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January 27, 2023

RE: Update on Governor Hochul's plan to restrict single-family zoning

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

My January 20, 2023 letter told you about the Governor's plan to require local governments within one-half mile of an LIRR station to rezone from single to multi-family dwelling of 25 units per acre (imagine 4 stories).

I now update you as to: (1) what we have done on your behalf and (2) where this goes from here. Since my last letter, I have:

- Corresponded with Senator Martins, Assemblywoman Sillitti, Executive Blakeman, Legislator Nicoletto, Supervisor DeSena and former Senator Phillips,
- Spoken at length with Senator Martins and Assemblywoman Gina Sillitti,
- Attended a Zoom meeting with the Governor's representatives on the issue,
- Attended a meeting of 20 Mayors and Supervisor DeSena with Senator Martins,
- Collaborated with our Trustees who are actively engaged.

Monday's Zoom meeting with the Governor's staff was very disappointing. On the call, the Governor's staff told our Mayors that our zoning and "home rule" would be overruled for every jurisdiction near a train station. Leaders of the NY Conference of Mayors ("NYCOM") and the Nassau County Village Officials Association ("NCVOA"), both advocacy groups to which we belong, were permitted to speak and made it clear that the Governor's plan is insensitive to the needs of residents, involved no dialog with the affected communities and will be fiercely opposed.

Where we go from here: On February 1, 2023, the Governor will release the proposed budget. The budget needs to be approved by April 1, 2023. On February 3rd, there will be a press conference of the LI senators and assemblypersons who oppose the measure. Those representatives and our advocates at NYCOM, will then attempt to resolve the matter.

This is a very serious matter and it will not be easy to change it.

You should know that the Village is speaking strongly on the matter. However, your individual voices must also be heard. To contact your state and local representatives see [State and local officials - contact information](#) on our Single Family Zoning webpage. I thought you should know this directly from me.

Sincerely,
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