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C8	Tracie Libonati
C9	Michael J. Devereaux, Esq.
C11	Patricia Jensen
C12	Syed Ahmed
C14	Christopher Shishko – Guercio & Guercio on behalf of Uniondale Union Free School District
C15	Fiore Mastroianni, MD
C16	G Dowdell
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C65	Susan Kelly
C66	Sam Myers
C67	Stephanie Glace
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C92	Ellen Shuler Mauk
C93	Colette Bedard
C94	Kathleen and Leo Stimmler
C95	Mary Barbera
C96	Nelson & Pope Engineering, Architecture and Land Surveying, PLLC on behalf of Town of Hempstead
C97	Charlene Prounis
C98	John Resnick
C99	Russell Comeau on behalf of the South Shore Audubon Society
C100	Jim R. Abdale
C101	Nadine Guarino congestion
C102	Lisa Mischke
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C106	Uniondale Empowerment Resource Center
C107	Pete Gaffney
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C109	Shaun Walters
C110	Dr. Hildur Palsdottir
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Hi,

I'm writing to inform you of our opposition to this project. As the parents of young people who became deep in debt due to casino gambling, we can tell you firsthand how this is a bad idea. Putting this in the middle of two institutions of higher learning is a terrible spot. It will enable young students to easily access a way to easily lose their money. There are already too many ways for people to lose money with the addition of online gambling, don't give them another.

Michael and Carolyn Collins
Bayville
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We are sending these comments to advise we are adamantly opposed to the Sands casino project. We are long term residents of Nassau county living near the proposed site and have first hand knowledge of the existing infrastructure and environmental conditions. More gambling is not what we need. What we need is more green space, less congestion and not increasing burdens to our water supply, sewage treatment and utilities.

The county should be more attractive to live here, not because of gambling, which between online sources and nearby walk-in facilities provide more than ample opportunity for people to lose money and become addicted. The proposed Sands facility being close to academic institutions is a detriment to creating the growth environment we need.

Any environmental impact study must be honest and objective. The promise of job creation and revenue generation can be found with more foresight and suitable projects.

We say "no" to the Sands casino project.

Thank you.

Joan and Ken Grube

N. Merrick

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The Sands closed their casino in Las Vegas, Sin City, and now want to get PILOT tax breaks, for many years, from the IDA to build in Nassau, on the only open space left in the County. Organized crime is often involved in gambling, because it is so lucrative, so why couldn't the Sands make it in Las Vegas, and why do they expect better in Nassau? The promises of jobs and urban renewal from casinos were made for Atlantic City, and it is still blighted, and prostitution and drug use is rampant. We don't need that here. Jobs did not go to local residents. Long Island already has Jake's 58(not doing well), and the Racino in Queens. Tax payers will be on the hook for infrastructure, roads, sewage, water, police

protection,fire protection, etc. to support the Sands. The last open space can be put to better use. Nassau County roads are already overcrowded. As a Nassau County resident, homeowner, taxpayer, I say NO to the Sands. To our elected officials, I say, represent your constituency, not the moneyed interests of outsiders.

Daniel Mayberger
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Valley Stream, N.Y. 11580
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Hello,

I oppose a casino at the 72-acre Mitchel Field Hub property. The overwhelmingly negative environmental, societal, economic and financial impacts are impossible to mitigate. This proposal should be cancelled.

This massive casino, larger than any casino in Las Vegas and almost double the size of Roosevelt Field, is expecting 23,000 visitors per day. Thousands more will come on weekends. Most will arrive by car and by bus. The resulting traffic and air pollution levels cannot be mitigated.

The New York Department of Environmental Conservation has already identified surrounding residential communities as disproportionately harmed by air pollution. Our sole source of water – our aquifer - is contaminated, and our supply of water is limited. We do not have almost a million gallons per day for a casino. In addition, we cannot risk the spread of contaminated plumes through our water supply by excessive pumping.

Development is coming to the Hub. NYU Langone wants to build a $3 billion hospital and healthcare center on Nassau Community College land. Don't waste our future and our land on a casino. I am in favor of good projects like NYU that have a lighter environmental footprint, and that bring real employment opportunities and many high paying career jobs. I am in favor of a project that lifts up our communities - - not a casino that will surely

degrade our environment, our people, our families, our home values, our communities, our downtown businesses and our County economy.

Sincerely,
Joseph Urban
Garden City, NY

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Say No To the Casino

Over 50 years ago, we moved to Nassau County from Queens, New York for a better life for our family. Escaping over population, contaminated, filthy city streets, traffic congestion, and crime, were all replaced with the unsurpassed beauty, open spaces, clean air, and safety all provided for in a world of suburban life.

A Sands Casino would reverse and destroy everything good about Nassau County. Allowing Sands to control and eventually build a casino will degrade and make living conditions unbearable to local residents as well as to any traveler driving through such traffic and congestion. It will cause an influx of additional visitors encouraging an environment for crime, possibly prostitution, and the consequences associated with gambling.

The water supply on Long Island is not infinite, and the requirements that would be needed for an additional sewage capacity are all impractical

demands to be faced should Sands ever be granted permission to operate a Gambling casino in Nassau County.
No financial gain is worth the demise and destruction a Sands casino could do to our home.
Please vote against the “operating and site control” Allowing Sands to control and eventually build a casino on the site is simply wrong and detrimental to all. Let your common sense, good conscience, and love of our county, guide you as you “Say No to the Casino”

Thank you,

Arleen J. Urban

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Please say no. We don't need more buildings. We don't need more people. We certainly don't need more traffic.

If the Sands Casino proposal is developed without critical environmental considerations and concessions, it can have a huge and irreparable impact on neighboring nature preserves that are **the last 100-acres of the Hempstead Plains.**

Thank you,

Linda Lombardo
Wild Heart Nature Connection

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May the Earth and all living things be healthy. May the Earth and all living things be cared for. May the Earth and all living things be loved.

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am a resident of Glen Cove, and I write to object to the proposed Sands Casino based upon the very alarming findings of the draft environmental report. In short, the proposed casino will be a significant detriment to the environment of Nassau County and a project of that size cannot comfortably or responsibly be built at the Nassau Hub.

First, the Sands state they expect 10 million visitors per year. That is on a par with attendance at Disney World in Florida. Disney World contains 43 miles; the Nassau Hub is 10 miles, or less than a quarter of its size. The Uniondale/Hempstead area simply cannot support that amount of traffic on a daily basis. The proposed expansion of the Meadowbrook Parkway, which also serves the Roosevelt Field Mall and other shopping centers in the same area, will do little to alleviate the traffic nightmare that will ensue. Moreover, Hempstead Turnpike is densely built on both sides, and cannot be widened. The increase in vehicular traffic will have an extremely negative effect on air quality in the entire area.

For another issue, the Sands project estimates that they will need 5.3 million gallons of water each week. They propose to dig a new well. The reality is, however, that digging a new well does not increase the supply of water; to the contrary, it accelerates the use of the water. A recent publican of the U.S. Geological Survey (Hydrogeologic framework and extent of saltwater intrusion in Kings, Queens, and Nassau Counties, Long Island, New York) has stated: ”The aquifer system underlying western Long Island has been under stress from pumping of public, irrigation (golf course), and industrial supply wells. Saltwater intrusion has occurred from surrounding embayments (East River, Long Island Sound, Jamaica Bay, and the Atlantic Ocean) due to pumping.” They further stated: “Saltwater increased during the 20th century and continues to increase to the present (2023) in the Lloyd-North Shore aquifer system in Great Neck and Manhasset Neck in northern Nassau County. A major wedge of saltwater intrusion in the upper glacial-Jameco-Magothy aquifer in southwestern Nassau County appears to be increasing.” Subtracting another 5.3 million gallons per week can only intensify

this process. We cannot waste our resources on an enterprise designed to increase the profit of the already wealthy.

In short, it this project is an environmental catastrophe which will greatly diminish the quality of the environment, and the quality of life, for all residents of Nassau County. It must be rejected.

Paula Frome
4 Lee Gray Court, Glen Cove, NY

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To Whom It May Concern:

I was born and raised in Nassau County and now live in Carle Place with my husband, 2 children who are 16 years old. I am also a public school teacher in the county.
I am vehemently opposed to a casino in the county.

Our county is losing young people. We need more affordable housing and recreational spaces for young people and young families to enjoy the island, not another place for 21+ adults to go and become addicted to gambling. Furthermore, the county needs to protect our fragile environment and water supply. We should not have a casino near schools, universities where young students can be influenced by this push to gambling. Besides, with online betting, who needs to actually go to a casino. What is the purpose?
We should be investing in better public transportation not bringing more traffic to an already overwhelmed area of the county.

For our children, the area would be better serviced by more recreational facilities. For example, winter track for our students is held indoors at St Anthony's high school. Meets start after 6 pm and go until 11pm- midnight. Why can't the county build a facility for the high schools to use instead of relying on a private school?

Ice hockey and swim teams also have trouble getting ice and pool time. The area should be developed to be more like Chelsea piers in Manhattan or the High Line, an extension of Eisenhower park, which services all ages, rather than a casino that only serves the adults.

If we would like young people to stay here, we need think about meeting their needs rather than the needs of a company and its stockholders.

Best regards,
Tracie Libonati
109 Roosevelt Court
Carle Place

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From: sandscomments <sandscomments@nassaucountyny.gov>
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no to prostitution that comes with casinos and gambling; no to the hookers, call girls

no to the horrific bad influences, greatly risking degradation of our quality of life and ugly permanent harm on our children and families

no to the illegal drugs that comes with casinos and gambling

no to the massive crime waves that comes with casinos and gambling

no to the massive tax increases to pay for the necessary and massive police force, need for jails and prisons, hospitals, EMTs, medical and other help, etc.

no to the depressing of housing values around casinos and gambling

no to the traffic congestion, and massive pollution in communities with high rates of asthma, more crime, more drunk and impaired drivers on our congested roads,

no to the 10 million plus annual visitors, with costly and deadly addictions, gambling addictions, alcoholism, drug addicts, drunkenness, a massive invasion of bad people, speculators, "get-rich-quick" scammers, and criminals, etc.

I'll never vote for another republican if casinos are approved

Michael J. Devereaux, Esq.
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First i would like to express my outrage at your holding this meeting at a time when we are all sitting in out- of-control traffic jams while trying to get home from a long work day. The congestion on the Meadowbrook, Hempstead Turnpike, Merrick Ave and the lcal surrounding side streets (which people cut through to beat the gridlock and traffic lights) is ridiculous. I live on Peters Ave and sometimes can't get out of my own driveway due to cars lined up or speeding through to bypass the light at Front St and Merrick Ave. I used to come home through Glen Curtis Blvd and try to go straight over Merrick Ave at the light into Peters Gate, but was blocked by gridlock backed up from Front St sometimes for up to 4 or 5 light changes. I tried coming through Uniondale on Front St but would also wait sometime 3-4 light changes before getting through the Front and Merrick intersection. So the thought of bringing more cars into the area with the complex intended for the Coliseum site has certainly not been honestly evaluated for the effects of traffic congestion on the local streets, main roads and parkways.

Second, there is talk of all of the jobs and revenue it will bring. I am still waiting to benefit from the revenue from the Cricket Stadium after having been inconvenienced by limited use of the park which my tax dollars support, the road closures, people parking on my block and the crowds of strangers walking down my street.

And speaking of my street, i have turned my ankles numerous times in the potholes while crossing Peters Ave to get to my invalid mom across the street in the dark at all hours of the night. Frankly, for the taxes we pay, we are feeling very put off and neglected by our elected officials.

I am against the coliseum reno project for many reasons but first and foremost are the effects on our suburban quality of life. I have lived in East Meadow for 65 years and have watched our elected officials chip away at our suburbia until is no longer a haven from city congestion. Our resources are stretched to the limit with additional housing being crammed into every possible space. What don't you understand about limitations on natural resources? About quality of life? Maintaining the quality of our schools and services which are declining due to overcrowding and budget cuts? Crime, gangs, drugs, homelessness, theft, assault?? What are you doing to our way of life in the name of adding tax dollars to your books?

