

Sponsor: Councilwoman Mason

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**CITY OF HOBOKEN
RESOLUTION NO.: ____**

**A RESOLUTION TO CUT AN ESTIMATED \$75,000 IN TAXPAYER EXPENSE
WHILE INCREASING VOTER PARTICIPATION THROUGH USE OF
INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING (IRV).**

WHEREAS, Hoboken runoff elections cost the taxpayers of the City an estimated \$75,000 to \$100,000 every two (2) years; and,

WHEREAS, multiple elections annually foster the disenfranchisement of voters, reducing voter turn-out and public confidence in the process; and,

WHEREAS, the Council is committed to the democratic process and wishes to encourage voter participation while simultaneously reducing cost to the taxpayers; and,

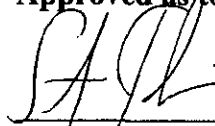
WHEREAS, Instant Runoff Voting has proven to be successful nationwide, in such diverse places as Aspen, Colorado, San Francisco, California, and the States of Louisiana and South Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Hoboken, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that it fully supports Senate Joint Resolution No. 43, sponsored by Senator Bill Baroni of District 14, creating a commission to study instant runoff voting and the applications of IRV within the State of New Jersey, and to encourage this commission to act promptly so that the City can introduce a referendum for voter consideration establishing IRV during the next general election on November 3, 2009.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted by the City Clerk to Senator Baroni and our 33rd Legislative District Representatives.

Meeting Date: June 3, 2009

Approved as to form:



**Steven Kleinman
Corporation Counsel**