

My name is Heather McClintock and I have lived in Floral Park for 17 years. Page S-9 of the DEIS report, states that one of the objectives of the Project was to "benefit the neighborhoods and communities adjacent to and surrounding Belmont Park." HOWEVER, on page S-34 of the SAME DEIS report, it is CONCEDED that "The Proposed Project would result in SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACTS ON THE LOCAL STREET NETWORK, THE HIGHWAY NETWORK, AND BUS SERVICE, AS WELL AS POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO PARKING." These 2 facts cannot exist in the same universe. Therefore, I am here tonight to present you with the top 5 reasons why the ESD must scale back the scope of this project:

NUMBER FIVE - Stores like Sears are closing, mortar and brick malls sit vacant like the Fortunoff mall - the very last thing Nassau County needs is more retail shopping. Put the parking lots back where you had them initially.

NUMBER FOUR - The high real estate taxes we pay for the promise of peaceful suburbia will be shattered with the urban crush of traffic and congestion that we will be burdened with under the current scope of this project. Drop the mega-mall.

NUMBER THREE - The mall customers will end up crowding out the arena visitors threatening the very success of the arena project. Look at the daily traffic nightmare at Woodbury Commons for reference.

NUMBER TWO - Beautiful Belmont park should be respected with thoughtful development - not overdevelopment of a project that is too big and will fail.

AND THE NUMBER ONE REASON WHY YOU SHOULD SCALE BACK THE SCOPE OF THIS PROJECTS IS BECAUSE LIVES WILL BE JEOPARDIZED WHEN THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIME IS SLOWED DOWN DUE TO THE INCREASED TRAFFIC ON LOCAL STREETS - how on earth can you go forward with these plans knowing what's at risk to your constituents.

Don't forget, the almighty dollar is not your constituent, we are, and our lives matter.

I IMPLORE YOU TO RECONSIDER THE SCOPE OF THIS PROJECT. Thank you.