I am opposed to the way our state, county and town government is disregarding the things that made Long Island a great place to live. You are bleeding us dry, stressing our resources and diminishing our quality of life. Please

remember that you work for us.

I would like a response to these issues which are of deep concern to me.

Thank you,

Patricia Jensen
245 Peters Ave
East Meadow 11554

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From: sandscomments <sandscomments@nassaucountyny.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 2:29 PM
To: PublicComments_Sands
Subject: Fw: Concern Regarding Proposed Casino Development

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Subject: Concern Regarding Proposed Casino Development

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Hi,

I am an East Meadow resident and homeowner, and I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the proposed development of a casino in our community. While I understand the arguments often made about economic growth and job creation, the evidence from other communities suggests that casinos often bring significant and long-lasting negative impacts.

Firstly, casinos are known to contribute to increased crime rates in their surrounding areas, including theft, fraud, and other offenses. A study by the National Institute of Justice found that communities near casinos often experience a noticeable rise in crime, which can strain local law enforcement and emergency services.

Additionally, the economic benefits of casinos are often overstated. While they may create short-term jobs, many of these positions are low-wage and fail to provide long-term economic stability. Moreover, casinos frequently lead to a redistribution of local spending rather than generating new economic activity. Local businesses, restaurants, and entertainment venues often suffer as casinos create a monopoly on discretionary spending.

The social costs are also troubling. Problem gambling is a well-documented issue associated with casinos, and it can devastate individuals and families, leading to financial instability, mental health challenges, and even addiction-related crimes. These issues often result in increased demands on social services, which burden taxpayers further.

Our town prides itself on a family-friendly environment. Introducing a casino could jeopardize these values and alter the character of our community in ways that may be irreversible.

I urge you to carefully consider these risks and prioritize the long-term well-being of our residents over the allure of short-term revenue. I strongly oppose the introduction of a casino to our community and encourage exploring alternative avenues for economic development that align with our town's values and priorities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I would appreciate any updates on the proposal and opportunities to participate in discussions or public hearings.

Sincerely,

Syed Ahmed
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East Meadow, NY 11554

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Attachments: 2024 -12-09 Letter to Nassau County Legislature.pdf; Uniondale Union Bd of Ed Comments Memo to Town of Hempstead Town Board.pdf

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Good afternoon,

On behalf of Christopher W. Shishko, Esq., please see the attached letter with enclosure with regard to the Sands New York Integrated Resort at 1255 Hempstead Turnpike and 101 James Doolittle Boulevard, Hempstead, New York 11550.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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December 9, 2024

VIA EMAIL: sandscomments@nassaucountyny.gov

SANDS COMMENTS
Nassau County Legislature
Theodore Roosevelt Executive and Legislative Building
1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York 11501

Re: Sands New York Integrated Resort

As you may know, our office represents the Uniondale Union Free School District ("District"). We have attached a memorandum from Labella Associates to the Town of Hempstead with regard to the impact of the draft scope of the Sands New York Integrated Resort at 1255 Hempstead Turnpike and 101 James Doolittle Boulevard, Hempstead, New York 11550. The memorandum addresses various economic impacts and specifically focuses on those applicable to the District. As a SEQRA analysis of the development is now being conducted by Nassau County, we respectfully request the County consider this information when considering its Draft Environmental Impact Statement under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act of the proposed project.

As you will see, the report recommended the SEQRA analysis consider impact on class size including the need for additional teachers, guidance counselors, psychologist, and special education resource providers as the result of the proposed development. The report also indicates the analysis should consider the current and expected additional costs to the District resulting from the project. It also recommends the analysis consider the impact of the New York State Property Tax Cap on local governments and the need to mitigate the District's increased financial burden as the result of the proposed development. The draft environmental report, despite being over 28,000 pages, is woefully deficient in addressing these concerns.

The District requests all parties, including Nassau County and the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency, consider this information when taking the "requisite hard look at the areas of concern" and take action to mitigate the impact the proposed project may have on the District as discussed by the New York State Court of Appeals in *Riverkeeper, Inc. v. Planning Bd. of Town of Southeast*, 9 N.Y.3d 219, 230 (2007).

Thank you for your consideration of these materials.

Very truly yours,

Christopher W. Shishko

CHRISTOPHER W. SHISHKO

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Enclosure
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MEMORANDUM

TO: **Town of Hempstead Town Board**

FROM: **The Board of Education of the Uniondale Union School District**
Christopher Shishko, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP

DATE: **February 20, 2024**

PROJECT: **Proposed Sands NY Integrated Resort Project**

SUBJECT: **SEQRA Review - Draft Environmental Impact Statement Scope Comments**

The following comments and recommendations are provided on behalf of the Uniondale Union Free School District by LaBella Associates, D.P.C. and its subconsultant HR&A Advisors, Inc. based on a review of the proposed Sands NY Integrated Resort project.

General Comments

1. The Environmental Impact Statement should address direct impacts that might affect school crossings and intersections and potential impacts on school facilities. The Environmental Impact Statement should also address growth inducing aspects of the proposed action, including, but not limited to:

    a. Potential for increased student population;

    b. Impact on class sizes, need for additional teachers, guidance counselors, psychologists, and special education resource providers;

    c. Increased demand for transportation services for students; and

    d. Potential need for building renovation, expansion, improvements of district school buildings.

2. The Environmental Impact Statement should provide alternative plan details if NYS does not grant the project's gaming license.

Post-development Impacts

Socioeconomics

1. All economic and fiscal impacts discussed in the Socioeconomics section of the Draft Scoping Document (page 22) should be presented by phase, and by type of impact (construction and operations) for the full build-out and for the no casino scenario.

2. Fiscal impacts: When presenting net fiscal impacts, the Applicant should show the current and expected additional Uniondale Union Free School District costs by category (see below) for at least the Uniondale Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County and New York State.

3. Economic impacts: Economic impacts should be presented, breaking down direct, indirect, and induced impacts. This analysis should also present a breakdown of the jobs, industries and average salaries for each job created.

4. The Applicant should estimate the share of created jobs that for 1) existing residents and 2) non-residents that might relocate to work at the project, thereby resulting in an increase in population in Uniondale Union Free School District's geographic area. The Applicant should also estimate the share of relocated employees that might have school children (breaking down by grade and special education needs).

5. Public Health – Problem Gambling - When describing the trends in problem gambling, Applicant should establish impacts on the Uniondale Union Free School District via potential increases in delinquency and drop-out rates. Applicant should also discuss mitigation of the impacts of problem gambling, alcohol abuse, addiction and other societal issues and the increased demand on public school districts as the result of these problems.

6. The Environmental Impact Statement should address the impact of the tax cap (N.Y. Educ. Law 2023-a(1)) on local governments and the need to mitigate the Uniondale Union Free School District's financial ability to accommodate the increased demands placed on its resources.

Public Safety and Community Services Comments

The Environmental Impact Statement should address the potential impacts of the proposed development with respect to Public Safety and demand for Community Services. The project as proposed will likely cause an increased need for police, fire, and social services associated with the increase in local resident population and increased numbers of visitors to the project site. The Environmental Impact Statement should quantify these impacts,

assess financial and social infrastructure effects of the impacts, and develop a plan for mitigating these impacts.

Transportation and Parking Review Comments

The Draft Scoping Document indicates that a number of intersections will be studied and indicates that community concerns will be addressed. However, the count program seriously undervalues the nearby schools, significantly those of the Uniondale Union Free School District. The School District contains eight (8) schools within its system. These are: the California Avenue Elementary School; the Northern Parkway Elementary School; the Uniondale High School; the Grand Avenue Elementary School; the Smith Street Elementary School; the Walnut Street Elementary School, the Lawrence Road Middle School; and, the Turtle Hook Middle School. While these schools are in close proximity to the proposed development, the major intersections surrounding these schools are not always addressed. Accordingly, the following intersections should be added to the scope of study:

1. Hempstead Turnpike at Lawrence Street
2. Front Street at Maple Grove Avenue
3. Jerusalem Avenue at Smith Street
4. Jerusalem Avenue at Union Drive
5. Uniondale Avenue at Northern Parkway
6. Nassau Road at Northern Parkway
7. Uniondale Avenue at Goodrich Street
8. Front Street at Compass Street
9. Greenwich Street at Milburn Avenue
10. 975 Jerusalem Avenue
11. Grand Avenue at Southern State Parkway eastbound off ramps
12. Grand Avenue at Southern State Parkway westbound off ramp
13. Weir Street and Baldwin Avenue

Secondly, one of the most important issues not addressed in the Draft Scoping Document is the traffic impacts of the proposed development on the school departure time frame. Therefore, it is recommended that the weekday afternoon count period begin at 2:00 p.m. rather than 3:00 p.m. Further, because departure time is so important to the school system, the peak departure time period (typically 2:00 to 3:00p.m.) should be specifically addressed rather than combined with an overall PM Peak Highway Hour.

Lastly, the Uniondale Union Free School District heavily relies on school buses to transport students to and from the individual schools. The proposed development will cause an increase in employment for workers. Inherent in this increase would be the commensurate increase in student population in the school system and specifically the increase in the private cars and school buses used to transport the students to the school during their arrival and departure periods. Therefore, issues that should be addressed are the need for additional school buses

for transport of students and the traffic impacts inherent with the increased automotive and school bus population.

General Site Plan and Environmental Review Comments

1. The project proposes sanitary sewerage discharge to Nassau County's Roosevelt Industrial Area Sewer District with final treatment at the Cedar Creek Plant. It is not understood at this time if the Cedar Creek facility has the excess capacity required to treat the additional flow.

2. The project is expected to require additional withdrawals from the Magothy aquifer, a sole-source aquifer that is the primary source of drinking water for residents across Long Island. These withdrawals are estimated to be 875,000 gallons per day and will require the development of a new well and infrastructure to treat and deliver this water to the project. As mentioned, the Magothy aquifer is a sole source aquifer, and it is one which is under threat from overuse which may result in saltwater intrusion at the periphery of the aquifer. This phenomenon has already been encountered on Long Island. Any such use of this aquifer for this project should involve a comprehensive evaluation on the effects of this withdrawal on the ability for the Magothy to sustain these withdrawals without incurring additional saltwater intrusion.

3. The Magothy is sourced from water which infiltrates from the surface, therefore additional impervious surface has the potential to limit the ability of the aquifer to recharge. The infiltration of stormwater would seem to ameliorate this however, this water will likely be contaminated by road salt, petroleum and other contaminants associated with stormwater. The project should evaluate methods to treat stormwater and wastewater to allow for this water to be safely returned to the groundwater resource.

4. Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). Due to the nature of the probable construction, a General Permit SWPPP should prepared and reviewed in accordance with New York State regulations.

5. The Draft Scoping Document discusses the conduct of various desktop reviews with respect to ecological resources on the project and adjacent to it. It does not specifically identify the types of studies to be performed for this task. It will be important to also conduct field studies to evaluate various ecological resources, both plant and animal, on and adjacent to the project. Given the location of the Hempstead Plains, a resource containing several threatened and endangered species, the impact of this development on this resource should be assessed including but not limited to effects from 24-hour operation (noise and lighting), emissions from the additional traffic, potential overuse by visitors to the entertainment venue(s), noise and dust created during construction activities, and

stormwater discharges to the resource area from the development both during and post construction. Consultation with NYSDEC and USFWS is a necessary part of evaluating the impacts on ecological resources and determining ways to avoid or mitigate them.

6. The area of the proposed project is a documented air quality non-attainment area. The additional traffic resulting from this project will worsen existing conditions in the area. The project should evaluate ways to reduce potential emissions to levels that do not result in levels of pollutants that may impact the health of humans and biota in the area of the project.

