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 DEIS states that approximately 90% of the vehicle traffic will arrive via the Cross Island Parkway but goes on to assume that vehicles will not use other means to access the site if traffic does not flow rapidly to the site even though the DEIS acknowledges that the Cross Island Parkway does not have the capacity to handle the additional traffic caused by the project and the applicant proposes no improvements to the parkway. This means that the DEIS’s assumption that 90% of the traffic will arrive via the Cross Island Parkway is irrational and has no logical basis. Instead, local roads will suffer greater impacts. Additionally, even with the flawed assumptions regarding use of the Cross Island Parkway, the DEIS concedes that a number of intersections will be adversely effected by the proposed project with a few of those intersections being in Floral Park (i.e. Plainfield/Tulip Ave, Jericho Tpke/Plainfield, etc). For example, the proposed volume increases for Plainfield Ave and Jericho Turnpike are at its maximum only 85 vehicles per hour. However, since the assumption that vehicles will only use the Cross Island is obviously flawed, the assumed increase of 85 vehicles per hour is almost certainly a significant underestimation.

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 strong consideration in **reducing the scale of the project so that the amount of additional traffic that will need to transverse Floral Park will not be a measureable increase from the existing substantial volume.**

Sincerely,

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Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages

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Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen