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The Sayville Union Free School District is writing to register our discontent with the plan Rechler Equities submitted to the Town of Islip in 2017 for Greybarn Sayville. Simply put, since our residents would derive all of the burdens but none of the benefits of the proposed project, Sayville Greybarn promises to be nothing but a blight for our community.

The plan seeks to build 27 buildings with 1,365 units on a 114-acre property. The project lacks the infrastructure to support such a project, is inconsistent with the Sunrise Highway Corridor Study and is at odds with Suffolk County's longstanding emphasis on transit-based housing. Anyone who has ever driven through the Oakdale merge during rush hour, which stands within two-miles of the site, understands how poorly suited a project of this scale is for our community.

A local resident recently offered great insights about the Sayville Greybarn proposal:

- 4.5 times the size of the new village in Patchogue
- 4.25 times the size of the Westbrook Village (House and Apartments) in East Islip
- 2.70 times the size of Greybarn Amityville and Colony Park (Ronkonkoma)
- More apartments than currently stand in Sayville and Bohemia combined
- 3rd largest rental housing project proposed in Suffolk County
- Largest apartment complex in Suffolk County
- A top 5 housing community in terms of population added on Long Island
- More than a 1/3 of the size of Lefrak City
- The same size as the Ronkonkoma Hub (double of what's currently built)

Moreover, the Sayville Greybarn, which would lie within the Connetquot Schools, would represent a 15% increase to the 20,000 residents in the Sayville Schools. Again, Sayville would derive all of the burdens (traffic) without deriving any of the benefits (taxes and students) were this proposal to be accepted. Our concern is that the increased traffic resulting from the zone change would endanger the families that commute to our schools.

We have a fierce love for our community and for our way of life. We are bothered that Rechler Equities submitted such an impactful proposal prior to dialoguing with the community. The expression it's better to beg for forgiveness than ask for permission does not apply when it comes to our home and our way of life. In fact, it is hard to view the proposal as anything but an outright assault on our way of life.

We are surprised the Rechler Equities has not already dismissed the request. We hope you soon do.

Respectfully,



The Sayville Board of Education