and market conditions as evidenced by the yield curve of eligible investment instruments.

In all cases of relationships institutions, the CFO shall be aware, through the utilization of an external rating source, that the total funds on deposit or invested with any single institution will be in accordance with the parameters adopted annually to establish limits for deposit concentration among designated depositories.

The Borough reserves the right to reject quotations on withheld deposits from any institution deemed by the CFO, based on the data from a rating service, to be at financial risk.

# **Banking Relationships**

The Borough acknowledges that banking relationships help form the foundation of upon which an effective and efficient cash management program is developed.



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Relationships that involved the provision of specialized or customized services that the Borough deems essential should be evidenced in writing and should include information regarding fees and charges as well as methodology used to compensate the bank providing these services.

# Surplus Policy

The Borough fully appreciates that a healthy surplus is a significant contributor to positive cash flow planning, limits the need for short term financing and is the bedrock of planning for future budget years.

The Borough strives to re-establish a cash surplus that is equal to 4 to 7% of current fund budgets. In addition, the Borough fully recognizes that the only cash surplus that should be utilized in any current fund budget should only be the amount that barring unforeseen circumstances can be regenerated through operations.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

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Mayor D. Fede							
(Tie Vote Only)							

# Adoption of Meeting Schedule

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, pursuant to provision of the Open Public Meetings Act NJSA 10:4-6, et seq. adopts the following schedule of meetings starting January 4, 2025. All meetings will be held on Thursday beginning at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers of 375 Larch Ave, Bogota NJ 07603 and in Zoom unless otherwise noted and /or advertised:

# 2025 Sine DIE and Re-organization meeting January 4th @1pm

Work Session	Regular Mayor and Council Meeting
	January 16
February 6	February 20
March 6	March 20
April 3	April 17
May 1	May 15
June 5	June 19
None	July 17
None	August 21
September 4	September 18
October 2	October 16
None	**November 6



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December 4	December 18

\*\* 2025 Annual League Conference NJLOM State Convention

Fire Chief's Annual Selection Meeting December 6 @7:00pm

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# **Adoption Holiday Schedule 2025**

JANUARY 20	MONDAY	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
FEBRUARY 12	WEDNESDAY	LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
FEBRUARY 17	MONDAY	PRESIDENTS DAY
APRIL 18	FRIDAY	GOOD FRIDAY
MAY 26	MONDAY	MEMORIAL DAY
JUNE 23	MONDAY	JUNETEENTH DAY
JULY 4	FRIDAY	INDEPENDENCE DAY
SEPTEMBER 1	MONDAY	LABOR DAY
OCTOBER 13	MONDAY	COLUMBUS DAY
NOVEMBER 11	TUESDAY	VETERAN'S DAY
NOVEMBER 27	THURSDAY	THANKSGIVING DAY
NOVEMBER 28	FRIDAY	DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING
DECEMBER 25	THURSDAY	CHRISTMAS DAY
*JANUARY 1, 2026	THURSDAY	NEW YEAR'S DAY*

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# Authorization for Borough Attorney and Tax Assessor to Settle Tax Appeals

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney and the Tax Assessor are to settle tax appeals at Bergen County Tax Board hearings;

WHEREAS, taxpayers in the Borough often file tax appeals that are heard before the B.C. Board of Taxation;

WHEREAS, the B.C. Tax Board schedules one date for hearings on all of the appeals filed by taxpayers in the borough;

WHEREAS, it is often necessary for the Borough Attorney and Tax Assessor to respond to settlement proposals that are made at the time of the hearing, and there is not sufficient time for the attorney and tax assessor to discuss these proposals with the Mayor and Council;

WHEREAS, appeals heard before the BC Board of Taxation are for cases in which the property values are less than the amounts at issue and cases before the NJ Tax Court:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council that the Borough Attorney and the Tax Assessor are authorized to negotiate and enter into settlements of tax appeals pending before the B.C. Board of Taxation when settlements are proposed at the time of the hearing scheduled before the Board, provided that the proposed settlement and the judgment of the Tax Assessor and the Borough Attorney constitutes a fair and reasonable settlement in view of the proofs of valuation proposed to be presented before the Board;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** a copy of this resolution be on file in the office of the Borough Clerk and be available for public inspection during regular business hours.

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# **Authorize Bank Deposits**

**BE IT RESOLVED,** the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota authorizes the following to be depositories for the Borough of Bogota for 2025: Bogota Saving Bank and TD Bank.

# CERTIFICATION

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# **Authorize Collection of Costs for Insufficient Fund**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota accepts checks from both residents and businesses in payment of obligations due the Borough of Bogota;

WHEREAS, at times checks can be returned to the Borough as "NSF" (not sufficient funds);

WHEREAS, such checks result in extra work, effort and cost to the Borough;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough of Bogota, by this resolution, authorizes its employees upon receipt of a "NSF" to collect for the fee charged against the Borough's accounts for the amount of the fee. If not paid, then the Tax Collector is authorized to add the fee to the taxes due.

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#### **Authorize Interim Payments**

WHEREAS, certain payments are required to operate the borough and waiting for a bill list could negatively impact the borough's operations and employees;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the CFO is authorized to pay the following accounts upon confirmation that payments are valid and complete for payment:

NJDCA construction codes and standards

Medical, dental and life insurance premiums for employees

Payments to the board of Education including debt service

Payroll, social security, deductions from payroll and taxes due

Public employees' retirement system payments

Police retirement system payments

Postage, first class and bulk to U.S. Post Office

Contractual obligations authorized by governing body by resolution

Bergen County Tax obligations

General insurance premiums

BCUA payments for solid waste/sewage

Utilities for borough owned and operated facilities

Petty cash from all sources

Trust account payments

Conference/convention fees

Expenses of the Board of Health to maintain public health/welfare.

Bonds due on specific dates

Explanation of this interim list resolution: The above listing of bills can be prepaid, before the Payment of Claims resolution is approved at the next public meeting.

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# **Authorize Signatories for checks**

WHEREAS, the Borough maintains various baking accounts as required by statute for the operation of the Borough and to maintain the integrity of the Borough's finances; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council has the responsibility to appoint various officials to be signatories on various accounts that are needed to operate the Borough; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the following officers of the Borough of Bogota are authorized to sign checks of the Borough of Bogota and are authorized signatories for the year 2025:

- MAYOR
- BOROUGH CLERK
- CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to initiate transfers.

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(Tie Vote Only)							

# **Authorizing Official Newspapers**

**BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota that the following are hereby authorized as the official newspapers which are circulated in Bogota 2025:

- The Record
- The Star Ledger
  - Bogota Blog

#### **CERTIFICATION**

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Mayor D. Fede							
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# **Establish Delinquent Tax Rate**

**BE IT RESOLVED,** the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota authorize the Tax Collector to charge for taxes due February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1, if unpaid, shall become delinquent and from and after the foregoing dates, be subject to interest at 8% per annum on the first \$1500 of the delinquency, and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1500;

**BE IT RESOLVED,** in the event said taxes shall be paid within 10 calendar days of the due date, the interest shall be waived, except if the office of the Tax Collector is closed on the 10th days of February, May, August and November, then the grace period shall be extended to include the first business day thereafter;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the interest rate, so stated, will revert back to the due date on any installment of taxes or assessments received after the expiration of the 10 day grace period or as otherwise provided in this resolution;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, in the event tax bills being mailed out are late, the 10 day grace period may be extended, if necessary.

