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VIA EMAIL

Dear Mayor:

I'm pleased to report to you that following an in-depth conversation I had with the Governor in Albany on Monday, she has withdrawn her proposals related to accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and transit-oriented development from the state budget, a process which was formalized last night in her 30 day budget amendments. As you probably know, our Governor previously served as a local government official early in her career, and she has a deep respect for collaborative governance. She approached the meeting with an honest intention to hear my concerns, and those of my colleagues who joined me from the Long Island Senate Majority Delegation. During the meeting, I made it unambiguously clear that I could not support the proposals in question, and by the end we reached a consensus that the proposals would not move forward, and she gave us her word that she would pull them from the budget as she did last night.

As I mentioned in a previous update to you, there are still related proposals in the legislature that I will continue to stand against, but following removal of the ADU bill from the Judiciary committee agenda last week after I spoke out against it, and following yesterday's action by the Governor, I am optimistic that they will not be given serious consideration in their current forms, if at all.

As always, I will remain vigilant on this matter, and I will keep you posted if there are any further updates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anna M. Kaplan".

Anna M. Kaplan
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