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Via email: [belmontoutreach@esd.ny.gov](mailto:belmontoutreach@esd.ny.gov)

Dear Mr. Avolio,

As Nassau County Legislators, we represent neighborhoods surrounding Belmont Park ("Belmont"), whose residents have enjoyed a peaceful quality of life while living in close proximity to the site for many years.

The Village of Floral Park ("Village") would be uniquely impacted by development at Belmont, as residences, an elementary school, and a high school abut Belmont at several locations, and local roads can be traversed to access the site. As a result, the Village, its attorneys, and traffic experts have done a tremendous amount of work analyzing and scrutinizing phases of the Belmont Park Redevelopment Project ("Project"), and engaged residents have provided thoughtful remarks during the Project's associated public comment periods.

During the very short "feedback" period for the Project's Final Environmental Impact Statement ("FEIS"), the Village, in its resultingly limited review, noted glaring deficiencies therein. The FEIS introduces significant Project components, a new Long Island Railroad station and traffic management plan, with no environmental review or public comment, and draws questionable assumptions and conclusions regarding traffic and the "no retail village" project alternative. The Project requires much more analysis and public scrutiny, which the FEIS fails to provide.

Accordingly, we request that Empire State Development amend the Project's FEIS and issue a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement ("SEIS") with a new comment period, so new information and Project modifications can be thoroughly and properly examined. Residents surrounding Belmont deserve no less.

Regards,

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