7. All of the project site is within the boundary of the former Mitchel Air Field. Portions of this airfield were turned over to various entities including Nassau County shortly after the base was closed in 1961. Most of these transfers carried various forms of deed restriction regarding re-use (i.e. parkland use only) primarily to limit ground disturbance of these transferred lands. This former military base has only received screening level investigation around 2005 which involved collecting a small number of samples from undeveloped areas present at that time. The potential exists that redevelopment of the site, which is anticipated to generate 845,000 +/- tons of soils, will encounter and disturb contamination associated with the former airfield. Additionally, the potential for encountering unexploded ordnance (UXO) and disposed munitions (MEC) is also possible. The Environmental Impact Statement should include a plan for investigating and characterizing this site to evaluate existing contamination and potential UXO/MEC, develop a plan for handling these types of material during construction and develop plans for safety and air monitoring for workers and the public during construction activities.

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From: sandscomments <sandscomments@nassaucountyny.gov>
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Dear Legislature

As a physician, I am very concerned about the effect. The sands casino will have on the health of Nassau County residents and their communities.

Not mentioned in the draft, environmental impact statement was the act. The casino will have on traffic, accidents and fatalities in the surrounding area. I study from the University of Maryland on a suburban casino showed that traffic accidents, trunk driving, fatal accidents, all increased to than 1 mile of a new suburban casino (https://doi.org/10.1016/j.aap.2020.105554).

The sands claimed that the casino with 20 to 50,000 visitors, deliveries, employees, vendors and special events Participants will not increase traffic in the surrounding area is laughable. Traffic will increase, average speed on the roads will decrease, tropical overflow into the surrounding communities. Local streets will be overcrowded with those trying to avoid major roads to the casino like the community around UBS arena has experienced.
How many additional traffic accidents, DWI, and traffic fatalities from the casino will you tolerate? There will certainly be additional accidents some of which will be fatal due to the casino traffic and kind of atmosphere a casino brings. How many deaths on the turnpike, will you find acceptable?

This increase in traffic will increase the ground level ozone, nitro oxide, PM 2.5, and PM 10. The ceramic are predominantly low income and include Hamstead, and Uniondale. These communities have some of the worst outcomes for adult and pediatric asthma in Nassau County And the state. The dramatic increase in traffic will only further worse than the asthma and COPD outcomes in these communities. This will further the economic, medical, and social injustice that we consistently ask our poor and minority communities to bear.

How many additional cases of pediatric asthma is legislate you're willing to tolerate for the promises of Sands money? How many additional deaths from asthma and COPD well leg to tolerate and the 10 years after the casino opens? The number will be more than zero; I am wondering how many more you will tolerate.

The index statement does not mention substance abuse, alcohol, used disorder, or their association with problem, gambling. With the addition of gambling and inevitable problem, gamblers substance use disorder at alcohol used disorder will increase the local community. How many additional cases of severe alcohol use disorder, alcohol withdrawal, death from alcohol related diseases, and increased drug use, and trafficking in the area are you willing to tolerate?
If one additional person per year, dies from substance use or alcohol use related to the casino, is that an acceptable sacrifice for the dollars you expect to come Nassau County's way?

What is the value, in dollars, of one Nassau County resident? If Sands is willing to pay it, will you accept their offer?

Fiore Mastroianni MD
Westbury, NY

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"CASINOS DO NOT REVIVE LOCAL ECONOMICS"

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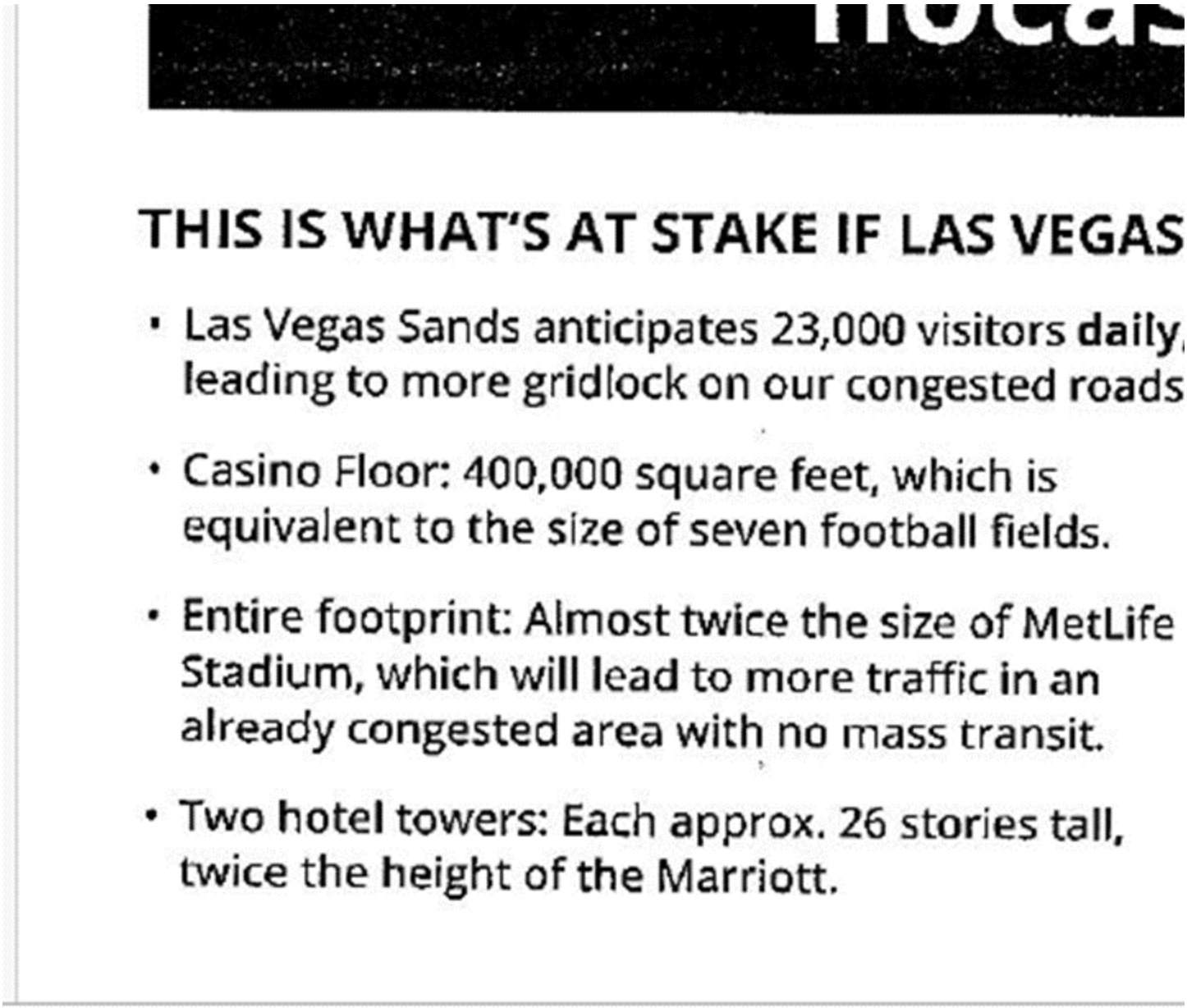
Hello,

Please consider another location for SANDS CASINO & HOTEL.
Building a casino will change the quality of life for many Nassau Co. residents. It will ruin area neighborhoods for years - probably decades.
There are (2) colleges nearby which will also be impacted by your decision: Hofstra Univ. & Nassau Community. It may discourage future students from attending both colleges.
Please think how a casino & hotel moving into your neighborhood – would affect your family - your children.
See info below how it will change the area and it's resources.


THIS IS WHAT'S AT STAKE IF LAS VEGAS
• Las Vegas Sands anticipates 23,000 visitors daily, leading to more gridlock on our congested roads
• Casino Floor: 400,000 square feet, which is equivalent to the size of seven football fields.
• Entire footprint: Almost twice the size of MetLife Stadium, which will lead to more traffic in an already congested area with no mass transit.
• Two hotel towers: Each approx. 26 stories tall, twice the height of the Marriott.

Thank you.

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To: Nassau County Legislature

From: Christopher and Patricia Goll

We are residents/homeowners of East Meadow for over 45 years, born and raised on Long Island. We strongly oppose the Sands Project " Sands" which in our opinion, will negatively impact the surrounding suburban hamlets, including East Meadow, Uniondale, Hempstead and Garden City. Our major concerns are as follows:

-Traffic Congestion

The existing traffic on Hempstead Turnpike in East Meadow is congested from 2PM to 7PM. In addition to the automobile traffic, there are huge tractor trailers, and box delivery trucks traveling in all three lanes. Increased traffic as a result of the Sands would be unbearable also resulting in poor air quality conditions. Increased vehicular traffic as a results of Sands' customers, employees, along with coach and tour buses from NYC and surrounding areas would create even more unbearable congestion ruining our suburban communities. Sands delivery and service trucks would also contribute to added congestion 24 hours a day, seven days a week! Additionally, the stress on the county's NICE transit system is also a major concern to us. The Sands' proposal to expand and widen the Meadowbrook Pkwy, surrounding arteries, along with expanding auto and train bridges is totally against our existing suburban infrastructure. Our community is not Las Vegas and we cannot tolerate this mass destruction of our towns.

-Socio-economic

The Sands proposal would negatively impact our emergency services system to the surrounding hamlets. Along with two colleges, medical center, Eisenhower Park, and the precious Plains Preserve adjacent to NCC. The current services would be immediately stressed, especially for Fire, Police, Sanitation and EMS facilities. The project would create public health issues, especially increased gambling addictions, and alcohol abuse concerns to our communities.

-Environmental Impact

Sewer, electricity, and water over usage issues would be a major concern and huge burden to our communities.

The Sands proposed implementation to alleviate our concerns is a very difficult path and cannot be supported by us. The project would create egregious unmanageable waste, air and noise pollution, in our opinion.

To summarize, we are pleading with the County to please reject the Sands project, since in our opinion it, would inflict tremendous harm and urbanization of our SUBURBAN communities. The old term of “Not In My Backyard” is in our opinion an accurate summary of our concerns with regards to our communities. We hope that the County will understand our position.
Thank you for your time,
Christopher and Patricia Goll

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Federal funding needs to be requested to cover the costs of testing and remediation if required and not left up to the whims of LVS.

https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:d2c5e355-b9df-4875-9799-a403a95dae17

Anthony Brancato
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How does this commission have the nerve to set a 5PM hearing time when you know most people dont get out of work until 5PM. This is both disgraceful and disrespectful to me and county residents.

I've been an East Meadow resident for 36 years. The neighborhood had its ups and downs but has improved dramatically over recent years. The school district is better. Home values have skyrocketed. Its a safe place to live. Tell me how a casino project is good for nearby East Meadow, Uniondale, Garden City and Westbury residents. Money spent in local stores will shift to the Casino. Drug dealers and escorts will move in. Traffic will become unbearable especially on weekends and holidays. Crime will increase, and home values will decrease. EMHS, Kellenberg, Uniondale HS are all within walking distance. Hofstra is literally a stone throw away. (Dont think I'd send my kid to a school anywhere near a casino). What will happen to those many acres of property know as the Hempstead plains? More Casinos?

We need affordable housing for our elderly and young families with viable community centers. Perhaps a tech center. Wangs Lighthouse project was not perfect but it was a much better alternative. Dont be fooled by the trappings of more jobs and lower taxes. Taxes never get lowered. Most of the jobs created will be low paying once construction is completed. We will need more costly policing and medical/mental health assistance which will be sharply reduced after a few years as the "economic boom" turns into a bust. Look at towns that have casinos.....what has that done those local neighborhoods? How many Casino buses will travel our local streets. How many more tractor trailers will be required to support the project on a daily basis. The EM and Uniondale Chamber of Commerces caved in because some local merchants were offered store fronts in the Hub. They know

What is going to happen to the store fronts on our local "Main Streets" including East Meadow Ave, Front Street, Uniondale Ave and Hempstead Tpke. What will happen to the already growing homeless population that currently make our neighborhood parks and parking lots their home. How will we handle the increase of homelessness on our streets? Or will we turn our backs on the problem? The project will require digging a new water well which will draw from our already polluted aquifer. My water bill increased 20% due to the need for a new filtration system. Will our drinking water be plentiful and safe to drink in a few years?

