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RE: Update on the Governor plan to restrict single-family zoning

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Much has happened this week and there is new bad news. As I told you in my January 27 letter, on February 3rd the Governor did release the Budget with the restrictive "Housing Compact" in it and on February 3rd Senator Martins did hold a Press Conference to object to the plan.

What was not expected was that the Governor increased the density requirement for our community from 25 housing units per acre to 50 units per acre. So, imagine, on my 1/8-acre of land in the Bournedales, my home could be torn down and replaced with 6 housing units, 4 stories tall (or 12 units on a 1/4-acre plot)! I also understand that they may be waiving the environmental laws (SEQRA) that would prevent this.

I attended the Sen. Martins Press Conference Friday in support of Sen Martins, our Town Supervisor DeSena, several Senators and Assemblyman from both parties and about 25 Nassau County Mayors. At that meeting, I spoke in person at some length with our lobbyist for Nassau Village Officials, John Kiernan, who is working for support from suburban Democrats.

Our [Single Family Zoning](#) webpage has been updated for:

- February 2, Mayor's letter transmitting report from our lobbyist, John, Keirnan,
- February 3, Sen. Martins Press Conference and Map of Areas of Nassau Affected by the Housing Compact (I am in the back row behind the Senator),
- February 3, Mayor's letter in response to request of Assemblywoman Silitti,
- February 4, This letter to residents.

And, by including this in the Budget, it in on a fast-track to become law on April 1, 2023 with little debate and urgent timing. In my [Mayor Riscica objects](#) letter of February 2, I transmit the letter of our Village Association lobbyist, John Keirnan, urging the legislature to take this item out of the Budget and give it proper legislative thought and consideration.

So, a lot happened this week. I encourage like minded residents to visit our Single Family Zoning webpage for [State and local officials - contact information](#) and express your opposition to this fundamental elimination of our way of life.

I thought you should know this directly from me.

Sincerely,
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