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## Bid Proposal for the Recreation Center

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Bogota is a Municipal Corporation organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey, and is the owner of property located at Block 1.01 Lot 1 and Block 64.01 Lot 1 on the Borough tax map; and,

WHEREAS, an existing recreation center building is located on Block 64.01 Lot 1; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to demolish the existing recreation center building and construct a new building on the lot, which will extend partly into Block 1.01 Lot 1; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council adopted Resolution #2024-53 on January 18, 2024, which directed the Borough's professionals to proceed with drafting plans and bid specifications for the construction of a new recreation center building; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough's architect, Bilow Garrett Group, submitted a Proposal, dated January 30, 2024, which outlined the cost to provide architectural services for designing the aforementioned recreation center building; and,

**WHEREAS**, Neglia Engineering submitted an Agreement for Professional Services, dated October 3, 2024, which outlined the cost to provide site engineering, construction management and other engineering services associated with the aforementioned recreation center building; and.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council adopted Resolution #2024-56, which accepted the aforementioned Proposals by Bilow Garrett Group and Neglia Engineering; and,

WHEREAS, a change in use hearing was conducted on July 18, 2024, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:36-25.6(a)(1), and said change in use was approved by the Mayor and Council on October 17, 2024 via Resolution #2024-224; and,

WHEREAS, the plans, specifications and other bid documents have been finalized by the Borough's architect and engineer; and,

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law requires that this project be publicly advertised and awarded through a competitive bidding process in accordance with the provisions of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:11-1, *et seq*.



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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, that the Borough and its professionals are hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the project entitled "Borough Recreation Center", in accordance with the provisions of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:11-1, *et seq.* and all other applicable laws and regulations; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk, Borough Architect, Borough Engineer and all other necessary Borough officials and professionals are hereby authorized to take the necessary steps needed to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

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# Administrative Agent to Administer Affordable Housing - Piazza Associate

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota has a need to engage the services of an Administrative Agent to Administer Affordable Housing for the year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota is required to comply with the New Jersey Pay-to-Play Law (P.L. 2004 c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.4 et. Seq.)("Act") and will acquire professional services pursuant to this process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota advertised for the submission or "Requests for Qualifications" ("RFQ") at least 10 days in advance of the opening of such qualifications in accordance with the aforesaid law; and RFQs were publicly opened; and

WHEREAS, the proposals and qualifications have been reviewed by the Mayor and Council who considered experience and reputation in the field; the contractor's knowledge of the Borough of Bogota; the subject matter to be addressed under the contract; the availability to accommodate any meetings; and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Piazza Associate is hereby appointed Administer Affordable Housing for the Borough of Bogota from the date of this Resolution through December 31, 2025; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the award of the contract for this year is made pursuant to a "Fair and Open" process; and

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# Affordable Housing Consultant/Attorney - Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan, LLC

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota has a need to engage the services of an Affordable Housing Consultant/Attorney for the year 2025; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan, LLC is hereby appointed Affordable Housing Consultant/Attorney for the Borough of Bogota from the date of this Resolution through December 31, 2025; and

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# Appoint Borough Auditor: Lerch Vinci & Higgins

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota has a need to engage the services of a Borough Auditor for the year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota is required to comply with the New Jersey Pay-to-Play Law (P.L. 2004 c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.4 et. Seq.)("Act") and will acquire professional services pursuant to this process; and

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that **Lerch Vinci & Higgins** is hereby appointed Borough **Auditor** for the Borough of Bogota from the date of this Resolution through December 31, 2025; and

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# Appoint Bond Counsel: Rogut McCarthy

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota has a need to engage the services of a Borough Bond Counsel for the year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota is required to comply with the New Jersey Pay-to-Play Law (P.L. 2004 c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.4 et. Seq.)("Act") and will acquire professional services pursuant to this process; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Rogut McCarthy, LLC is hereby appointed Bond Counsel for the Borough of Bogota from the date of this Resolution through December 31, 2025; and

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# Appoint Borough Engineer: Neglia Engineering Associates

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota has a need to engage the services of a Borough Engineer for the year 2025; and

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that **Neglia Engineering Associates** is hereby appointed Borough **Engineer** for the Borough of Bogota from the date of this Resolution through December 31, 2025; and

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# Borough Labor Attorney - Trenk Isabel Siddigi & Shahdanian P.C

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota has a need to engage the services of a Labor Counsel for the year 2025; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Trenk Isabel Siddiqi & Shahdanian P.C is hereby appointed Labor Counsel for the Borough of Bogota from the date of this Resolution through December 31, 2025; and

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# Appoint Borough Planner: Paul Grygiel of Phillips Preiss Grygiel Leheny Hughes LLC

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota has a need to engage the services of a Borough Planner for the year 2025; and

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# Borough's Representation for Capital Projects - Anser Advisory, LLC

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota has a need to engage the services of Capital Projects for the year 2025; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that **Anser Advisory**, **LLC LLC** is hereby appointed Borough **Capital Projects** for the Borough of Bogota from the date of this Resolution through December 31, 2025 and

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D. Vergara	V						
Mayor D. Fede							
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Appoint Software & Hardware Computer Support Svcs: Tri-State Technical Services, Inc

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota has a need to engage the services of IT Support for the year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota is required to comply with the New Jersey Pay-to-Play Law (P.L. 2004 c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.4 et. Seq.)("Act") and will acquire professional services pursuant to this process; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Tri-State Technical Services, Inc is hereby appointed IT Support for the Borough of Bogota from the date of this Resolution through December 31, 2025; and

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## Financial Advisor - Phoenix Advisors

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota has a need to engage the services of a Financial Advisor for the year 2025; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that **Phoenix Advisors** is hereby appointed **Financial Advisor** for the Borough of Bogota from the date of this Resolution through December 31, 2025; and

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## Risk Management Consultant - GJEM / Division of Otterstedt

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota has a need to engage the services of a Risk Management Consultant for the year 2025; and

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Appoint Risk Management: **GJEM** is hereby appointed **Risk Management Consultant** for the Borough of Bogota from the date of this Resolution through December 31, 2025; and

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# Special Projects Engineer - T&M Associates

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota has a need to engage the services of a Special Projects Engineer for the year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota is required to comply with the New Jersey Pay-to-Play Law (P.L. 2004 c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.4 et. Seq.)("Act") and will acquire professional services pursuant to this process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Bogota advertised for the submission or "Requests for Qualifications" ("RFQ") at least 10 days in advance of the opening of such qualifications in accordance with the aforesaid law; and RFQs were publicly opened; and

WHEREAS, the proposals and qualifications have been reviewed by the Mayor and Council who considered experience and reputation in the field; the contractor's knowledge of the Borough of Bogota; the subject matter to be addressed under the contract; the availability to accommodate any meetings; and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Appoint Risk Management: **T&M Associates** is hereby appointed **Special Projects Engineer** for the Borough of Bogota from the date of this Resolution through December 31, 2025; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the award of the contract for this year is made pursuant to a "Fair and Open" process; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract in accordance with this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a notice of this action shall be printed once in the Bergen Record.