What influence will this have on Jakes 58 in Suffolk, Resorts at JFK, Aqueduct, in addition to other down state proposals for Casinos in NYC including nearby Citifield?
We will become oversaturated and overrun by these projects. No doubt some of these Casinos will fail. What has happened to Atlantic City? How about Sands in PA which was sold to WindCreek? Could that happen here too? Casinos do not provide financial prosperty to local communities. Shoppers that patronize local merchants shift their spending habits from local to the Casino projects. Whats going to happen to your favorite local restaraunts or botiques? Main street is already in trouble. Do you want thousands of strangers in our neighborhoods perhaps looking for less expensive options, perhaps having criminal intent? Traffic will invrease. So will DWIs and DUIs on our local streets. What do you think? Will our neighborhoods and the quality of life we currently have improve? Is it worth risking what we have for something that may not be better for us? I have my doubts and perhaps you might too. Hope you read the 800 page DEIS "summary" and are prepared to intelligently respond to my concerns.

Regards,

Anthony Brancato
516 655-8564

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From: sandscomments <sandscomments@nassaucountyny.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2024 8:45 AM
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Subject: Fw: No Sands Casino - A Casino is Tragic Lack of Imagination

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To our Elected Officials,
The creation of a Casino complex on the 80+ acres of land in the heart of Nassau County is a bad idea. Weighing the pros and cons of the project indicates that more cons are present than pros. Some environmental issues can only be mitigated temporarily and others not at all.

1. **Inadequate Roadways** exist currently. Building additional lanes on the Meadowbrook Parkway will only move the choke points to the Northern and Southern State Parkways. This solves nothing. So, millions spent on something that doesn't eliminate the congestion problem. The increase in automobiles is the problem, not that there aren't enough lanes on the Meadowbrook. These transient drivers will spill out onto the side streets of Nassau and that can't be solved by road expansion.

2. **Water** has been an issue on Long Island before this project. The contamination has caused problems at every pumping station. One of my towns (Merrick) wells is contaminated with 1,4 dimethyldioxane over the the allowable limit. They are constructing a filtration system but the years roll by without completion. There is sea water infiltration and toxic plume migration due to over extraction from our aquifer. Building a new well for the casino will not fix these and other aquifer issues, it only makes them worse.

3. The region has a fixed amount of **Electrical generation**. Based on the Sands grand plan the amount of electrical consumption will be similar to that a small city. This will cause a strain on transmission lines and require upgrades to the infrastructure to address capacity. These are problems that already exist without the casino. The need to upgrade this will cause every rate payer to pay more for electrical power.

4. **Garbage and Air Pollution** will increase. Such a large increase in auto traffic will have a profound change to our
air quality throughout Nassau. As for garbage, people are generally not a respectful bunch and trash generated outside
the casino will proliferate and will require additional municipal equipment and work force to remove it.

The Environmental concerns aren't even the largest issue with the casino. A large casino complex will transform the
area around it to the detriment of the homes and the education institutions near it. Light & Noise pollution,
24/7 crowds of transient gamblers looking for a party, and large increases in all petty and major crimes.
The casino doesn't fit into the over half a century expressed ethos of the residents or past/present politicians
to maintain the suburban character of Nassau County. It is in direct contradiction of those beliefs. This is borne
out by the negative reaction to the recent NYS proposed creation of high density housing in commercial/rail properties.
In some bizarre logic, those opposed to high density residential apartments seem to believe that creating buildings able
to accommodate thousands of transient visitors is perfectly alright.

I could continue with cons but I would be surprised if anyone read this far. This a mistake that can't be reversed once it is taken.
I'm against using Centrally Located Prime Nassau County property to be used for such a irredeemable business.
It caters to the worst of human nature. Placing it in the backyards of family homes and educational institutions is a callous pursuit for money. Some believe that the revenue generated will exceed the negative
financial, social and emotional costs to our County and they would be wrong.

Why put so much effort into a socially negative business model? The property should be used to create institutions of learning,
medical research, and science based business incubators that might be as financially profitable but require more imagination.
These types of facilities would be worth the sacrifices to address water, sewerage, electric, traffic, and pollution mitigation.
This would be the highest and best use of the property that could provide better futures. It is tragic to believe that a gambling
casino is the aspiration of our elected officials and citizenry of Nassau County, as well as short sighted.
Sincerely, Daniel Hamilton Merrick, NY

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Yes, Nassau County wants progress. And I get why residents are anxious for something fresh at the hub…and why people need jobs…and I'm beginning to understand why the highly incentivized labor unions (in both Nassau and Suffolk) are pushing so hard for this project. But a casino is *not* the answer.

I can hear the sound bite now, "Don't buy a home over there. It's a nightmare since the casino."

Our elected officials should endorse safe projects that serve their constituents. And it is also their role to keep people abreast of impactful changes under consideration.

Local government failed to get the word out effectively on this. Where was the effort? I get repeated email alerts about adopting pets from a shelter and reducing the roar of planes overhead, but nothing about a Sands in Nassau County?! The casino's gain would be Long Island's pain, yet most people I ask are ignorant to what has transpired.

Leaders should not rely on Newsday or the skimpy announcements buried on your website. That's not enough. It is your obligation to educate constituents. Contact them *directly* via email, print mailers, and town halls.

I challenge you to do better. Reject the DEIS and say NO to LVS. Don't let a casino suck the life from Nassau County.

Thanks for yours consideration,
Teri Daniels, Brookville
Former Merrick resident for 30 years

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Yes, Nassau County wants progress. And I get why residents are anxious for something fresh at the hub…and why people need jobs…and I'm beginning to understand why the highly incentivized labor unions (in both Nassau and Suffolk) are pushing so hard for this project. But a casino is *not* the answer.

I can hear the sound bite now, "Don't buy a home over there. It's a nightmare since the casino."

Our elected officials should endorse safe projects that serve their constituents. And it is also their role to keep people abreast of impactful changes under consideration.

Local government failed to get the word out effectively on this. Where was the effort? I get repeated email alerts about adopting pets from a shelter and reducing the roar of planes overhead, but nothing about a Sands in Nassau County?! The casino's gain would be Long Island's pain, yet most people I ask are ignorant to what has transpired.

Leaders should not rely on Newsday or the skimpy announcements buried on your website. That's not enough. It is your obligation to educate constituents. Contact them *directly* via email, print mailers, and town halls.

I challenge you to do better. Reject the DEIS and say NO to LVS. Don't let a casino suck the life from Nassau County.

Thanks for yours consideration,
Teri Daniels, Brookville
Former Merrick resident for 30 years

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From: sandscomments <sandscomments@nassaucountyny.gov>
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Please save the Hempstead Plains. We have enough development on Long Island. This area is critical to the well being of our beautiful, diverse wildlife. We don’t need a casino. Do the right thing for those without a voice.
Meryl Greenbaum

Sent from my iPhone

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From: sandscomments <sandscomments@nassaucountyny.gov>
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Subject: Fw: Deadline extended to Jan 21 for public comments on Sands Casino

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The proposal by Las Vegas Sands to develop a casino complex at the Nassau Coliseum site in Uniondale, Long Island, has sparked significant debate, with concerns spanning environmental, economic, social, and housing-related issues.

Environmental Concerns:

- **Water Consumption:** The proposed resort is projected to consume over 760,000 gallons of water daily, equating to approximately 5.3 million gallons per week. This increase would elevate Uniondale's water usage by 11%, potentially straining the already limited aquifer system and impacting local water resources.

  Long Island Press

- **Carbon Emissions:** The development is expected to emit around 100,000 tons of CO_2 annually, contributing to air pollution in nearby areas such as Hempstead and Uniondale. This escalation in emissions could exacerbate respiratory health issues among residents and counteract regional environmental sustainability efforts.

  Long Island Herald

- **Traffic Congestion:** Plans to expand the Meadowbrook Parkway to accommodate increased traffic may lead to permanent alterations in the county's suburban character and further exacerbate congestion. Such infrastructure changes could disrupt local ecosystems and diminish residents' quality of life.

Long Island Herald

Economic and Social Concerns:

- **Gambling Addiction and Social Issues:** Opponents argue that introducing a casino could lead to higher rates of gambling addiction, drug use, and associated social problems, particularly affecting communities that may lack adequate resources to address these challenges.

  Casino.org

- **Community Opposition:** Groups like the Say No to the Casino Civic Association have been vocal in their opposition, citing potential harm to the community and environment. They express concerns that extensive infrastructure changes needed for the casino would permanently alter the landscape and exacerbate traffic congestion.

  Long Island Herald

Impact on Housing Prices:

- **Property Value Decline:** Research indicates that proximity to casinos can negatively impact property values. Homes very close to a casino may experience a decrease in value by 10 to 12 percent. Even properties located several miles away could be adversely affected, potentially leading to a ripple effect on housing prices in surrounding areas.

  Long Island Herald

Conclusion:
While the Sands casino proposal includes plans for significant investments in infrastructure and aims to boost the local economy, the potential environmental degradation, social challenges, and negative impact on property values present substantial concerns. These issues warrant thorough consideration by stakeholders and the community to assess whether the proposed benefits outweigh the potential detriments.

Deleterious Effects on the Village of Garden City:
The Village of Garden City, a nearby affluent and historic community, stands to experience significant adverse impacts from the proposed Sands Casino complex. These concerns extend across environmental, economic, and social dimensions:

Environmental Impact:

- **Traffic Overflow:** Garden City, known for its quiet, tree-lined streets and residential character, may see a surge in traffic as visitors navigate through or around the village to access the casino. This could lead to increased noise, air pollution, and disruption to the community's suburban atmosphere.
- **Light and Noise Pollution:** Casino operations often involve bright, continuous lighting and increased noise from 24/7 activities. This could disrupt the quality of life in Garden City, particularly for residents near the Nassau Coliseum site.

Economic and Social Concerns:

- **Strain on Local Resources:** Garden City's infrastructure, including roads, law enforcement, and emergency services, may face additional burdens due to the increased population density and potential rise in crime associated with casino operations. This strain could divert resources away from the village's own needs.
- **Reputational Risk:** As a village with a reputation for exclusivity and historic charm, the proximity to a large casino complex may deter future residential and business investments, altering the character of the area.

Impact on Housing Market:

- **Property Value Decline:** Proximity to a casino could diminish property values in Garden City, a community where homes often fetch premium prices due to the desirable location, strong school system, and historical appeal. A perceived increase in crime or traffic issues could further discourage potential buyers.
- **Market Instability:** Even if some commercial real estate ventures see temporary benefits from increased visitors, the overall impact on residential housing prices could destabilize the local housing market.

Community and Cultural Effects:

- **Loss of Heritage Appeal:** The development of a large casino complex so close to Garden City risks undermining the village's carefully maintained aesthetic and cultural identity, which is integral to its appeal as a residential and tourist destination.
- **Social Disparity:** The potential rise in gambling addiction and other social challenges could spill over into Garden City, creating a stark contrast between its traditionally stable environment and the challenges posed by the casino's clientele and activities.

Conclusion for Garden City:

For Garden City, the proximity to the proposed Sands Casino presents a host of risks that could erode the village's unique identity, diminish property values, and strain its infrastructure. These potential impacts reinforce broader concerns about the casino's suitability for the Nassau Coliseum site and highlight the need for thorough community engagement and impact analysis before proceeding with the development.5164558286

On Mon, Dec 23, 2024 at 7:11 AM June Michalak <michalakjune@gmail.com> wrote:

> Thank you, Rich! I can share the example letter and deadline info via EPOA email blast/social in January as well.
>
> As always, thanks Leo!
>
> Talk soon!

