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Via email: belmontoutreach@esd.ny.gov

Mr. Michael Avolio
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Re: Belmont Park Redevelopment Project (the "Project"): Comments of Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages on the Final Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Avolio:

As the Assemblywoman for the 22nd Assembly District, I have the privilege of representing the communities that surround Belmont Park, including Elmont, Floral Park, South Floral Park, Bellerose and Bellerose Terrace. The following comment is in reference to the Final Environmental Impact Statement issued by Empire State Development Corporation (the "ESD") on July 8, 2019 (the "FEIS"). **I respectfully request ESD amend the FEIS and issue a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement with a new comment period with respect to newly divulged information and Project modifications in the FEIS.**

While my constituents and I support the reasonable development of underutilized portions of Belmont Park, I believe that there are many aspects of the Project as described in the FEIS that require further study. Furthermore, there has been new information and Project modifications introduced for the first time in the FEIS that need to be thoroughly vetted so that my constituents, who will have to live with the ramifications of this Project, as well as all relevant agencies, can be provided with a meaningful opportunity to review and comment on these plans.

I urge ESD to amend the FEIS and issue a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement with a new comment period with respect to new information and Project modifications in the FEIS.

Sincerely,

Hon. Michaelle C. Solages
New York State Assemblymember
22nd Assembly District

CC: Howard Zemsky, President and CEO Empire State Development

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