## **CERTIFICATION**

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Mayor D. Fede							
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# Appoint Tax Appeal Appraiser: Associated Appraisal Group, Inc.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota has a need to engage the services of a Tax Appeal Appraiser for the year 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Bogota is required to comply with the New Jersey Pay-to-Play Law (P.L. 2004 c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.4 et. Seq.)("Act") and will acquire professional services pursuant to this process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota advertised for the submission or "Requests for Qualifications" ("RFQ") at least 10 days in advance of the opening of such qualifications in accordance with the aforesaid law; and RFQs were publicly opened; and

WHEREAS, the proposals and qualifications have been reviewed by the Mayor and Council who considered experience and reputation in the field; the contractor's knowledge of the Borough of Bogota; the subject matter to be addressed under the contract; the availability to accommodate any meetings; and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that **AAG** is hereby appointed Borough **Tax Appeal Appraiser** for the Borough of Bogota from the date of this Resolution through December 31, 2025; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the award of the contract for this year is made pursuant to a "Fair and Open" process; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract in accordance with this Resolution; and

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# Appoint Webmaster: Ray Dwyer

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota has a need to engage the services of a Webmaster for the year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota is required to comply with the New Jersey Pay-to-Play Law (P.L. 2004 c.19, N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.4 et. Seq.)("Act") and will acquire professional services pursuant to this process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota advertised for the submission or "Requests for Qualifications" ("RFQ") at least 10 days in advance of the opening of such qualifications in accordance with the aforesaid law; and RFQs were publicly opened; and

WHEREAS, the proposals and qualifications have been reviewed by the Mayor and Council who considered experience and reputation in the field; the contractor's knowledge of the Borough of Bogota; the subject matter to be addressed under the contract; the availability to accommodate any meetings; and other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that **Ray Dwyer** is hereby appointed Borough **Webmaster** for the Borough of Bogota from the date of this Resolution through December 31, 2025; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the award of the contract for this year is made pursuant to a "Fair and Open" process; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract in accordance with this Resolution; and

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# Renew Contract with Battaglia Associates for 2025

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota is in need of staffing to assist the Borough's Chief Financial Officer and Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is desirous of entering into an agreement with Battaglia Associates for this work; and

WHEREAS, such terms and conditions of service have been proposed in a contractual agreement dated December 1, 2024 for which this resolution of appointment shall be made a part thereof; and

WHEREAS, this agreement with Battaglia Associates, LLC shall be for purposes of managing the day-to-day operations of the Borough's Finance department, and said agreement shall be for a period ending on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Brough shall pay Battaglia Associates, LLC, monthly for the amount noted in the contract for their services, now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and council of the Borough of Bogota, that the Borough of Bogota hereby appoints Battaglia Associates, LLC to provide the CFO with Tax and Finance assistance; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVIED**, that the Mayor is authorized to execute the Vendor Agreement with Battaglia Associates, LLC for said services pursuant to this resolution.

## CERTIFICATION

I, Yenlys Flores-Bolivard, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Bogota, Bergen County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough of Bogota, Bergen County, New Jersey at a meeting held on 01-04-2025.

# BATTAGLIA KSSOCIATES, LLC

**TAXPAYER ID# 41-2107433** 

December 17, 2024

Borough of Bogota 375 Larch Avenue Bogota, NJ 07603 Conall O'Malley, Borough Administrator

# PROPOSAL – TAX SERVICES / FINANCE SERVICES

# **TAX SERVICES - Terms and Conditions**

Battaglia Associates LLC will continue to provide a qualified part-time tax cierk with experience to be responsible, under the direction of the tax collector, for all statutory requirements, along with all phases of tax collections, to include annual tax billings, delinquent notices, annual tax sale and tax sale certificate redemptions.

# **FINANCE SERVICES - Terms and Conditions**

Battaglia Associates LLC will continue to provide a qualified part-time finance clerk with experience to be responsible, under the direction of the CMFO, for all statutory requirements and day-to-day operations associated with accounts payable and payroll.

Annual Financial Statements and Annual Debt Statements are to be completed by auditors, consistent with current practices.

## **Understanding**

Battaglia Associates LLC will have staffing for both the Finance and Tax Department. All our staff have expertise and can answer questions for both departments. Both Departments will be working out of one office. The office hours for both tax and finance will be:

8:30AM-5PM

Monday

1PM-4PM

Tuesday

8:30AM-5PM

Wednesday

1PM-4PM

Thursday

NOTE: For tax collection periods our staff will be on-site during Borough's normal business hours.

# BATTAGLIA ASSOCIATES, LLC

**TAXPAYER ID# 41-2107433** 

## Fees

January 2025 through December 2025:

Tax:

\$ 7,770.00 per month

Finance:

\$12,022.50 per month

Additional work outside of the scope of services, including special projects and attendance at council

meetings and workshops will be billed at a rate of \$150.00 per hour.

Signature

Gary Battaglia, Battaglia Associates LLC

Conall O'Malley, Business Administrator

Borough of Bogota

12/10/2024

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# DISCLOSURE:

Battaglia Associates LLC has a working relationship and /or partnership agreement with the following companies which may or may not, currently or in the future, contract with the Borough: PrimePoint HR and Payroll.



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Mayor D. Fede							
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# Resolution Establishing Affordable Housing Sub-committee

# A <u>Mount Laurel</u> Subcommittee and Appointing Members to Assist the Borough in Complying with its Affordable Housing Obligations

WHEREAS, pursuant to the principles established by the New Jersey Supreme Court's <u>Mount Laurel</u> decisions, the New Jersey Fair Housing Act and related laws, the Borough of Bogota has a constitutional obligation to provide its "fair share" of very low-, low- and moderate-income housing; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the Borough's continuing efforts to comply with its current Mount Laurel obligations and to enable the Borough to plan for the Fourth Round, the Borough Council believes it is in the Borough's best interest to form a "Mount Laurel Subcommittee" to meet periodically (a) to address the manner in which the Borough will fulfill its Mount Laurel obligations; (b) to address whatever related issues may arise and (c) to make such recommendations as it deems appropriate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

- The Borough hereby establishes a "Mount Laurel Subcommittee" (a) to address the
  manner in which the Borough will fulfill its Mount Laurel obligations; (b) to address
  whatever related issues may arise and (c) to make such recommendations as it deems
  appropriate.
- 2. The Borough hereby appoints the following individuals to serve on the <u>Mount Laurel</u> subcommittee:
  - Daniele Fede, Mayor or Mayor's designee
  - Corrado Mancini, Chairman of the Planning Board/Zoning Board
  - Conal O'Malley, Administrator
  - Jeffrey R. Surenian, Esq., Affordable Housing Counsel
  - Paul Grygiel, Affordable Housing Planner



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- 3. Subcommittee members shall serve at the pleasure of the Borough Council. The Borough Council shall annually review the Subcommittee membership and in its discretion shall make appointments as necessary to maintain the Subcommittee's full membership.
- 4. The Subcommittee shall meet periodically to fulfill the functions set forth in Paragraph 1.
- 5. The Subcommittee shall remain in existence until dissolved or terminated by the Borough Council.
- 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately, according to law.

