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Good evening, I am Kevin Fitzgerald Deputy Mayor of the Inc Village of Floral Park which shares an extensive and century old neighborly border with beautiful Belmont Park. Thank you for allowing me and my fellow residents to comment on this potentially significant intrusion in our daily lives. During these hearings you have heard from my fellow village officials and many residents about our major concerns and the impacts that this proposed project will have on our daily lives. I do appreciate the members of the ESD and the developers sitting here and witnessing the passion, sincerity and commitment that the residents have for their community as well as the surrounding communities. However and please correct me if I am wrong, but no members of the ESD Board, have attended these meetings. That is disappointing as they are the people who actually will vote on what the project ultimately will be and as I personally asked them at the December 6 ESD Board meeting to come and listen so that they can witness firsthand the aforementioned passion we all have for our Village.

The other night we submitted 901 letters signed by our residents asking that the project be scaled back due to each of the following:

- So that the retail village as proposed will be eliminated
 - So that use of the North and East Lots will not be required.
 - So that the amount of additional traffic that will need to transverse Floral Park will not be a measureable increase from the existing substantial volume.
- and**
- That a full time, year-round train station shall be constructed and operational at Belmont PRIOR to commencement of events at an arena

I will be submit another **676** letters from our residents requesting the project be scaled down. As of tonight that will be **1577** total letters signed and submitted this week by our residents

In closing, I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Village Board along with Belmont Task Force to collectively submit in writing the necessary additional questions and areas of concern that need to be addressed for all 21 chapters of the DEIS. Additionally I would respectfully ask the ESD including its Board that all of our residents concerns are reviewed, thoroughly analyzed and alternatives suggested so that any successful development at beautiful Belmont Park also ensures that the Village of Floral Park is not negatively impacted and helps continue our 110 year tradition of always improving our suburban home, Floral Park