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Re : Belmont Park Redevelopment Project: Status of SEQRA Scoping Document

Dear Senators and Assembly Members:

Attached is correspondence from the Village of Floral Park's counsel, Beveridge & Diamond P.C (B&D), to Empire State Development (ESD) which outlines the Village's concerns regarding the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process. Also attached is a copy of the Comments of the Village of Floral Park on the Draft SEQRA Scoping Document, dated April 12, 2018, which sets forth the Village's overall comments and concerns about this project.

The Village of Floral Park has expended considerable time, effort and expense to engage ESD and New York Arena Partners in an attempt to ensure that this SEQRA process yields a result that is not only economically beneficial to the plan proponents, but also protects the unique character and quality of the suburban communities that surround Belmont. B&D correctly summarizes Floral Park's position, that:

Floral Park fully supports the development of underutilized lots in Belmont Park. But any proposed use must respect its quiet surrounding suburban setting. Similarly, the process must be inclusive, transparent and live up to ESD's commitments and SEQRA's goals. The public deserves no less.

However, as set forth in B&D's most recent correspondence, there are troubling indications that the actions of ESD, including its apparent failure to release a Final Scoping Document, "evidence a manifest disregard of the public's comments during the comment period and makes a mockery of the SEQRA process".

We hope you support Floral Park's efforts to make this an open and transparent process that protects the interests of the communities surrounding Belmont, and that you support the Village's request for the timely release of the Final Scoping Document.

Sincerely,

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