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February 2, 2023

Jack M. Martins
Senator District 7
Legislative Office Building Room 608
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Re: Governor's proposed Housing Compact

Dear Senator Martins:

Please see the attached memorandum that the Nassau County Villages Officials Association recently sent to you and your colleagues. This housing issue should not be caught up with and part of the budget process that involves so many other recurring and financial issues.

This issue is too important to our communities not to have local input and its careful study, analysis and debate.

The Governor's plan, with respect to eliminating single family is *unthinkable* and *out of touch* with reality. It is unthinkable, because our suburbs were built by, and exist because of, residents who fled the crime, congestion, poor schools, noise and lack of green space in the cities. Home Rule is the key to our peaceful, quiet, safe and effective way of life which would be destroyed by the Governor's plan. It is out of touch, because, without sewers, we have no environmentally safe way to deal with the resulting increase in wastewater, and we don't have the capacity in our schools, water supply, policing and healthcare to accommodate such growth.

Please urge the legislative leaders to exclude this as part of the Budget process.

Thank you.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Members of the New York State Senate & Assembly

FROM: John B. Kiernan

RE: Governor Hochul's Housing Proposal and the State Budget

DATE: February 1, 2023

This memo is being submitted to you on behalf of our client, the Nassau County Village Officials Association (NCVOA). The NCVOA represents 64 villages which are the home communities of nearly 500,000 residents of Nassau County.

In the Governor's recent State of the State message, she indicated that she would be proposing a vast housing program to create 800,000 units of new housing across the state. She indicated that her plan would utilize unprecedented statutory mandates diminishing the long-standing local government powers of villages, cities, and towns throughout the state. This is being proposed without any widespread study or analysis or public and community hearings. This would involve a "New York Housing Compact" that would have the power to impose numerical quotas for building new housing units in "every single locality across the state."

This program is a radical, unprecedented, and drastic departure from the historical and home rule powers enjoyed by localities and recognized by the state for decades and decades.

The Governor's remarks fully implied that this Housing Compact would be included as part of her Executive Budget, which you will receive later this week. While the NCVOA understands that a serious discussion about the new and affordable housing is important, the inclusion of such a legally drastic and unprecedented proposal by the Governor should not be part of the Executive Budget considerations and debate.

A full, through discussion and study is needed. Public hearings, consultations with local officials, community groups and other government service institutes such as school districts, police departments, water and sewer services and EMS providers are required and needed. This

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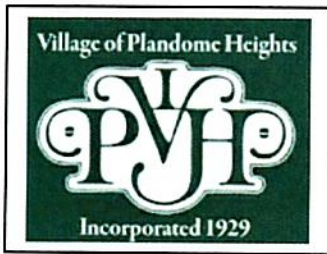
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The Governor's announced plan made no reference to any environmental impact studies, traffic and school capacity studies, the state's goals and objectives on climate change, emissions, and electric production. It seems to be completely arbitrary and devoid of supporting research.

All the above cannot be fully studied, understood, and justified in the 59 days that remain until you adopt a state budget.

Please urge your colleagues and the legislative leaders to exclude the Governor's housing proposal from the Budget process. Please ensure that any proposed housing program considers existing circumstances in localities, meets environmental standards, and considers the effect on existing neighborhoods that have served many thousands of families well for the last 75-100 years, and continue to do so.

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