# CERTIFICATION

I, Yenlys Flores-Bolivard, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Bogota, Bergen County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough of Bogota, Bergen County, New Jersey at a meeting held on 01-04-2025.



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# Re-Appoint Licensed Tree Expert – Elizabeth Stewart

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota requires the services of a certified Arborist whose duties will include conducting the Hazard-Health Assessment, detailed tree inspections, reporting and staff training of the Borough's trees as well as other services required to be performed by an Arborist; and

WHEREAS, on the recommendation of the Director of Public Works, the Borough Council has determined, based on professional experience, expertise and reputation, to award a contract for such services to Elizabeth Stewart, Licensed Tree Expert, with offices at 178 Wales Avenue, River Edge, NJ 07661 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 as other than a "Fair and Open" contract as defined therein; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A 40A: 11-1 et.seq.) authorizes the award of such professional services contracts without competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota have determined that Elizabeth Stewart will be paid on an as-needed basis at an hourly rate of \$90.00 per hour, and that the value of this contract will not exceed \$1,500 in the 2025 operating year; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available to award this contract; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that a professional services contract is hereby awarded to Elizabeth Stewart to provide professional arborist services, and the Mayor and Acting Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and attest to an agreement between the Borough of Bogota and Elizabeth Stewart; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of the within resolution, together with a copy of the Agreement be on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk and be available for public inspection during regular business hours; and



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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a brief notice to be published once in the Record newspaper stating the nature, duration, service, and amount of the contract and that the resolution and contract are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.

# **CERTIFICATION**

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# Approving Renewal Proposal for Grant Consulting Services - Millennium Strategies

WHEREAS, it is important for Bogota to obtain grants from all possible sources to improve the Borough's financial position, reduce possible tax increases, and move projects forwarded; and

WHEREAS, the services of a professional grant consultant are essential as well, in order to research other available grants on the Borough's behalf and apply for often time-consuming and more complex federal and non-profit grants; and

WHEREAS, Millennium Strategies is offering its services at the same rate as the previous grant writer which is \$36,000 for the year at \$3,000 a month.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota appoint Millennium Strategies as Grant Writer for the Borough of Bogota for the year 2025.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this appointment was awarded via a non-fair and open contract and the Borough shall require all the necessary paperwork to be provided, from the vendor.

#### CERTIFICATION

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# Re-Appoint Arthur Sopelsa as the Zoning Officer

WHEREAS, Section of the revised general ordinances of the Borough of Bogota states that the Zoning Officer position was created, pursuant to the terms of the Municipal Land Use Law, and the Zoning Officer shall serve for a one year term ending December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council appoints Arthur Sopelsa to the office of Zoning Officer for the term ending December 31, 2025; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the above referenced Zoning Officer shall be paid a salary in accordance with the terms of the Borough's salary ordinance and a copy of this resolution shall be kept in the office of the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection during regular business hours.

### CERTIFICATION

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# Re-Appoint Christopher Eilert as Qualified Purchasing Agent

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota is in need of a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA); and

WHEREAS, a QPA allows the Borough to save tax dollars on purchases by raising the bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor recommends renewing the Agreement with Christopher W. Eilert of Wood-Ridge for this service; and

WHEREAS, Council approves a bid threshold of \$44,000;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota will re-appoint Christopher W. Eilert of Wood-Ridge who is a QPA certified by the State of New Jersey, effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, and they shall be paid in accordance with the most recent salary Ordinance.

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# Re-Appoint LOSAP Plan Administrator John Dunn

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of Bogota hereby appoints the following member as the Borough's LOSAP Plan Administrator for one year term; expiring December 31, 2025

LOSAP Plan Administrator: Fire Department 1 Year John Dunn

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# Participate in Bergen County Police Mutual Aid Plan

WHEREAS, the police departments in Bergen County have a day-to-day responsibility to provide for the security of lives and property, for the maintenance and preservation of the public peace and order; and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Officials also have a responsibility to provide for preparedness against natural emergencies, such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, major storms, etc., manmade causes, civil unrest, and civil disobedience such as riots, strikes, jail or prison riots, train wrecks, aircraft crashes, major fires, ethnic disorders, riots, terrorist incidents and bombings, state and national emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Police Chiefs' Association has proposed a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force to deal with these emergencies; and

WHEREAS, this Plan is adopted in accordance with the provisions of NJSA 40:14-156, NISA 40A:15-156.1, NISA 40A:14:156.4, and NJSA App. A9-40:6; and

WHEREAS, this plan will provide a uniform procedure for the coordination of the requesting, dispatching, and utilization of law enforcement personnel and equipment whenever a local law enforcement agency requires mutual aid assistance from any other jurisdiction, both contiguous and non-contiguous, in the event of an emergency, riot or disorder, in order to protect life and property; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota to participate in a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force in accordance with the Plan as submitted by the Bergen County Police Chiefs' Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota that the Police Department of the Borough of Bogota, under the direction of the Chief of Police, cooperate with the Bergen County Police Chiefs' Association to create an Interlocal Service Agreement with all municipalities in the County of Bergen in order to put into place the Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force; and



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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, The Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Prosecutor, the County Chief of Police and all Bergen County Municipalities.

# **CERTIFICATION**

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# Designation of Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O)

WHEREAS, in accordance with the N.J.A.C 17:27-3.5 a Public Agency must annually designate an officer to serve as its Public Agency Compliance Officer, and

WHEREAS, the Public Compliance Officer is responsible for assuring that no public contract may be awarded nor any monies paid until the contractor has agreed to contract performance which complies with approved Affirmative Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary that the Borough of Bogota shall designate an officer or employee to serve as Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O), whose name, title, business address, telephone number and tax number shall be forwarded to the State Affirmative Action Office by January 10, of every year; and

WHEREAS, the P.A.C.O is the liaison official for matters concerning P.L. 1975, c. 127 (NJ.A.C 17:27) and should have the authority to make the appropriate correction(s) to the Borough of Bogota's contracting procedures if required; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota hereby appoint Borough Administrator, as Public Agency Compliance Officer in the Borough of Bogota for the year 2025 and that the Clerk is hereby directed to file a copy of this resolution with the Department of Treasury, Division of Purchase and Property, Contract Compliance Audit Unit, EEO Monitoring Program, PO Box 236, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.

