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Mr. Howard Zemsky  
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March 16, 2018

Dear Mr. Zemsky,

We write in support of Mayor Dominick Longobardi's letter dated March 12, 2018. As the county representatives of the Village of Floral Park, Bellerose, Bellerose Village, and other communities in the direct vicinity of Belmont Park, we urgently request that you add public hearings and extend the public comment period related to the Draft Scoping Document released for the proposed development at Belmont Park.

As county representatives, we are pleased to welcome the Islander NHL team back to Nassau County. However, the enormity of the project requires sufficient communication with the residents of the surrounding communities. We believe that your two scheduled hearings and brief public comment period are not sufficient to allow for meaningful input from local residents.

By this letter, we demand that you (1) add more public hearing sessions on multiple dates and at varying times of day, and (2) extend the comment period for the submission of written comments to no earlier than April 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Floral Park Bellerose school district's Spring Recess is March 30, 2018 through April 8, 2018. Thus, this family-oriented community will surely be distracted by vacations and children's activities throughout your public comment period, currently set to end April 6, 2018. This is unfair to the local residents, who may rightfully perceive this timing to be deceptive.

The community has the right to be informed of the significant expansion of the original plans for the project, most specifically concerning the additional components proposed near the North Parking lot and the Floral Park Bellerose School building. Residents will also have questions and input related to the proposed hotel within the project.

The expansion of this project will certainly affect the Floral Park Bellerose Community. The Community's feedback on this project will be very thoughtful, informative and valuable to you as you progress through the planning process.

Once again, we demand that you (1) add more public hearing sessions on multiple dates and at varying times of day, and (2) extend the comment period for the submission of written comments to no earlier than April 30<sup>th</sup>.

We look forward to your speedy action and reply.

Sincerely,



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County Legislator, 8<sup>th</sup> L.D.



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Presiding Officer, County Legislator, 9<sup>th</sup> L.D.

CC: Dominick Longobardi, Floral Park Mayor