On Dec 22, 2024, at 7:29 PM, Rich Catalano <racatalano@gmail.com> wrote:

Thanks Leo and Ed,

Newsday has done a poor job overall educating residents about the proposed casino. The only article on the December 9th hearing incorrectly stated that January 6th was the deadline. The writer was notified of the extension but did not make the change. We are attempting to get a meeting with the Newsday editorial board.

The Say NO group plans to get the word out after the holidays about the January 21st deadline when we have people's attention. We plan to distribute an example letter that residents can customize for the issues most important to them and encourage them to email the main address plus other key elected officials. Below is a first draft of that letter.

With respect to gambling addiction, it is becoming clear that online gambling is leading to more addiction - see this recent article

https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2024/dec/22/congress-gambling-addiction-sports-betting

Hopefully the growing awareness of this problem will give our Legislators even more reason to say NO.

Email TO:

sandscomments@nassaucountyny.gov

Dear Nassau County Legislators:

I live in [YOUR TOWN] and I am opposed to the proposed casino. The Draft Environmental Impact Study clearly demonstrated that the overwhelmingly negative environmental, societal, economic and financial impacts are impossible to mitigate. The destructive drain on our environment, our local economy, and our social fabric is too great a cost for our community to bear.

1) **Traffic** - The casino will average 10 million annual visitors or approx. 27,000 per day. Along with the estimated 5,000 employees and the lack of mass transportation, this enormous increase in traffic volume will negatively impact residents throughout Nassau County. The number of casino visitors will peak during evening hours and weekends and most of them will arrive by car and by bus. The resulting traffic and air pollution levels cannot be mitigated.

The only reason why LVS is proposing to expand the Meadowbrook Parkway and other surrounding highways and intersections is because the 10 million visitors they expect per year will otherwise overwhelm our already inadequate traffic infrastructure. After years of inconvenience during road construction, traffic will remain just as bad if not worse. Our congested roads are simply not designed to handle an additional 20,000-30,000 vehicles per day.

2) **Pollution** - Imposing more traffic induced pollution on this community with high asthma rates would be a social injustice. Several minority communities surrounding the Nassau HUB have been designated by the NYS DEC as already overburdened from the impacts of air pollution and climate change. Asthma rates are sky high - we can't stand by and let this happen to our underserved communities.

Even with minimal 'mitigation.' LVS expects to dump 120,000 tons of CO2 into our air each year, after 'mitigating' from 137,000 tons. At this enormous scale, it would take more than 5 million new trees to remove the dangerous pollutant.

3) **Water** - Our sole source aquifer is contaminated, and our supply of water is limited. We do not have 750,000+ gallons per day for a casino. In addition, we cannot risk spreading plumes of contaminants in our aquifer through excessive pumping. Our aquifers are already under significant stress from drought, over-pumping, saltwater intrusion, and pollution.

5) **Economics** - The socioeconomic analysis in the DEIS is completely lacking and grossly biased. The study a) did not analyze the impact on our local restaurants and business from the diversion of $2 billion into gambling losses and the resultant losses in local employment; b) the study did not analyze the lost sales tax revenue from this diversion; c) the study did not analyze the potential economic loss to homeowners near the casino from lower home values; d) the study did not analyze the economic losses to Hofstra University and other local businesses. The study also did not summarize all the increased social costs to our County, Town and local villages due to increase in traffic, crime and gambling addictions. If the County was to perform a comprehensive economic analysis, it would be clear that the casino's harmful impacts heavily outweigh any potential benefits.

6) **Gambling Addiction** - We have a growing gambling addiction problem in our country due to existing casinos, lotteries and most recently, the explosion of online sports betting. Many are comparing this problem to the opioid crisis where for years the problem was ignored by our elected officials and only addressed after hundreds of thousands of innocent lives were lost.

Sands executives make the absurd claim that because we have an explosion of online gambling, no one should object to a massive casino. Common sense tells you that placing a massive casino in the heart of our community will no doubt serve to make our gambling addiction problem even worse.

Sands has provided no substantial evidence that any of its mitigation practices are effective, they are just words on paper with no supporting studies to demonstrate that any of Sands' methods have ever been successful. Problem gamblers make up a large portion of the gambling losses, some studies suggest up to 50%, casinos make most of their profits from problem gamblers. You simply cannot allow a massive casino to be built that will raise taxes by exploiting those County residents with gambling addictions and by making even more County residents addicted.

7) **Drunk and Impair Drivers** - Placing a massive casino in the heart of a congested suburb, next to two colleges and a Catholic high school will inevitably lead to more lives lost to drunk and impaired driving. It will likely be deemed gross negligence by the courts and would open the County and to its Legislators personally to endless litigation each and every time a life is lost in a traffic accident caused by one of the 10 million annual casino visitors.

8) **Hempstead Plains** - The casino project as proposed will put the survival of adjacent last remains of the historic Hempstead Plans in grave risk.

9) **Better Alternatives to a Casino** - NYU Langone wants to build a $3 billion hospital and healthcare center on Nassau Community College land. Approving a massive casino that will consume so many resources (water and electricity) and impose so much traffic in the heart of our County, will no doubt put this proposal in serious jeopardy of ever getting approved. This is a project that will save thousands of Nassau County lives, not destroy thousands of lives as the proposed casino will do.

I urge you to protect our County's future and your legacy by voting to stop this ill-conceived project, and to take a leadership role in bringing development to the Nassau Hub that you and county residents can truly be proud of.

Sincerely, [YOUR NAME AND TOWN]

On the CC line, copy and paste the following email addresses:

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On Sun, Dec 22, 2024 at 7:03 PM Edward T. Finneran <etfinneran@gmail.com> wrote:

> Hey folks...the deadline for written comments was clearly extended to Jan. 21st at the hearing. It was noted orally by Leg. McKevitt from the dais after several of us from GC requested same during our presentations/statements...thanks, EdFinneran

On Dec 22, 2024, at 6:06 PM, john mcfeely <johnrmcf@gmail.com> wrote:

I agree with you Leo about what Kopel said and about the newspapers. I have not seen anything.
Roger

On Sun, Dec 22, 2024 at 5:37 PM Leo Stimmler <leostimmler@gmail.com> wrote:

> Have you come across a notice in any newspaper that the deadline to submit comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS) on the Sands Casino has been extended from January 6th to January 21st?
>
> I have been asking friends, relatives and neighbors to please submit comments but they tell me that they haven't seen anything about the extension in Newsday. I'm told the LIHerald just published an article saying the deadline for comments is January 6th.
>
> I'm sure I heard Howard Kopel, Presiding Officer of the Nassau County Legislature, say at the December 9th public hearing that comments were extended to January 21st and to submit them to mpulitzer@nassaucountyny.gov
>
> Maybe I missed the deadline extension in Newsday but if, in fact, they haven't mentioned the extension it makes me begin to wonder if newspapers are rooting for the Sands Casino.

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From: sandscomments <sandscomments@nassaucountyny.gov>
Sent: Saturday, December 28, 2024 8:42 PM
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Subject: Fw: Draft EIS and Sands Casino

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My apology – I just realized I failed to sign the email or identify myself below.

Donald Nedbalsky
Massapequa Park, NY 11762

I do volunteer with several Long Island environmental groups but I comment as a private resident of Nassau for over six decades.

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The property surrounding the brook may be less protected or monitored than Twin Lakes or the Massapequa Preserve which are declared preserves owned by Nasau County but it is a protected wetland none the less. The Sands, the County, and the State need to assure the public via some proactive plan that the current situation caused by the County operating the property at the headwaters today will be corrected and for the next 42 years the Sands will invest in similar improvement.

An entity should be monitoring the situation in this watershed, preventing dumping, controlling run-off, installing liter traps, etc. as is happening along much of the south shore creeks to the east. I attached a few photos from my visit and linked the news 12 story.

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I'm writing to express my opposition to the Sands Casino project at the Nassau Coliseum, particularly in light of the recently released DEIS. After seeing the document, it's clear to me that it is both lacking in critical details and biased in its assessment of the project's impact.

The DEIS fails to fully address the long-term consequences this casino would have on our community and environment. For instance, it downplays the potential traffic problems and does not adequately consider the damage this development could cause to the Hempstead Plains, a valuable local ecosystem. Additionally, the report seems to minimize how much this project could change the character of our community, an effect that could be irreversible.

Given these shortcomings, I strongly urge you to reconsider supporting this project. The DEIS does not paint an accurate picture of the risks, and I believe it is vital to prioritize the well-being of local residents over a harmful development.

Thank you.

Cheryl Orlowski
194 Earl Pl. W.
East Meadow, NY 11554

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Sent: Saturday, December 28, 2024 8:43 PM
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As a long time resident of Nassau County and a civic leader in Uniondale I found the DEIS report to be dismissive, disingenuous and racially insensitive. The DEIS report states as follows, “asthma is a chronic disease and people live with asthma everyday and traffic-related emissions contribute to some of the criteria pollutants that may exacerbate asthma”; whereas the NYS DEC report (Air and Traffic Study 2022-2023) states that traffic congestion and traffic gridlock are the primary reasons for high air pollution levels and high asthma rates in Nassau County’s disadvantaged communities; Uniondale, the host community being one of the five identified disadvantaged communities in Nassau County. New York State references that asthma rates over 29.1 for youth is of high concern; Nassau County’s asthma rate for youth is 20, Hempstead Village asthma rate is 69.1, Uniondale’s asthma rate is 36.4, Roosevelt’s asthma rate is 59.5 and Freeport’s asthma rate is 37.7. Due to the close proximity of these disadvantaged communities to heavily trafficked roadways (Hempstead Turnpike, Meadowbrook Parkway, Northern State Parkway and Oak Street) asthma rates among residents in disadvantaged communities are rated as “of high concern “by New York State. There was nothing substantial in the DEIS report that would prove to mitigate vehicle emissions and lower asthma rates in disadvantaged communities; vehicle emissions and asthma rates would increase significantly as operating hours for a casino are 24hrs, seven days a week which would increase vehicle traffic by 30,000 plus vehicles per day. The DEIS report goes on to imply that “asthma is influenced by a combination of genetic, environmental, and lifestyle factors as well as socioeconomic status and access to healthcare can influence the prevalence and severity of asthma thus complicating the assessment of the direct impact of air pollution.” The NYS DEC’s Air and Traffic Study scientifically verified that the primary cause of high asthma rates in Nassau County’s disadvantaged communities are a direct result of traffic

congestion and gridlock. Another mitigation strategy in the DEIS report suggested, “designing truck travel routes that avoid, or minimize impact to Disadvantaged Communities; what a great idea let’s spread the pollution throughout our neighboring communities, shameful! In addition to increased traffic volumes, increased vehicle emissions and increased asthma rates, a casino project the size of seven football would create additional environmental issues for disadvantaged communities in close proximity to the casino venue, i.e., light pollution and noise pollution. The NYS Climate Act 2019 references a primary goal to reduce carbon emissions; how would adding 30,000 plus vehicles per day on Nassau County’s already congested roadways reduce carbon emissions? The New York State Climate Act 2019 states that disadvantaged communities cannot be further damaged; it is certain that a project of this magnitude would further deteriorate the already fragile environments of disadvantaged communities, resulting in increased asthma rates and further infringement on resident’s quality of life. Our Legislators were elected to make Good Choices for Nassau County residents; choices that would improve the county’s environment and improve the health and quality of life for All residents. Previously several Legislators adamantly opposed casino projects here in Nassau County, what changed your mindset this time? Perhaps our Legislators can ask Sands if they would be willing to include a medical facility in the project's plans that specializes in respiratory illnesses to cover the cost for the increased number of asthma cases within disadvantaged communities that would result from 30,0000 more vehicles per day.

Say No To Environmental Racism!

Say No To The Casino!

Pearl Jacobs

President

Nostrand Gardens Civic Association

Uniondale

Say No To The Casino Member

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I am writing to express my support for the proposed Sands Integrated Resort project in Nassau County, recognizing its potential to stimulate economic growth and create employment opportunities. However, I have concerns regarding the project's environmental and infrastructural impacts, particularly in terms of increased vehicle miles traveled (VMT), energy consumption, and the need for sustainable transportation solutions. I urge the incorporation of additional mitigation measures to address these issues effectively.