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# Authorizing the Bogota Police Department to Participate in the Defense Logistics Agency,

WHEREAS, the United States Congress authorized the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program to make use of excess Department of Defense personal property by making that personal property available to municipal, county and state law enforcement agencies (LEAs); and

WHEREAS, DLA rules mandate that all equipment acquired through the 1033 Program remain under the control of the requesting LEA; and

WHEREAS, participation in the 1033 Program allows municipal and county LEAs to obtain property they might not otherwise be able to afford in order to enhance community preparedness, response, and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, although the property is provided through the 1033 Program at no cost to municipal and county LEAs, these entities are responsible for the costs associated with delivery, maintenance, fueling, and upkeep of the property, and for specialized training on the operation of any acquired property; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-30.2 requires that the governing body of the municipality or county approve, by a majority of the full membership, both enrollment in, and the acquisition of any property through, the 1033 Program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the MAYOR AND COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF BOGOTA that the BOGOTA POLICE DEPARTMENT is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 Program for no more than a one-year period, with authorization to participate terminating on December 31 of the current calendar year from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that *The Bogota Police Department* is hereby authorized to acquire items of non-controlled property designated "DEMIL A," which may include office supplies, office furniture, computers, electronic equipment, generators, field packs, non-military vehicles, clothing, traffic and transit signal systems, exercise equipment, farming and moving equipment, storage devices and containers, tools, medical and first aid equipment and supplies, personal protection equipment and supplies, construction materials, lighting supplies, beds and sleeping mats, wet and cold weather equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars, and any other supplies or equipment of a non-military nature identified by the LEA, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes, based on the needs of *The Bogota Police Department*, without restriction; and



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NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Bogota Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire the following "DEMIL B through Q" property if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes: Armored security vehicle, automobile sedan, automobile wagon, baton kinetic energy, body shield, breach system, breaching ram, breaching system, capabilities set non-lethal, car armored, car armored mine disposal, carrier ambulance, carrier cargo, carrier command post, charge diversionary, club self-protection, common equip soms-b, cutter head hydraulic breaching and extrication tool, door opener hydraulic breaching and extrication tool, drone target, drones, face shield military riot control, face shield riot control, forced entry and rescue equipment aircraft crash, googles protection riot control, ground sensor surveillance vehicle, gun portable riot control, hatbox riot crowd, helmet police, helmet safety, kit mechanical break, kit riot protection, light armored vehicle, mine clearing vehicle, mine detector system vehicle command, mine resistant vehicle, modification kit gun weapon, munition crowd control modular non-lethal, no item name available, nonballistic body shield, non-lethal weapons capabilities set, only complete combat/assault/tactical wheeled vehicles, protective shield t, ram battering, ram door mini, riot control shield, security vehicle, utility vehicle off road, up armored ntvs, unmanned vehicle, trucks and truck tractors demic c, truck wrecker, truck van, truck utility, truck tank, truck stake, truck panel, truck palletized loading, truck materials handling-container hoisting, truck maintenance, truck dump, truck command reconnaissance, truck carryall, truck cargo, truck bomb service, truck bolster, truck armored, truck ambulance, truck tractor, tool breaker hinge, sledge hammer, sight, sight thermal, shop set contact maintenance truck mounted (ordnance), shop set contact maintenance truck mounted (engineer), shop equipment contact maintenance, shield self-protection, shield personal protective, sight reflex, night vision goggles, imager, imager kit thermal, fight holographic, communication equipment, atv, mule, all-terrain vehicle, light set, flood light set, radio set, magazine, quantities for said items are to vary form 1-19; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that *The Bogota Police Department* shall develop and implement a full training plan and policy for the maintenance and use of the acquired property; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that *The Bogota Police Department* shall provide a quarterly accounting of all property obtained through the 1033 Program which shall be available to the public upon request; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be valid to authorize requests to acquire "DEMIL A" property and "DEMIL B through Q" property that may be made available through the 1033 Program during the period of time for which this resolution authorizes; with Program participation and all property request authorization terminating on December 31st of the current calendar year from *January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025*.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I, Yenlys Flores-Bolivard, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Bogota, Bergen County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough of Bogota, Bergen County, New Jersey at a meeting held on 01-04-2025.

B. Resolution to be Voted Separately



DATE: 01-04-2025

COUNCIL	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	MOTION	SECOND
C. Carpenter							
W. Hordern	V						
L. Kohles							
P. McHale	~						
J. Mitchell	~		ę.			V	
D. Vergara	1						
Mayor D. Fede							
(Tie Vote Only)							

Service Agreement between the Bergen County Utilities Authority (BCUA) for a Certified Recycling Professional (CRP) to Prepare the Annual Recycling Tonnage Report

See attached.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I, Yenlys Flores-Bolivard, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Bogota, Bergen County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough of Bogota, Bergen County, New Jersey at a meeting held on 01-04-2025.

# SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR A CERTIFIED RECYCLING PROFESSIONAL (CRP) TO PREPARE THE ANNUAL RECYCLING TONNAGE REPORT

This Service Agreement, by and between The Bergen County Utilities

Authority, a public body politic and corporate of the State of New Jersey, having its principal offices for the performance of essential governmental functions and services located at the Foot of Mehrhof Road, Little Ferry, New Jersey 07643 (hereinafter referred to as "Authority"), and the Borough of Bogota a Municipal Corporation of the State of New Jersey, having its principal offices for the performance of essential governmental functions and services located at 375 Larch Avenue, Bogota, New Jersey, 07603 (hereinafter referred to as the "Municipality"), is dated this 4th day of January , 20 25.

WHEREAS, commencing in 2012, New Jersey municipalities are required by the New Jersey Recycling Enhancement Act ("REA") P.L. 2008, CHAPTER 6, to have the mandatory Annual Recycling Tonnage Reports approved and signed by a Certified Recycling Professional ("CRP"); and

WHEREAS, the Annual Recycling Tonnage Reports must be submitted via email to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") utilizing a spreadsheet provided by the NJDEP on or before April 30th of each year.

WHEREAS, Municipality, by ordinance, has duly enacted a recycling plan for all recyclable materials, as designated by the Bergen County Solid Waste Management Plan and amendments thereto; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) authorizes and permits contracting units, such as the Authority and the Municipality to enter

into Service Agreements with municipalities for the services contemplated herein without competitive bidding for same, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2); and

WHEREAS, the parties are desirous of entering into a Service Agreement for retaining and providing CRP services of the Authority for <u>signing</u> of said Annual Recycling Tonnage Report; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms, conditions, mutual benefits and covenants hereinafter set forth, the Municipality and the Authority hereby agree as follows:

## I. REPRESENTATIONS

# 1.01 Representations by the Authority.

The Authority hereby represents and warrants as follows:

- A. The Authority is duly authorized under the Constitution and laws of the State to execute and deliver this Service Agreement, and the Authority has taken all actions required on its part to execute and deliver this Service Agreement and the performance of the Authority's obligations hereunder;
- B. Upon its execution by the Authority, this Service Agreement shall be a valid and binding obligation of the Authority, enforceable in accordance with its terms;
- C. The execution and delivery of this Service Agreement and the performance by the Authority of its obligations hereunder do not conflict with any applicable law, rule or regulation and will not constitute a breach of or default under any agreement, instrument or undertaking to which the Authority is a party or by which it is bound; and
- D. No litigation or administrative action of any nature is now pending seeking to restrain or enjoin the execution and delivery of this Service Agreement by the Authority

or the performance by the Authority of its obligations hereunder, or in any manner questioning the proceedings or authority under which the same have been effected or the validity or enforceability of this Service Agreement; and no authority or proceeding for the transactions on the part of the Authority contemplated by this Service Agreement has been repealed, revoked or rescinded.

