

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
COUNTY OF ESSEX

#37

RESOLUTION NO. _____
PROPOSED BY: FREEHOLDER GILL
SUBJECT:

AUTHORITY FOR RESOLUTION N.J.S.A. 40:41A-38(g)
AUTHORITY FOR ACTION C.C.E. 2-29(B)

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NEW JERSEY LAWMAKERS CALLING FOR THE DISMISSAL
OF IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT SPOKESMAN EMILIO DABUL

WHEREAS, in reaction to several New Jersey elected lawmakers calling for the dismissal of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) spokesman Emilio Dabul, the Board of Chosen Freeholders for Essex County joins said officials in denouncing the rhetoric of Emilio Dabul; and

WHEREAS, in a letter addressed to Immigrations and Customs Enforcement Acting Director Ronald Vitiello, which was signed by New Jersey Representatives Bill Pascrell Jr., Frank Pallone Jr., Donald Payne, Jr., Albio Sires, Donald Norcross and Bonnie Watson Coleman, the New Jersey Lawmakers stated, "We call for his immediate dismissal from ICE and consider his continued employment as tacit acceptance of his bigoted beliefs."; and

WHEREAS, the letter cites Dabul's ties with anti-Muslim hate groups, including one that the Southern Poverty Law Center has described as the largest of its kind in the nation, as well as publications that "push out misinformation about Muslims."; and

WHEREAS, Emilio Dabul was an editor for ACT for America, an organization described by the Southern Poverty Law Center as an anti-Muslim hate group because it pushes "wild anti-Muslim conspiracy theories" and "denigrates American Muslims."; and

WHEREAS, Emilio Dabul also has ties to FrontPage Magazine, a far-right publication, and the David Horowitz Freedom Center, which the law center says provides a platform for other "anti-Muslim figures to push out misinformation about Muslims."; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey lawmakers' demand for Dabul's removal comes after the New Jersey chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations has also called for his dismissal; and,

WHEREAS, this Board agrees with the excerpt from the letter sent to ICE that reads, "Dabul's associations and beliefs are outrageous. While these disturbing beliefs might be tolerated in the Trump administration, they have no place in New Jersey and should have no place in our civil service."; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders strongly condemns Emilio Dabul's divisive rhetoric and joins fellow New Jersey Lawmakers in calling for his dismissal as ICE Spokesman; and be it further

RESOLVED, copies of this Resolution shall be sent to Governor Murphy, Senate President Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Coughlin and members of Essex County's state legislative delegation.

Approved as to form and legality _____

Michael J. Parlanteris
Freeholder Counsel

RECORD OF VOTE (X=Vote N.V.=Abstention ABS=Absent)

Moved by Freeholder _____
Second by Freeholder _____

Freeholder	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS	Freeholder	Yes	No.	N.V.	ABS
BAUER					POMARES				
JOHNSON					RICHARDSON, V.P.				
JONES					SEBOLD				
LUCIANO									
MERCADO					GILL, PRES.				

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution was () adopted () defeated () tabled by roll call vote at a _____ meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Essex, New Jersey held on _____

Is Publication Required () Yes () No

Date Published _____

Brendan W. Gill, President