Increased Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and Traffic Implications

While the DEIS notes that peak-hour traffic volumes may decrease compared to previous events at the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, the resort's daily operations are expected to significantly increase annual VMT. This rise is attributed to:

- Daily Operations: Continuous influx of visitors and employees, leading to higher traffic volumes year-round.
- Regional Attraction: The resort's appeal to visitors from distant areas, resulting in longer travel distances.
- Transportation Preferences: Potential preference for personal vehicle use over public transportation, exacerbating traffic congestion and environmental impacts.

To mitigate these effects, I recommend:

1. Exploring Light Rail Integration: Investigate the feasibility of utilizing existing rail infrastructure, such as the Garden City–Mitchel Field Secondary line, to establish a light rail connection directly to the resort. This would provide a sustainable alternative to personal vehicle use, reducing traffic congestion and emissions.
2.

Enhancing Public Transit Services: Expand shuttle services to nearby Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) stations and collaborate with local transit authorities to improve bus services, encouraging the use of public transportation among visitors and employees.
3.
Funding Roadway Wear and Tear: Given the anticipated traffic increase, the County should secure funding from the developers to maintain and improve local infrastructure impacted by resort-related traffic.

Energy Consumption and Sustainability Concerns

The resort's substantial energy requirements, estimated at 47 MVA, necessitate the construction of new or expanded substations. This demand is particularly concerning given the projected increase in energy consumption due to artificial intelligence (AI) operations. According to McKinsey & Company, data center electricity consumption in the U.S. is expected to reach 606 terawatt-hours by 2030, accounting for 11.7% of total U.S. power demand. This underscores the need for robust energy efficiency measures.

To address these concerns, I propose:
1.
Maximizing On-Site Renewable Energy Generation: Expand the installation of photovoltaic panels and explore other renewable energy sources to reduce reliance on external power supplies.
2.
Implementing Energy Storage Solutions: Incorporate battery storage systems to manage peak loads, enhance energy resilience, and support renewable energy integration.
3.
Adopting Advanced Energy Management Technologies: Utilize smart grids and energy-efficient building designs to optimize energy usage and minimize waste.
4.
Net-Zero Energy Goals: The resort should aim for net-zero energy usage by incorporating advanced building systems, LED lighting, and sustainable energy practices. By targeting net-zero energy, the project can lead by example in adopting forward-thinking sustainability strategies.

Infrastructure Funding and Maintenance

The anticipated increase in traffic will likely accelerate roadway wear and tear. It is essential to:
•
Secure Developer Contributions: Ensure that the project developers contribute to the maintenance and enhancement of local infrastructure affected by increased usage.
•
Establish Monitoring Mechanisms: Implement systems to regularly assess infrastructure conditions and address issues promptly.

Conclusion

While the Sands Integrated Resort project holds promise for economic development, it is crucial to implement comprehensive mitigation strategies to address environmental and infrastructural challenges. By exploring sustainable transportation options, enhancing energy efficiency, aiming for net-zero energy goals, and ensuring infrastructure resilience, the project can achieve a balance between growth and environmental stewardship.

Thank you for considering these recommendations. I look forward to the successful and sustainable development of this project.

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The proposal by Las Vegas Sands to develop a casino complex at the Nassau Coliseum site in Uniondale, Long Island, has sparked significant debate, with concerns spanning environmental, economic, social, and housing-related issues.

Environmental Concerns:

- Water Consumption: The proposed resort is projected to consume over 760,000 gallons of water daily, equating to approximately 5.3 million gallons per week. This increase would elevate Uniondale's water usage by 11%, potentially straining the already limited aquifer system and impacting local water resources.

  Long Island Press

- Carbon Emissions: The development is expected to emit around 100,000 tons of CO_2 annually, contributing to air pollution in nearby areas such as Hempstead and Uniondale. This escalation in emissions could exacerbate respiratory health issues among residents and counteract regional environmental sustainability efforts.

  Long Island Herald

- Traffic Congestion: Plans to expand the Meadowbrook Parkway to accommodate increased traffic may lead to permanent alterations in the county's suburban character and further exacerbate congestion. Such infrastructure changes could disrupt local ecosystems and diminish residents' quality of life.

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Economic and Social Concerns:

- Gambling Addiction and Social Issues: Opponents argue that introducing a casino could lead to higher rates of gambling addiction, drug use, and associated social problems,

particularly affecting communities that may lack adequate resources to address these challenges.

Casino.org

- Community Opposition: Groups like the Say No to the Casino Civic Association have been vocal in their opposition, citing potential harm to the community and environment. They express concerns that extensive infrastructure changes needed for the casino would permanently alter the landscape and exacerbate traffic congestion.

  Long Island Herald

Impact on Housing Prices:

- Property Value Decline: Research indicates that proximity to casinos can negatively impact property values. Homes very close to a casino may experience a decrease in value by 10 to 12 percent. Even properties located several miles away could be adversely affected, potentially leading to a ripple effect on housing prices in surrounding areas.

  Long Island Herald

Conclusion:
While the Sands casino proposal includes plans for significant investments in infrastructure and aims to boost the local economy, the potential environmental degradation, social challenges, and negative impact on property values present substantial concerns. These issues warrant thorough consideration by stakeholders and the community to assess whether the proposed benefits outweigh the potential detriments.
Deleterious Effects on the Village of Garden City:
The Village of Garden City, a nearby affluent and historic community, stands to experience significant adverse impacts from the proposed Sands Casino complex. These concerns extend across environmental, economic, and social dimensions:

Environmental Impact:

- Traffic Overflow: Garden City, known for its quiet, tree-lined streets and residential character, may see a surge in traffic as visitors navigate through or around the village to access the casino. This could lead to increased noise, air pollution, and disruption to the community's suburban atmosphere.
- Light and Noise Pollution: Casino operations often involve bright, continuous lighting and increased noise from 24/7 activities. This could disrupt the quality of life in Garden City, particularly for residents near the Nassau Coliseum site.

Economic and Social Concerns:

- Strain on Local Resources: Garden City's infrastructure, including roads, law enforcement, and emergency services, may face additional burdens due to the increased

population density and potential rise in crime associated with casino operations. This strain could divert resources away from the village's own needs.
- **Reputational Risk:** As a village with a reputation for exclusivity and historic charm, the proximity to a large casino complex may deter future residential and business investments, altering the character of the area.

Impact on Housing Market:

- **Property Value Decline:** Proximity to a casino could diminish property values in Garden City, a community where homes often fetch premium prices due to the desirable location, strong school system, and historical appeal. A perceived increase in crime or traffic issues could further discourage potential buyers.
- **Market Instability:** Even if some commercial real estate ventures see temporary benefits from increased visitors, the overall impact on residential housing prices could destabilize the local housing market.

Community and Cultural Effects:

- **Loss of Heritage Appeal:** The development of a large casino complex so close to Garden City risks undermining the village's carefully maintained aesthetic and cultural identity, which is integral to its appeal as a residential and tourist destination.
- **Social Disparity:** The potential rise in gambling addiction and other social challenges could spill over into Garden City, creating a stark contrast between its traditionally stable environment and the challenges posed by the casino's clientele and activities.

Conclusion for Garden City:

For Garden City, the proximity to the proposed Sands Casino presents a host of risks that could erode the village's unique identity, diminish property values, and strain its infrastructure. These potential impacts reinforce broader concerns about the casino's suitability for the Nassau Coliseum site and highlight the need for thorough community engagement and impact analysis before proceeding with the development.

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1. **High Event Turnout**: The arena's capacity of about 17,250 for hockey and more for concerts brought a large influx of vehicles to the area during events.
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4. **Event Timing**: Events often coincided with rush hour or other high-traffic times, compounding congestion.

Predictions for Sands Casino in Uniondale

The Sands Casino project in Uniondale would likely face similar, if not greater, traffic challenges due to:

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2. **Proximity to Key Roadways**: The casino's location near the Meadowbrook Parkway and Old Country Road, already busy areas, could exacerbate congestion.
3. **Increased Development**: Additional commercial activity around the casino might draw even more traffic to the area.
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We've been to events at UBS arena in Elmont and the traffic there on not only the Cross Island Pkway but, more importantly, the local roads around the arena, is a good (albeit less serious) model for the serious problems that will occur if the Sands project goes forward.
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The UBS arena experience proves that traffic cannot be mitigated and Nassau County cannot handle 27,000 (up to 55,000 estimated for peak demand days!) visitors per day to the hub. In addition, there is an element of consumer choice in transportation. Given the choice, most car owners would choose to drive to the casino if it is in a suburban area like the Hub.

It should be noted that in addition to the 'regular' volume of traffic, there will be even greater volumes of traffic whenever there is

A special concert within the facility
A scheduled show performance i.e. like Cirque Soleil
Any special promotion i.e. similar to being run by Jakes 58
All holiday, Fridays, and Saturday nights

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The proposed Sands Casino in Uniondale has sparked debate about its potential impact on the local community, particularly in relation to educational, cultural, and healthcare institutions. While casinos can bring economic benefits such as increased tax revenue and tourism, they may also "crowd out" other developments by shifting focus, funding, and resources away from community-serving institutions. Below is an analysis of the context, including key institutions and potential implications:

Existing Institutions Near Uniondale

Healthcare

- **Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center**: Provides cutting-edge cancer care and research.
- **Northwell Health**: Operates multiple facilities in the area.
- **Mount Sinai South Nassau**: Another major healthcare provider.
- **Nassau University Medical Center**: A critical provider of emergency and specialty care.

Educational

- **Hofstra University**: A major private university offering diverse programs, including a medical school in partnership with Northwell Health.
- **Nassau Community College**: A large community college providing affordable higher education.

Cultural

- **Long Island Children's Museum**: A key cultural and educational resource for families.
- **Cradle of Aviation Museum**: Celebrates the region’s rich aerospace history.
- **Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum**: A venue for sports, concerts, and events.

Arguments Against the Casino Development

1. **Competition for Resources**:
    - Large-scale developments like a casino can consume land and funding that could otherwise support expansion or enhancement of healthcare, education, or cultural institutions.
2. **Employment Quality**:
    - Educational and healthcare institutions often provide higher-paying, stable jobs (e.g., educators, healthcare professionals) with strong benefits, contributing more to the local economy than many casino jobs.
3. **Community Impact**:
    - Casinos can increase traffic congestion and strain infrastructure, potentially making the area less appealing for other developments.
4. **Social Costs**:
    - Gambling-related issues, such as addiction, may impose indirect costs on local healthcare systems and social services.

Arguments For the Casino Development

1. **Economic Boost**:
    - Casinos can generate significant tax revenue for local governments, which could be reinvested in community services.
2. **Job Creation**:
    - While casino jobs may not pay as much as positions in healthcare or education, they can provide employment for individuals with varying levels of education and experience.
3. **Tourism and Entertainment**:
    - The casino could attract visitors who might also patronize local cultural institutions.

Considerations

- **Land Use**: The site of the proposed casino is near major institutions, and the land could potentially be used for educational, healthcare, or cultural expansion.
- **Synergy or Competition**: While casinos can coexist with cultural attractions, their presence might shift the focus of development from community-serving to commercial enterprises.
- **Impact on Employment**: The quality and sustainability of jobs provided by the casino compared to those in education, healthcare, and culture is a significant consideration.

A deeper dive into the potential impact of the Sands Casino in Uniondale will include a detailed analysis of the economic, social, and community effects on healthcare, educational, and cultural institutions. Below is an expanded exploration of each topic.

