

Good evening. 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. From our perspective the 2 biggest issues we are facing is the North Lot and Arena Parking. The Newest ESD Impact Statement places 4,000 spaces for Arena Parking in the North Lot. The North Lot is the parking lot adjacent to Floral Park Bellerose School and many homes in the west end. The latest model has cars coming to over 300 arena events per year , parking their vehicles in the North Lot and being Shuttled to the Arena. Can you even imagine the noise pollution and quality of life violations that we will have to deal with on a daily basis. Most concerts, sporting events, etc...

start at 7pm, so by 5PM we will be subjected to crowds of patrons tailgating and basically partying in our backyards. What about afternoon events where patrons to the Arena will be parking when the kids are playing recess in the back of the school. Many sporting events in our Community use Floral Park Bellerose School on nights and weekends for practices or games. SO this affects everyone! As of this moment, nothing separates the North Lot Parking from our schools and homes. There is a theme these days called "Build A Wall". Doesn't matter right now on your political beliefs , but we need some sort of buffer between us and the Arena Parking. Whether it be a Noise Canceling Wall or a Wall of Shrubs we need to get the point across that we don't want to be subjected to

living next to an active parking lot. We also must be aware of patrons trying to skirt the entrances and park in the west end. I am pretty certain that the new Arena is going to be an expensive place to park your vehicle, what is going to stop people from trying to park in the west end and finding their way into the Arena. 8 years ago when I joined the West End Civic Association, I joked that we should put gates around the west end to make it exclusive, well that's not so funny anymore. We need to protect our families, our home values and most importantly our schools. If my residents do want to explore a gate or security booth around the west end, be prepared that we are not paying for it. I am hand delivering that BILL to you.

The sign when you drive into Floral Park says "A Great Place to Live"
You should read it some time. It might not mean anything to YOU, but it means everything to us.