

**Opposing The Cordoba House - Park 51 Islamic Training Center  
(Ground Zero Mosque) At 47-49 Park Ave, NYC**

Legislator Kevin A. Roberts and Co-Sponsors: Legislators Harris, Hayes, Ronk and Terrizzi offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature (we) support the fundamental right to build any religious center in this country, but we do not support the right to build it anywhere, and

WHEREAS, on the morning of September 11, 2001, Islamic Terrorists committed the largest mass murder on American soil by killing 2,752 people. Many of those killed were Hudson Valley Residents including victims from Ulster County, and

WHEREAS, just as The Alamo, The Battlefield at Gettysburg and the Arizona are considered sacred ground and so is the area now known as Ground Zero, and

WHEREAS, we support the building of a fifteen story, 100 Million Dollar Islamic Training Center, which includes a Mosque, but not at its planned location, and

WHEREAS, building the Cordoba House-Park 51 Mosque just two blocks from the site of the World Trade Center Complex (Ground Zero) would be insensitive to the 911 victims, families and relatives of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and

WHEREAS, Park 51 (Ground Zero Mosque) original name is the Cordoba House. *(It refers to Cordoba, Spain—the capital of Muslim conquerors, who symbolized their victory over the Christian Spaniards by transforming a church there into the world’s third-largest mosque complex [wikipedia]), and*

WHEREAS, Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf of Lower Manhattan made the following comments in an interview with Ed Bradley:

Bradley: “Are you in any way suggesting that we in the United States deserved what happened?”

Faisal: “I wouldn't say that the United States deserved what happened, but united states policies were an accessory to the crime that happened.”

[Transcript of CBS's 60 Minutes interview on Sept 30, 2001 between Ed Bradley and Shaykh Hamza Yusuf of California; Imam Siraj Wahaj of Brooklyn; Dr. Farid Esack, Visiting Professor in Religious Studies at the University of Hamburg; and Imam Faisal Abdur Rauf of Lower Manhattan.], now, therefore be it

**Resolution No. 233 September 21, 2010**

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RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature in sympathy with the 911 victims, their families and relatives, including those from Ulster County, ask the developer Sharif El-Gamal, to move the Cordoba House-Park 51 Islamic Training Center to another location, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature asks Mayor Bloomberg, The New York City Council, Governor Paterson, the New York State Assembly and State Senate, the United States Congress and President Obama to use all legal measures to prevent the Cordoba House-Park 51 Islamic Training Center from building its Islamic Training Center two blocks from the area now know as Ground Zero, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to President Barack Obama, Governor David Paterson, United States Senators Kirsten Gillibrand and Charles Schumer, United States Congressman Maurice Hinchey, Senate Majority Leader Pedro Espada Jr., Senate Minority Leader Dean G. Skelos, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Majority Leader Ron Canestrari, Assembly Minority Leader Brian M. Kolb, New York State Senators John J. Bonacic and William J. Larkin, Jr., New York State Assemblymen Kevin A. Cahill, Clifford W. Crouch, Peter Lopez and Frank K. Skartados, the National Association of Counties and the New York State Association of Counties,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE

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