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1. Healthcare Institutions: Potential Impact

Key Institutions in the Area

- **Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center: Renowned for oncology research and treatment.**
- **Northwell Health: The state's largest healthcare provider, offering a network of hospitals and outpatient facilities.**
- **Nassau University Medical Center: A public hospital providing emergency and specialty care.**
- **Mount Sinai South Nassau: Serves as a major healthcare provider for the region.**

Contributions of Healthcare Institutions

- **Employment: These institutions offer high-paying jobs across a wide range of specialties, from doctors and nurses to administrative staff.**
- **Economic Multiplier Effect: Healthcare institutions often partner with local businesses (e.g., medical suppliers, food services), generating indirect economic benefits.**
- **Social Impact: Increased access to medical care improves community well-being and attracts residents who value robust healthcare services.**

Casino Impact on Healthcare

- **Infrastructure Strain: Increased traffic and population density may place additional pressure on emergency services.**
- **Health Risks: Gambling addiction and its associated issues (e.g., financial stress, mental health crises) could increase the demand for behavioral health services.**
- **Displacement: If healthcare expansion is needed in the future, the casino's presence may limit available land or funding.**

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2. Educational Institutions: Potential Impact

Key Institutions in the Area

- **Hofstra University: A private university with a strong reputation for liberal arts, business, and law programs, as well as a medical school.**
- **Nassau Community College: A critical provider of affordable higher education and workforce training in the region.**
- **Uniondale Public Schools: Local schools that could be indirectly affected by increased traffic, population shifts, or funding changes.**

Contributions of Educational Institutions

- **Workforce Development: Colleges prepare students for high-paying, stable careers, often in healthcare, technology, and education itself.**

- **Employment: These institutions employ faculty, staff, and administrators in well-compensated positions with long-term career trajectories.**
- **Cultural Enrichment: Universities and colleges contribute to the intellectual and cultural vibrancy of the area through events, public lectures, and partnerships.**

Casino Impact on Education

- **Shift in Workforce Priorities: A casino may create jobs that do not require higher education, potentially discouraging enrollment in local colleges.**
- **Competition for Public Funds: Tax revenue generated by the casino might be allocated to infrastructure or social programs rather than to schools and colleges.**
- **Traffic and Noise: Increased congestion could negatively affect students and faculty commuting to educational institutions.**

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3. Cultural Institutions: Potential Impact

Key Institutions in the Area

- **Long Island Children's Museum: An interactive space promoting STEM and creative learning for children.**
- **Cradle of Aviation Museum: Focuses on Long Island's rich history in aviation and space exploration.**
- **Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum: Hosts concerts, sporting events, and other cultural activities.**

Contributions of Cultural Institutions

- **Tourism and Education: Museums and cultural centers attract visitors while educating the community on science, history, and the arts.**
- **Community Engagement: These institutions often collaborate with schools, libraries, and local organizations to offer programs for residents.**
- **Economic Impact: Events and exhibitions stimulate the local economy by drawing tourists who also visit restaurants, hotels, and shops.**

Casino Impact on Culture

- **Tourism Synergy: While the casino may attract visitors, these guests might prioritize gambling over visiting museums or attending local cultural events.**
- **Funding Challenges: The casino's development could divert private investment or philanthropic contributions away from cultural organizations.**
- **Land Use: The casino's footprint might preclude future cultural expansions or developments in the area.**

Economic and Social Comparisons

Job Quality

- **Healthcare and Education: Provide stable, high-paying jobs with benefits. Positions such as physicians, nurses, educators, and researchers offer long-term career growth.**
- **Casino Employment: Often includes lower-paying positions (e.g., dealers, servers, housekeeping) with limited upward mobility.**

Economic Contribution

- **Healthcare and Education: Generate significant economic value through high salaries, research grants, and community investments.**
- **Casinos: Provide direct tax revenue but often have a lower long-term economic multiplier effect compared to institutions focused on healthcare or education.**

Social Impact

- **Healthcare and Education: Enhance community quality of life by improving health outcomes and increasing educational attainment.**
- **Casinos: Can bring social challenges such as gambling addiction, increased crime rates, and financial insecurity for vulnerable populations.**

Conclusion and Recommendations

Given the existing strengths of healthcare, educational, and cultural institutions in Uniondale, these sectors appear to offer more sustainable and higher-quality contributions to the community than a casino. To assess the full impact of the proposed Sands Casino, the following steps are recommended:

1. **Community Impact Study: Conduct an independent analysis of the casino's potential effects on local institutions, employment, and infrastructure.**
2. **Public Consultation: Engage residents, community leaders, and stakeholders from healthcare, education, and cultural sectors to gather input.**
3. **Alternative Development Plans: Explore other development options for the site that align with the community's long-term goals.**
4. **Strategic Investments: Ensure that any tax revenue from the casino is earmarked for local healthcare, education, and cultural enhancements to mitigate negative effects**

Conclusion

The Sands Casino could bring certain economic benefits, but it also raises questions about long-term community priorities. Focusing on institutions that provide educational, cultural, and healthcare services might offer greater social and economic stability. A comprehensive impact study involving public input and detailed projections of economic, social, and environmental effects is essential to make an informed decision.
Would you like a deeper dive into any of these aspects or assistance drafting a community report or proposal?5164558286

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Happy New Year —

Please see attached DEIS comments and one attachment from Northwell Health on the impending behavioral health crisis. Please read it as a wake up call!!

Of note, I attended the DEIS legislative session, but I was not able to enter the chambers due to over-capacity (i.e. room was jammed with mostly union folks who may or may not live in Nassau County). Clear as day for all to see and hopefully something you will note as you think about “community support’ which does not exist in any form for this casino.

My concerns here focus on behavioral health issues and DUIs through surrounding communities. I hope you take these concerns seriously and seek third party perspectives as the current DEIS is wholly inadequate. Getting behavioral health and DUIs projections wrong could be catastrophic for our county.

1. **DEIS totally inadequate in addressing behavioral health tidal wave facing Nassau County from 10,000,000 gamblers / year – mostly coming from the County (local). Have any third party organizations / local hospitals / clinics been engaged besides FCA, which is receiving direct funds from Sands, to look at true risk and true cost of in-patient or out-patient treatment?**
    a. Placing the 2nd largest Casino in America near 40-50,000 college students in county with extremely high population density is totally unprecedented and presents unique risks – Nassau County should not allow itself to be a guinea pig – suggest multiple expert, independent outside sources (i.e. experts not taking money from Sands)
    b. Please see attached Northwell Health article – there is already severe risk in Nassau County -- bringing another 10,000,000 gamblers / year here will only exacerbate such risk.
    c. Per the attached from a Northwell Health expert, young adults, particularly young men between the ages of 18 and 24, are more likely to engage in "risky" gambling behavior; teens don't necessarily view gambling as an activity that can lead to problems. Further, nearly 40% of people with a gambling disorder will consider suicide. Proximity of the casino is particularly troubling -- it provides more access which is very likely to exacerbate risk. Nassau County should vet the behavioral health risk and capacity to deal with it from multiple third party sources. Relying on Dr. Reynolds is tantamount to the Marlborough man signing off on Surgeon General's labels for cigarettes.

2. **DEIS lacks details on "proactive" measures Sands intends to take regarding problem gambling.**
    a. I understand from public comments that Sands intends to take "proactive" measures to mitigate issues with problem gamblers at the casino. What are these proactive measures? As far as I know, the DEIS only mentions on-site staff and a 1-800 hotline to deal with problem gambling. Not helpful given the location of this casino and unique risk given our population density & proximity to kids.
    b. For example, will Sands have use cameras and AI to identify problem gamblers and escort them out?

3. **DEIS does not adequately address mitigants if Sands plans to provide free alcohol to gamblers or Nassau County to handle sky rocketing DUIs since there is no mass transformation to Casino**
    a. 10,000,000 gamblers per year coming & going at all hours if like having a Islanders playoff game at Nassau Coliseum every single day / night forever, but worth because Sands will hand out free alcohol.
    b. If DUIs sky rocket in Nassau County or, worse yet, someone gets on the newly expanded Meadowbrook Parkway drunk in the wrong direction – what then will Nassau County do to mitigate future issues with DUIs? Are there any "checks" in place so that Sands can pay the bill if, for example, DUIs go up 10-20%?
    c. Will Sands track and limit alcohol consumption for gamblers who appear intoxicated? If so, what metrics will be in place to measure the success of this program?
    d. What are plans with people clearly intoxicated who attempt to drive home?
    e. Will the Nassau Country police increased "drunk tank" capacity and who will pay for? Less than a $1MM / year from Sands for satellite police presence is probably in adequate by 10-20x
    f. DUI mitigation plans should make consideration for all the nearby schools, Museum Row where 250,000 kids / year visit and residential streets that will re-direct traffic via tools like "Waze"

4. **DEIS does not address what happens to benefits / payments to Nassau County and promises of environmental mitigants in the extremely likely scenario that Sands flips Casino in 5, 10 or 20 years? Does Nassau County have a right of first refusal on party that acquires the property to ensure they are a "good actor" and will fulfill obligations?**
   Based on recent history, Sands is a more Casino developer than a Casino operator in the US. Sands has not operated a U.S. casino since 2021. The DEIS makes no mention of the extremely likely scenario that Sands flips its Nassau Casino in 10 or 20 years. For example:
    a. Sands developed the Venetian in Las Vegas, NV (2000) and sold it to a private equity firm and a real estate development company in 2021. From Venetian construction to flip = 2000 to 2021 (21 years)
    b. Sands developed Sands Bethlehem, PA (2009) and sold it when they feared competition from regional casinos in 2019. From completion to flip = 2009 to 2019 (10 years)

   What protections does Nassau County have that, once Sands builds and then sells the 2nd largest Casino in North America, that the next owner will be a good partner for the county? DEIS should address extremely likely scenario that Sands flips and Nassau County is left high & dry with a depreciating, parasitic (on our local economy), eye sore (e.g. Sands Bethlehem, PA like "Wind Creek")

   Mike McKeever

The normalization of gambling is fueling addiction

September 9th, 2024

Heather Hugelmeyer, LCSW

Detailing the mental and financial burden of gambling addiction and how to keep the trend from getting worse

Let's not call gambling the "hidden addiction" anymore.

The medical, personal and financial wreckage of this condition is right in front of us as we watch the betting line scroll across the screen of sports broadcasts. Those of us who treat patients with problem gambling, as the condition is known, can feel it happening as our phones turn into portable casinos. We can hear it coming as we're told stories about teens amassing gambling debt.

It's a race against the clock to offer treatment for problem gambling as a **primary addiction (https://www.northwell.edu/behavioral-health/addiction-services)** in the U.S., because it has become prevalent, accessible and normalized. My colleagues and I are bracing for a public health challenge akin to the opioid epidemic.

We're seeing individuals face foreclosure and tremendous debt because they're using mortgage, rent and grocery money to place bets. They feel fearful and without hope as their relationships splinter — not only from financial wreckage, but from the accompanying conditions from which problem gamblers also often suffer: **anxiety (https://www.northwell.edu/behavioral-health/conditions/anxiety-disorders)**, depression, and **substance use disorders (https://www.northwell.edu/how-sbirt-helps-workers)**. Nearly 40% of people with a gambling disorder will consider suicide.

The demographics of the condition are startling, too. Young adults, particularly young men between the ages of 18 and 24, are more likely to engage in "risky" gambling behavior; teens don't necessarily view gambling as an activity that can lead to problems. Age, cultural background and socioeconomic status also may contribute to an increased likelihood of developing a gambling problem.

(https://www.northwell.edu/news/insights/i-know-addiction-counseling-i-lived-it)

I know addiction counseling, I lived it

How coping with addiction adds weight to the message of Kenneth Mayran, recovery advocate.

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Problem gambling is exploding nationally, to the tune of about **7 million U.S. adults (https://www.ncpgambling.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/GRIT-Act-Fact-Sheet.pdf)**. Some of the same states that have legalized sports gambling have been overwhelmed by increases in calls to their gambling addiction hotlines.

That legalization has helped normalize gambling culture. It's legal in casinos or at racetracks in 38 states and Washington, D.C., and six states have measures pending to authorize it. Televised sports shows have done their part, too, because we barely notice the "betting line" on our screens. Some sports shows are dedicated entirely to gambling. About $23 billion was spent legally gambling on the last Super Bowl alone.