# 1.02 Representations by the Municipality.

The Municipality hereby represents and warrants as follows:

- A. The Municipality is duly authorized under the Constitution and laws of the State to execute and deliver this Service Agreement, and the Municipality has taken all actions required on its part for the execution and delivery of this Service Agreement and the performance of the Municipality's obligations hereunder;
- B. Upon its execution by the Municipality, this Service Agreement shall be a valid and binding obligation of the Municipality, enforceable in accordance with its terms;
- C. The execution and delivery of this Service Agreement and the performance by the Municipality of its obligations hereunder do not conflict with any applicable law, rule or regulation and will not constitute a breach of or default under any agreement, instrument or undertaking to which the Municipality is a party or by which it is bound; and
- D. No litigation or administrative action of any nature is now pending seeking to restrain or enjoin the execution and delivery of this Service Agreement by the Municipality or the performance by the Municipality of its obligations hereunder, or in any manner questioning the proceedings or authority under which the same have been effected or the validity or enforceability of this Service Agreement; and no authority or proceeding for the

transactions on the part of the Municipality contemplated by this Service Agreement has been repealed, revoked or rescinded.

## II. OBLIGATIONS OF AUTHORITY

2.01. During the term of this Service Agreement, the Authority shall designate a CRP for the express and limited purpose of signing and submitting said Annual Recycling Tonnage Report to the NJDEP on or before April 30, 2025.;

#### III. OBLIGATIONS OF THE MUNICIPALITY

- 3.01 Municipality shall retain the services of the Authority for a CRP that will be responsible for signing and submitting of said Annual Recycling Tonnage Report to the NJDEP on or before April 30, 2025.
- 3.02 Municipality must complete said Annual Recycling Tonnage Report and submit same to the Authority on or before April 16, 2025.
- 3.03 It is understood that the sole and exclusive responsibility for the accuracy of all tonnage and materials reported lies with the municipality's designated preparer of the Annual Recycling Tonnage Report. The Municipality designates:

  Gordon Kohles

  (municipal employee responsible for completing the Annual Recycling Tonnage Report) as the preparer of the report. The report's designated preparer shall be responsible should the NJDEP audit the report submittal.
- 3.04 It is the Municipality's responsibility to retain the appropriate documentation for five years before destroying said documentation in the event of a field review by the NJDEP.
- 3.05 If the NJDEP conducts a field review and recycling tonnage is denied by the NJDEP and the NJDEP requires the Municipality to repay all or a portion of the grant

funds, it is the sole and exclusive responsibility of the Municipality to the repay the grant funds.

# IV. TERM OF SERVICE AGREEMENT

4.01. The term of this Service Agreement shall be for a term of one (1) year, commencing March 1, 2025.

#### V. NOTICE

5.01. All notices, demands, requests and other communications hereunder shall be deemed sufficient and properly given if in writing and delivered in person to the following address or sent by certified or registered mail, postage pre-paid with receipt requested, at such addressed; provided, if such notices, demands, requests or other communications are sent by mail, they should be deemed as given on the third day following such mailing, which is not a Saturday, Sunday or day on which United States mail is not delivered.

5.02. All notices shall be addressed as follows:

If to Authority:
Richard Wierer, Director of Solid Waste
Bergen County Utilities Authority
Box 9, Foot of Mehrhof Road
Little Ferry, New Jersey 07643

If to the Municipality:

Name: Yenlys Flores-Bolivard
Municipal Clerk
Borough of Bogota
375 Larch Avenue
Bogota, New Jersey 07603

5.03. Either party may, by like notice, designate any further or different address to which subsequent notices shall be sent. Any notice sent hereunder signed on behalf of the notifying party by a duly authorized attorney-at-law shall be valid and effective to the same extent as if signed on behalf of such party by a duly authorized officer or employee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Authority and the Municipality have caused this Service Agreement to be executed in their respective names by representatives of each thereof there unto duly authorized, and have caused this Service Agreement to be dated as of the date and year first above written.

WITNESS:	BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY
	Ву:
ATTEST:	Executive Director  Borough of Bogota  By:  Title: Borough Ram



# BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

P.O. Box 9, Foot of Mehrhof Road, Little Ferry, New Jersey 07643

December 2, 2024

Borough Clerk Borough of Bogota 375 Larch Avenue Bogota, New Jersey 07603

Dear Borough Clerk:

In 1980, the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders designated the Bergen County Utilities Authority (BCUA) as the agency empowered to develop and implement the Bergen County District Solid Waste Management Plan. As part of its solid waste management responsibilities, the BCUA has developed and implemented numerous programs to assist Bergen County municipalities with the management of solid and hazardous waste. In 2012 the BCUA implemented the Certified Recycling Professional Tonnage Grant Assistance Program to ensure that all Bergen County municipalities receive their share of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's tonnage grant. In 2025, the BCUA will continue this program.

As you may know, in accordance with the Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) P.L. 2008, Chapter 6, beginning 2012 each New Jersey municipality is required to submit an Annual Recycling Tonnage Report to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) signed by a Certified Recycling Professional (CRP) on or before April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. Failure to submit a Tonnage Report signed by a CRP will jeopardize your municipality's receipt of the annual recycling tonnage grant.

As part of the BCUA's Certified Recycling Professional Tonnage Grant Assistance Program, the BCUA will provide the services of a CRP to sign and submit the Annual Recycling Tonnage Report to the NJDEP at <u>no cost to your municipality</u>. If your municipality requires the services of a CRP and would like to participate in this program, please review and execute the attached Service Agreement and submit to the attention of <u>Richard Wierer</u>, <u>Director of Solid Waste on or before March 1, 2025.</u>

If you have any questions regarding the Service Agreement or the requirements of the Recycling Enhancement Act, please do not hesitate to contact Richard Wierer at 201-807-5818 or Mark Vangieri at 201-807-5823.

Very truly yours,

Robert Laux

enclosure

cc: Borough Administrator (w/o enclosure)

Municipal Recycling Coordinator (w/o enclosure)



DATE: 01-04-2025

COUNCIL	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	MOTION	SECOND
C. Carpenter	~						
W. Hordern	~						
L. Kohles							
P. McHale	~						
J. Mitchell	~					V	
D. Vergara	V						1
Mayor D. Fede							
(Tie Vote Only)							

# Re-Appoint Bogota's Wastewater Collection Operation - Jesse D'Amore

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 58:11-64 et seq. requires the borough to employ a licensed operator for the Borough's wastewater collection system, and Jesse D'Amore is licensed and qualified to hold this position; and

WHEREAS, it is the best interest of the Borough to appoint Jesse D'Amore as the Borough's Wastewater Collection Operator beginning January 1, 2025 for the year 2025 at an annual salary of \$5,000 - which is a savings over the previous salaried employees for that position; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota that Jesse D'Amore is hereby appointed to the position of Wastewater Collection Operator as per salary ordinance from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Yenlys Flores-Bolivard, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Bogota, Bergen County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough of Bogota, Bergen County, New Jersey at a meeting held on 01-04-2025.



