Via: lgillen@tohmail.org
Honorable Laura A. Gillen
Hempstead Town Supervisor
Town Hall, One Washington Street
Hempstead, NY 11550

August 7, 2019

Re: Final Environmental Impact Statement
(Belmont Park Redevelopment Project)

Dear Supervisor Gillen:

There appears to be some confusion regarding the press conference that the Village held on Monday, August 5th. The purpose of the press conference was to simply make the point of the Village’s position for ESD to not approve the FEIS but rather amend it and issue a Supplemental Environment Impact Statement with a new comment period since there were significant changes in the FEIS. Surrounding communities that were negatively impacted by the FEIS were invited to participate.

As you are aware, the Village sent you a letter dated July 29th (attached) asking for you to issue a statement in support of the Village’s request and to submit on or before comment period deadline date of August 1st. The Village did not receive any statement from you; however, the Village did receive support from elected officials namely: Presiding Officer R. Nicolello, County Legislature V. Muscarella, Assemblywoman M. Solages, Assemblyman E. Ra and Councilman T. Muscarella. The Village then scheduled a press conference with those that supported the Village’s position so that we may make our point clear and on the record.

On August 5th when we heard from other elected officials who indicated they wanted to participate in the press conference, we contacted your office. It was offered that if you or a representative was not able to attend, the Village would read your statement of support at the press conference. The Village received no statement.

Nonetheless, if it is your position now that you feel the FEIS needs further study, you may send us a statement. Tomorrow ESD is having a Director’s meeting at 3pm to discuss the project. Deputy Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald will be attending and will be happy to submit your statement of support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me and look forward to your response.

Dominick Longobardi
Mayor