

**CITY OF BEACON
CITY COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2017

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE LEGISLATION FOR TANKER-
AVOIDANCE ZONES**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Coast Guard is currently considering a proposal to establish new anchorage areas along the Hudson River between Yonkers and Kingston; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beacon is home to a number of businesses that are based on recreational activities such as hiking, kayaking, sailing, and boat tours; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beacon's Main Street businesses will be negatively affected by the loss of tourism from nature-seeking visitors; and

WHEREAS, the proposed site of the moorings will impact two environmental justice areas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beacon is committed to reducing greenhouse gases and addressing climate change; and

WHEREAS, hard won progress in the economy and in the livability index of the City of Beacon will be threatened by the U.S. Coast Guard's proposal; and

WHEREAS, whereas, the City of Beacon has documented its concerns about the anchoring of petroleum-carrying tankers, including disrupting the economic vitality of the waterfront, endangering drinking water supplies, damaging fish habitat and detracting from scenic beauty and quality of life along the river (see Resolution No. 97-2016); and

WHEREAS, New York State Assemblymember Didi Barrett has introduced Assembly Bill A06825, which would enable New York State agencies to consider environmental impacts in designating "tanker-avoidance zones"; and

WHEREAS, New York State Senator Sue Serino has introduced the same measure in the Senate as Bill S05197; and

WHEREAS, this proposal would enable New York State to take a stronger role in controlling the placement of any anchorage areas for petroleum-carrying vessels, to ensure that the needs of the Hudson River and riverfront communities are protected;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Beacon City Council expresses its support for Assembly Bill A06825 and Senate Bill S05197.

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☐ ☐ Amendments ☐ ☐ Not on roll call.			☐ On roll call			☐ 2/3 Required ☐ 3/4 Required	
Motion	Second	Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason	Absent
		Ali Muhammad					
		Omar Harper					
		Lee Kyriacou					
		George Mansfield					
		Pam Wetherbee					
		Peggy Ross					
		Randy Casale					
		Motion Carried					