DATE: 01-04-2025

COUNCIL	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	MOTION	SECOND
C. Carpenter	V						
W. Hordern	~						
L. Kohles					<u></u>		
P. McHale	~						
J. Mitchell	~					V	3
D. Vergara	V						~
Mayor D. Fede							
(Tie Vote Only)							

## Re-Appoint Recycling Coordinator - Gordon Kohles

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota is in need of a Recycling Coordinator; and,

WHEREAS, DPW Superintendent Gordon Kohles wishes to serve in this position, and to obtain the necessary certification(s) required under the New Jersey Recycling Enhancement Act to become a Certified Recycling Professional ("CRP"); and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Borough to appoint Gordon Kohles as the Borough's Recycling Coordinator for an annual stipend of \$3,500.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, that Gordon Kohles is hereby appointed to the position of Recycling Coordinator for the Borough of Bogota, for a term that commences on January 1, 2025 and expires on December 31, 2025; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Mr. Kohles will take the necessary classes to become a Certified Recycling Professional, as defined in the New Jersey Recycling Enhancement Act; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Mr. Kohles shall receive an annual stipend of \$3,500 for his role as Recycling Coordinator for the Borough; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council further authorize the Bergen County Utilities Authority to sign the Borough's Annual Recycling Tonnage Report and other recycling documents until Mr. Kohles obtains his CRP certification(s).

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Yenlys Flores-Bolivard, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Bogota, Bergen County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough of Bogota, Bergen County, New Jersey at a meeting held on 01-04-2025.



DATE: 01-04-2025

COUNCIL	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	MOTION	SECOND
C. Carpenter	-						
W. Hordern	~						
L. Kohles							
P. McHale	V						
J. Mitchell	V						
D. Vergara	~						V
Mayor D. Fede							
(Tie Vote Only)							

## Re-Appoint DPW Assistant Superintendent - Daniel Craddock

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota had established the position of Assistant Superintendent in the Department of Public Works;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Borough Administrator recommends that the Council re-appoint Daniel Craddock as Assistant Superintendent of the Bogota Department of Public Works, effective immediately through December 31, 2025 and they shall be paid in accordance with the most recent salary Ordinance.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Yenlys Flores-Bolivard, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Bogota, Bergen County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough of Bogota, Bergen County, New Jersey at a meeting held on 01-04-2025.

Yenlys Flores-Bolivard, Municipal Clerk

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DATE: 01-04-2025

COUNCIL	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	MOTION	SECOND
C. Carpenter							
W. Hordern	~						
L. Kohles					<u></u>		
P. McHale	~						
J. Mitchell	V					V	
D. Vergara	V						
Mayor D. Fede							
(Tie Vote Only)							

Share Service Agreement between the Borough of Paramus and the Borough of Bogota for Maintenance and Repair of Vehicles for 2025

See attached.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Yenlys Flores-Bolivard, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Bogota, Bergen County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough of Bogota, Bergen County, New Jersey at a meeting held on 01-04-2025.

# SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN

# THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS AND THE BOROUGH OF BOGOTA

#### FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF VEHICLES

## **WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, the Parties are municipalities located within Bergen County, State of New Jersey, authorized by law to enter into an agreement with another municipality to provide jointly for any lawful service to and for the residents of the respective municipalities pursuant to the provisions of the "Uniform Shared Service and Consolidation Act," N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., government efficiency is encouraged through shared services stating, "[a]ny local unit may enter into an agreement with another local unit or units to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive within its own jurisdiction, including services incidental to the primary purposes of any of the participating local units including services from licensed or certified professionals required by statute to be appointed; and

WHEREAS, the Parties are "local units" under N.J.S.A. 40:65-4(a)(1); and

WHEREAS, the Parties are committed to delivering services to their respective taxpayers in the most effective and cost-efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bogota seeks this Agreement with the Borough of Paramus for the maintenance and repair of its fleet of vehicles;

**NOW**, **THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants, agreements and considerations contained herein, the Parties mutually agree as follows:

## **ARTICLE 1:**

#### UNIFORM SHARED SERVICES AND CONSOLIDATION ACT

The Parties are authorized to enter into this Agreement pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et. seq.

# **ARTICLE II:**

# SCOPE OF SERVICES & PAYMENT FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF VEHICLES

- A. <u>Services Performed</u>: The Borough of Paramus, Department of Public Works, Mechanical Maintenance Division shall provide labor, maintenance and services on vehicles at the rate of \$150.00 per hour during normal business hours. Emergency call out after hours will be billed at a rate of \$225.00 per hour.
- B. <u>Parts</u>: Parts will be purchased from local vendors under State Contract when available. An additional charge not to exceed 25% of the cost of the part may be added to cover any expenses incurred by the Borough of Paramus to retrieve parts.
- C. <u>Tires</u>: Tires will be purchased under State Contract pricing when available. Hourly labor rate will apply for tire change overs performed by the Borough of Paramus.
- D. <u>Outside and Body Repairs</u>: Will be performed by State Contract vendors when available. An additional charge not to exceed 15% of the repairs may be added to cover any expenses incurred by the Borough of Paramus, i.e., travel time, fuel, etc.
- E. <u>Labor Time</u>: Average labor time for a complete preventative maintenance including a comprehensive check list is 2 hours for motorcycles, 3 hours for a motor vehicles, 6 hours for trucks, and 8 hours for fire apparatus/ambulances. A quick lube service is available for a flat fee of \$75.00 for most automobiles (excluding trucks and diesel engines). This service includes up to 7 quarts of standard engine oil, oil filter, and a 12-point check list. Additional charges may be incurred for any additional parts or service that might be needed.
- F. <u>Unscheduled Repairs</u>: Unscheduled repairs will be billed at an hour for hour basis plus parts and materials.
- G. <u>Payment</u>: The administration of scheduling and billing will be the responsibility of the Mechanical office. A 15% administrative fee will be added not to exceed \$200.00 to all repair orders to cover the costs of faxes, postage, billing, copies, etc. The Borough of Paramus will bill the Borough of Bogota on a monthly basis

for all maintenance and repairs performed. Payment to the Borough of Paramus shall be made within thirty (30) days of receipt of monthly invoices.

- H. <u>Pick-up and Delivery</u>: CDL drivers from the Borough of Paramus may be available to pick up and return vehicles. Hourly rates will apply for this service.
- Notice: The Borough of Bogota shall give reasonable notice for the scheduling of maintenance and repairs.
- J. <u>Emergencies</u>: In the event of an emergency causing delay in the maintenance and repair of vehicles in its possession, the Borough of Paramus will make all efforts to complete the maintenance and repair within a reasonable time after the emergency.
- K. <u>Subcontractors</u>: In the event the Borough of Paramus is unable to perform maintenance and repair of the vehicles, accommodations will be made to have the work completed by an outside agency. No outside repairs will be made without first obtaining approval from the Borough of Bogota.

