

**PARK DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND PARK
RESOLUTION NO. 08-03**

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED LIMITING TAX RATE INCREASE
FOR THE PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS TO HIGHLAND PARK'S LAKEFRONT**

WHEREAS, the Park District of Highland Park ("Park District") Board of Park Commissioners ("Park Board"), recognizing the extensive erosion, deterioration and obsolescence of the lakefront, joined in forming a Lakefront Planning Commission ("Commission") with the goal of master planning improvements to Highland Park's lakefront for its preservation and protection; and

WHEREAS, the Commission was co-chaired by the President of the Park Board and the Mayor of the City of Highland Park and included diverse community representation; and

WHEREAS, the Commission diligently sought public comment and input during the planning process resulting in a Lakefront Master Plan ("Lakefront Plan") that broadly reflects the aspirations of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Park Board recognizes the environmental, economic, educational and quality of life benefits that will accrue to the citizens of Highland Park through the realization of the Lakefront Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Park Board recognizes the tremendous effort made by the community on behalf of realizing the goals of the Lakefront Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Park Board unanimously adopted the Lakefront Plan on January 18, 2007; and

WHEREAS, based on the Lakefront Plan, the Park District has developed schematic plans and has placed a public question on the ballot for the November 4, 2008 general election ("Election") to fund improvements to Central Park and Rosewood Beach ("Referendum"); and

WHEREAS, since the Park District submitted this ballot question, the nation's economy has become increasingly unsettled and precarious, and the Park Board, in recognition of the current unsettled economic climate and financial crisis of uncertain magnitude facing our community and the rest of the nation, has considered withdrawing the Referendum; and

WHEREAS, through written confirmation, the office of the County Clerk of Lake County has already printed and begun distribution of the ballots for the Election, making it impossible to remove the Referendum from the ballot; and

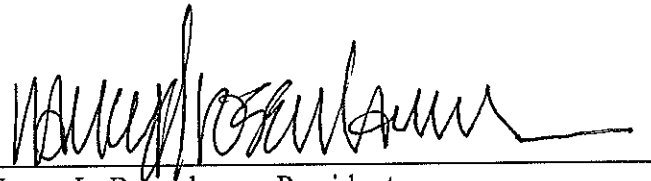
WHEREAS, the Park Board still believes the Lakefront Plan is vital for our community and intends on proceeding with the Lakefront Plan or a revised version of the plan in the future, but believes it prudent and fiscally responsible under the current circumstances to cease all activity with respect to the Referendum, including the dissemination of information to the public, at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Park District of Highland Park that the Park District cease all efforts in connection with the Referendum.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption as provided by law.

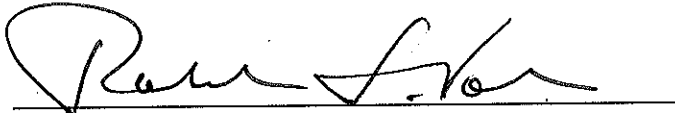
Adopted this 29th day of September, 2008, by roll call vote:

AYES:	Commissioners Bernstein, Rosenbaum, Waxman, Weiss and Werhane
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None



Nancy L. Rosenbaum, President
Board of Park Commissioners

ATTEST:



Ralph J. Volpe, Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners