

My name is Marc Mullen and I am president of the West End Civic Association. The west end of Floral Park is the direct neighbor of Belmont Racetrack. Our homes border on the fence to the North Lot and the surrounding land of Belmont. On one of our tree lined streets, sits a gate which accesses Belmont Park. On Belmont Stakes day, which is one day out of the year, the entire west end section is bombarded by cars as people try and skirt the main entrances and enter through a small pedestrian gate where shuttle buses take them to the racetrack. It is so bad that residents need to get parking passes to park in front of their homes, we have extra policemen patrolling the west end giving out tickets and monitoring the crowd. It is unsafe for our children, let alone adults to walk around as traffic is bumper to bumper and people are driving erratically. We deal with this for 1 day out of the year, it would absolutely ruin our way of life and use and enjoyment of our properties if we had to deal with nightmarish traffic 200 days a year. This would endanger pedestrians, whether it be children or adults and exhaust the resources of our police force to monitor traffic and ticket cars.

The Belmont Stakes takes place one day a year and the parking in the west end of Floral Park is unsuitable to handle that 1 day. Our residents did not buy our homes to deal with parking passes, traffic issues and noise disturbances. We are getting no benefit from an Arena, yet are taking the brunt of the problem, which is traffic.

As the only direct residential neighbor of Belmont Racetrack in Nassau County, I find it irresponsible that no one from your office has reached out to me to discuss the project, it shows me and my residents how little you care about our families and our way of life, I await your call.