#### **ARTICLE III:**

#### TERM AND TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

- A. This Agreement shall be effective for a period of one year commencing on January 1, 2025 and terminating December 31, 2025;
- B. This Agreement shall automatically renew for a consecutive period of one year, unless terminated by either of the Parties by providing written notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the end of the yearly term; and
- C. This agreement can be terminated at any time by either party by giving written notice of termination ninety (90) days in advance of the expected date of termination.

#### **ARTICLE IV:**

## INSURANCE, INDEMNIFICATION, AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

A. The Borough of Bogota represents and warrants that at all times during the term of this Agreement, including subsequent extensions, the Borough of Bogota shall maintained and kept in full force and effect, without expense to the Borough of Paramus and naming the Borough of Paramus as an additional insured, insurance coverage issued by an insurance company licensed to do business and to issue such insurance policies in the State of New Jersey with sufficient limits to protect

the Borough of Paramus, its employees, and agents with respect to any claims for bodily injury, emotional distress, or property damage resulting from conduct aimed to facilitate the terms of this Agreement; and

B. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Borough of Bogota shall release, indemnify and hold harmless the Borough Paramus, its employees, agents, and affiliates, from any and all obligations, liabilities, judgments, claims and demands which may arise out of its obligations under this Agreement. Nothing contained herein shall relieve the Parties from liability for willful acts of wrong doing committed by its employees, agents, or affiliates.

# **ARTICLE V:**

#### **GOVERNING LAW**

- A. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey;
- B. In the event of a controversy or dispute between the Parties, the dispute will first be presented to the Parties respective Governing Body to engage in a good faith attempt to resolve all issues;
- C. The Parties agree that in the event of legal action by either party, same shall be by Court proceedings and the Parties hereby waive arbitration as a forum for resolution of any dispute;
- D. In the event of any dispute concerning the construction or interpretation of this Agreement, this Agreement shall be construed neutrally without regard to events of authorship or negotiation, each party having been given the opportunity to be represented by independent legal counsel of its own choosing; and
- E. In the event that any court of competent jurisdiction shall declare any section of this agreement invalid for any reason, or if the laws of the State of New Jersey relied upon to enter this agreement or amend it to forbid such agreements, all other sections of the agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

#### **ARTICLE VI:**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

A. <u>Entire Agreement</u>: This Agreement sets forth all the promises, covenants, agreements, conditions and undertakings between the Parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous

agreements or undertakings, inducements, or conditions, express or implied, oral or written between the Parties hereto This agreement contains the complete understanding between the parties and no other promises or agreements shall be binding unless signed by the parties. In signing this Agreement, the parties are not relying on any fact, statement or assumption not set forth in this agreement. By signing below, the authorized representatives for the Borough of Paramus and the Borough of Bogota indicate that they have carefully read and understand the terms of this agreement, enter into this agreement knowingly, voluntarily and of their own free will, understand its terms and significance and intend to abide by its provisions without exception.

- B. This Agreement shall not be amended or modified, nor may any obligation hereunder be waived orally, and no such amendment, modification or waiver shall be effective for any purpose unless it is in writing and signed by the party against whom enforcement thereof is sought;
- C. The Parties to this Agreement shall not assign or transfer any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the other Parties' prior written consent;
- D. It is understood and agreed that nothing which is contained in this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver on the part of the Parties of any right which is not explicitly waived in this Agreement. No failure or delay on the part of any Party in exercising any right, power, or remedy under this Agreement will operate as a waiver thereof, nor will any single or partial exercise of any such right, power, or remedy preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power, or remedy hereunder. The rights and remedies provided in this Agreement are cumulative and are not exclusive of any other rights, power, or remedies existing at law, in equity or otherwise.
- E. <u>Force Majeure</u>: In the event either Party's performance of any of the provisions of this Agreement become impossible due to Force Majeure, that Party will be excused from performing such obligations until such time as the Force Majeure event has ended and all facilities and operations have been repaired and/or restored.
- F. <u>Enabling Resolution</u>: This agreement is expressly contingent upon the adoption of concurring resolutions by Paramus and Bogota authorizing the execution of this Agreement.

G. Whenever, pursuant to the terms of this agreement, written notice is required or permitted to be given by one party to the other party, such notice shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given if personally delivered to the appropriate parties listed below or if mailed, by way of certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, and addressed to the party to whom notice is to be given, as set forth below:

Paramus:

Administrator, Borough of Paramus

One Jockish Square

Paramus, New Jersey 07652

Bogota:

Administrator, Borough of Bogota

375 Larch Avenue

Bogota, New Jersey 07603

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Borough of Paramus and the Borough of Bogota have caused this agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as of the day and year first written above.

WITNESS/ATTEST	<b>BOROUGH OF PARAMUS</b>
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Annemarie Krusznis, RMC Borough Clerk	Christopher DiPiazza Mayor
W. C.	
WITNESS/ATTEST	BOROUGH OF BOGOTA
Yenlys Flores-Bolivard Borough Clerk	Daniele Fede Mayor



# **BOROUGH OF PARAMUS**

# OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK

### ONE JOCKISH SQUARE

#### PARAMUS, NJ 07652

(201) 265-2100 / Fax (201) 265-0086

Annemarie Krusznis, RMC Borough Clerk

Kristin Rohner, RMC Deputy Borough Clerk

November 13, 2024

Yenlys Flores-Bolivard, RMC 375 Larch Avenue Bogota, NJ 07603

RE: Shared Services Agreement: Maintenance and Repair of Vehicles 2025

Dear Ms. Bolivard,

Enclosed please find two (2) copies of an agreement between the Borough of Paramus and the Borough of Bogota for the Maintenance and Repair of Vehicles, along with a certified copy of the resolution authorizing such. Kindly sign both copies and return one fully executed agreement to this office.

If you need further assistance, please contact this office.

Sincerely.

Annemarie Krusznis, RMC

**Borough Clerk** 

Ak/kr encl.



DATE: 01-04-2025

COUNCIL	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	MOTION	SECOND
C. Carpenter	V						
W. Hordern	V						
L. Kohles							
P. McHale	V						
J. Mitchell	V					V	
D. Vergara	V						V
Mayor D. Fede							
(Tie Vote Only)							

## DPW Full Time Employees - James Frei and Michele Stallone

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works (DPW) of the Borough of Bogota is in need of full-time Laborers to support its operations; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2024-211, adopted on October 3, 2024, James Frei and Michele Stallone were hired as part-time Laborers at an hourly rate of \$20.00; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works has recommended that both James Frei and Michele Stallone be transitioned to full-time positions effective January 4, 2025, to better meet the operational needs of the DPW; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has reviewed and concurs with this recommendation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey, that James Frei and Michele Stallone are hereby appointed to full-time positions as Laborers for the Bogota Department of Public Works effective January 4, 2025; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to James Frei, Michele Stallone, and the Department of Public Works upon its passage.

#### CERTIFICATION

I, Yenlys Flores-Bolivard, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Bogota, Bergen County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough of Bogota, Bergen County, New Jersey at a meeting held on 01-04-2025.