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, at the onset of the project, the proposal included an arena, a retail experience and a hotel on Site A and parking on Site B. Although the original concept would have adverse impacts on the daily lives of Floral Park and its residents, the revised proposal as presented in the DEIS will now cause much greater significant, adverse impacts. The reason for the difference is primarily due to the increase in magnitude and scope of the project and the insertion of a Retail Village on Site B. These project changes 1) added 30,000 square feet the size of the arena, 2) added 37,000 square feet to the size of the proposed hotel, 3) eliminated significant amounts of open space, 4) reduced the parking that was designated for Site A and B south, which necessitated the use of and excessive reliance on the North and East Lots, 5) dramatically increased the number of potential visitors to the site and 6) changed the impact times from occasional (i.e. event times) to constant (i.e. event times plus hours stores will be open including seasonal peaks). The project was already too big. The recent changes have made it far worse.

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 significant harmful impacts to our community can be avoided.**

Sincerely,

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