Empire State Development Corp. January 2019

Attn: Michael Avolio, ESD,

633 Third Avenue, 37th floor

New York, NY 10017

Dear Sir:

As a resident of the Incorporated Village of Floral Park, I find it distressing to learn that the Belmont Park Redevelopment Civic and Land Use Improvement Project has grown in scale and scope since it was originally proposed. The UDC Act 6266(1) which the ESD operates under specifically states that the {ESD} “*shall give primary consideration to local needs and desires and shall foster local initiative and participation in connection with the planning and development of its projects*”. With regards to the proposed project it would seem that the community needs and desires are not being met.

Specifically, the North Lot and East Lots (as defined in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement) were not going to be used, according to ESD’s requests for proposals (RFP) documentation. These lots are immediately adjacent to Floral Park’s schools, soccer fields, playground, and our homes. The North Lot, per the ESD responses to RFP Question #62, was not intended to be used but now will be fully utilized. Additionally, the use of the East Lot was not in any of the proposed plans until it appeared in the DEIS on December 6, 2018. The use of these lots and the accompanying significant increase in noise (e.g. car horns, etc.), local air pollution, light pollution (i.e. lighting of a space that is not currently lit), and refuse (e.g. garbage left by attendees) will significantly affect the adjacent neighborhood as well as our schools, athletic field, and playgrounds.

As I place significant value on the community, Floral Park, in which I live, I would request that the ESD, in ensuring that they operate under the responsibility that they are given, take prompt action to **reduce the scale of the project so that use of the North and East Lots will not be required**.

Sincerely,

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