Of course, gambling goes beyond sports. We visit casinos, buy scratch-off or lottery tickets, bet on horse races, play bingo, and participate in office raffles. Online gambling opportunities are endless.

Many people can treat gambling as a form of entertainment without developing an addiction. But for others, it's not so simple. People with problem gambling are chasing that dopamine rush — the high associated with every other type of addiction. And, like other addictions, gambling is a societal problem, not just an individual one.

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Handcuffed, strung out and terrified: The day Jon hit rock bottom turned out to be the best day of his life. How does one person go from teen with knee injury to a young man addicted to opioids? Jon will tell you in his own words.

The national annual social cost of this addiction is around $14 billion. That includes gambling-related criminal justice, healthcare spending, job loss and bankruptcy. I'd like to see states weigh that against the relatively modest revenue increases they've seen from legalization.

In the meantime, there is nothing modest about how my colleagues and I are preparing for the fallout.

We're screening more patients for problem gambling, creating starter support groups and applying for state certification to treat gambling as a primary addiction. The federal government, states and individual families have roles to play, too. Lawmakers can take a close look at the **Gambling Addiction Recovery, Investment and Treatment Act (https://www.ncpgambling.org/advocacy/grit-act/)**. If passed, this legislation would dedicate federal funds for programs to prevent, treat and study gambling addiction; support state health agencies and nonprofits that address gambling problems; and invest in best practices, comprehensive research into the condition, and early education about the risks of gambling.

The healthcare workforce needs to know this problem is right on the horizon. Let's prepare to understand the impact of problem gambling and expand screening across a variety of healthcare settings, so we can identify the condition and intervene early.

When educators and parents discuss the responsible use of phones and **social media with young people (https://www.northwell.edu/news/insights/is-social-media-bad-for-kids)**, they can add problem gambling, and how to obtain help for it, to the conversation. There are numerous apps and other gambling opportunities to track, and we need to keep underage kids from sidestepping age restrictions and parental permission to gamble. The hard truths about social media platforms collecting personal data also apply to gambling apps, as is the reality that gambling apps, like casinos, are specifically designed to keep us betting.

We can all send the message that enjoying sports doesn't have to include placing bets. Maybe one form of entertainment at a time is enough. Do we need our smartphones beside us as we spectate? Perhaps we can watch games without the betting line.

Gambling now is in plain sight. Labeling it as entertainment doesn't allow us to help our overwhelmed — and overmatched — patients. There are too many facets of this problem to heal, from accompanying conditions and addictions to financial counseling and relationships. We can't do that until we're honest about how normalizing and expanding gambling has contributed to this burgeoning addiction.

This op-ed originally appeared on **The Hill (https://thehill.com/opinion/healthcare/4866361-problem-gambling-addiction-treatment)**.

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C33

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Dear County Executive Bruce Blakeman, Supervisor Donald Clavin, State Senator Bynoe, Assembly Member Ed Ra and other elected officials:

We are writing to express our strong opposition to a casino at the Nassau Hub property.

We moved to Garden City from Manhattan in July 2024 and we are expecting a baby this spring. We chose to make Garden City our home because of the pride residents take in their community, the local amenities and the excellent schools. We have been following news about the casino closely, hoping that it will not lead us to regret our decision and relocate to another community.

Nassau County shopping and recreational areas draw residents from around Queens, Nassau and Suffolk Counties, making roads exceedingly crowded. Arrests for speeding and drunk driving are already high. The aquifer where we get our drinking water is already under stress. Why would you willingly take on more congestion and risks to taxpayers' livelihoods for a casino that will degrade the environment, local communities, downtown businesses and our county economy?

Instead, we want to see a development project that *lifts up* our communities. NYU Langone wants to build a $3 billion hospital and healthcare center on Nassau Community College land. We are in favor of such a project, one with a lighter environmental footprint that will bring varied, high-quality employment opportunities.

During the next election, we intend to vote against any local lawmaker, regardless of party affiliation, who votes in favor of the casino. We urge you to vote NO!

Sincerely,

Dominique Zino and Shaun Liboon
Garden City, NY

C34

From: sandscomments <sandscomments@nassaucountyny.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2025 9:25 AM
To: PublicComments_Sands
Subject: Fw: Save the Hempstead Plains: Stop Sands Casino

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From: Evelyn Fasano <efasano2001@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2025 7:35 PM
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Tragically, the only remaining remnants of the Hempstead Plains are in Nassau Community College and surrounding areas.**Please preserve what's left of the Hempstead Plains and stop the Casino development- or at a minimum require that the casino is built around the Plains with adequate protection for the Plains.**

The Hempstead Plains are home to endangered and rare flora /fauna that are protected by NY state law.

For the history of the Hempstead Plains and their historical signicance, please see www.sandplaingrassland.com

Thank you,
Evelyn Fasano

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Figure 2. Extent of the Hempstead Plains with soils. Map credit: Carole Ryder.

acres (10 hectares) is all that remains of the larger grassland area that once covered about 40,000 acres in Nassau County, New York (Edinger and Young 2018). The largest continuous extant area of Hempstead Plains consists of 19 acres (8 hectares) and is located on the campus of Nassau Community College (formally Mitchel Field Air Force Base) and is managed by the Friends of Hempstead Plains at Nassau Community College (Fig. 2). This non-profit organization was established in 2001 to preserve and restore the Hempstead Plains and offer educational programs at this unique area (Gulotta 2005).

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C35

From: sandscomments <sandscomments@nassaucountyny.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2025 4:21 PM
To: PublicComments_Sands
Subject: Fw: Casino: Environmental Impact Study: Say NO to the Casino

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Hello,
Over 50 years ago, we moved to Nassau County from Queens, New York for a better life for our family. Escaping over population, contaminated, filthy city streets, traffic congestion, and crime, were all replaced with the unsurpassed beauty, open spaces, clean air, and safety all provided for in a world of suburban life.

A Sands Casino would reverse and destroy everything good about Nassau County. Allowing Sands to control and eventually build a casino will degrade and make living conditions unbearable to local residents as well as to any traveler driving through such traffic and congestion. It will cause an influx of additional visitors encouraging an environment for crime, possibly prostitution, and the consequences associated with gambling.

The water supply on Long Island is not infinite, and the requirements that would be needed for an additional sewage capacity are all impractical demands to be faced should Sands ever be granted permission to operate a Gambling casino in Nassau County.

No financial gain is worth the demise and destruction a Sands casino could do to our home.

My personal feelings about the negativity of a Casino can be multiplied by many and most residents who are concerned also about the negativity it would cause to our environment as well as the many social and economic impacts it would have on Long Island.

I reiterate with the utmost concern that you “Say No to the Casino.”

Thank you,

Arleen J. Urban
Garden City

C36

From: sandscomments <sandscomments@nassaucountyny.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 8:38 AM
To: PublicComments_Sands
Subject: Fw: Comments on Sands DEIS report

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Subject: Comments on Sands DEIS report

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As a Uniondale resident for over thirty years, I wanted to convey my opinion regarding the Sands Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Uniondale along with Hempstead, Roosevelt, and Freeport were identified as disadvantaged communities by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation due to their higher asthma and respiratory illness rates. The NYS DEC

identifies the primary cause of these elevated asthma rates to be caused by the high levels of vehicular traffic traveling the roads of these communities. The NYS DEC identifies any rate higher than 29.1 to be of high concern. The average asthma hospitalization rate for Nassau County is 20, Hempstead Village has a County high rate of 69.1, Uniondale's rate is 36.4, Roosevelt's rate is 59.5, and Freeport's rate is 37.4.

After reading through the Sands Draft Environmental Impact Study "DEIS" report, I feel that the measures Sands is proposing do little to nothing to improve the current crises affecting Nassau County. Nassau County currently faces a gridlock, air, water, and waste management crises along with many other issues that have gone unmitigated.

Regarding traffic, the DEIS report uses fabricated numbers when comparing levels of traffic when the Nassau Coliseum was at peak usage vs the projected numbers the casino would bring. First when the Coliseum held events in years past, the events were no more than four times a week and primarily in the evening, as opposed to a casino which would operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Furthermore the DEIS report fails to recognize the sizable developments, primarily housing that have been erected throughout Nassau County since the time of the Coliseum's peak usage. Some of these developments are within one mile of the Coliseum site, and have contributed to ever increasing traffic in Nassau County.

Nassau County has an inadequate road network and insufficient transit options. The transit options are so limited that the Coliseum site has been labeled a "transit desert". As traffic and population increased throughout the years in Nassau County, nothing has been done to alleviate the gridlock overburdening our limited roadway network. Coupled with all that, the closest highway to the Coliseum site is the Meadowbrook Parkway which prohibits large trucks and buses from traveling on it. Because of that all larger commercial vehicles must utilize our smaller and slower local roads to travel throughout Nassau County, adding to our already overburdened roads.

I find many of the mitigation measures in the DEIS to be impractical. Just to name a few mitigation measures for traffic and transit; 1) Widening the Meadowbrook Parkway to four lanes north of Zeckendorf Blvd to the Northern State Parkway interchange. The Meadowbrook Parkway is congested the entire length between the Southern State and Northern State Parkways, adding to that, adding an abrupt bottleneck southbound where the widened road would go from four lanes to three would create a dangerous bottleneck. For reference just sample the Southern State Parkway eastbound at exit 18 when it turns from four lanes to three. Seven days a week it causes bottlenecking and sudden stops which leads to accidents every week. 2) Also the DEIS transit strategy is to send their shuttle buses to the Hempstead LIRR station. How does that help the Village of Hempstead with their County high asthma rate of 69.1 by adding traffic to their roads? 3) Finally I also read in the DEIS that they intend to make more bike lanes and pedestrian friendly walkways, however I noticed their plans only include the area on the Coliseum site. What about all the other surrounding roads in the areas they "studied"?? For reference, I see no bike or pedestrian mitigation strategies further away from the Coliseum site on Hempstead Turnpike, however Hempstead Turnpike ranks in the top ten as one of the deadliest roads in New York State annually, primarily due to pedestrian accidents stretching the entirety of it's Nassau County segment.

I find the DEIS report to be dismissive of the true environmental issues impacting Nassau County, particularly in the communities that have been identified as "disadvantaged". I didn't read anything that gives a definitive mitigation strategy on any of the crises plaguing all of Nassau County. I do not see any strategy that would fix our traffic, air, water, and waste crises on Long Island. The DEIS report never answered my ongoing question: How does adding a projected 30,000 more vehicles daily to our overburdened roads mitigate our gridlock and air pollution crisis?

Sincerely,
Chris Jacobs
Uniondale, NY

C37

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Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 8:36 AM
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I vehemently oppose bringing a casino to Nassau County. The proposal by Sands LV is wrong on so many levels that nothing can justify allowing a casino in this county.

I oppose the Sands and any casino in Nassau County because

✓ It is wholly unsuitable to place a gambling mecca in the heart of our residential Nassau County. It is why Las Vegas was built in the desert and on the island of Macau.

✓ It will destroy our suburban way of life and turn us into a terrible version of an urban way of life

✓ It will cause the equity in our homes to crash

✓ 25,000+ cars a day will cause near permanent gridlock on Old County Road, Hempstead Turnpike, Stewart Ave and bleed over to every secondary street in our towns and villages

✓ Nassau County already has polluted air ; 25000 cars every day, 365 days a year will cause asthma and worse to triple

✓ Our water supply is limited and pulling out almost 1 million gallon a day will be catastrophic

✓ Local businesses will be destroyed by this mega monster; sucking out the lifeblood from our in town

✓ The light pollution will be terrible

✓ Drugs and gangs will follow the casino as sure as the tides come in twice a day

✓ Crime of assaults, sex trafficking, spousal abuse ,DUI and others will explode

✓ **GC will need to increase our police , fire and other services more that 25% at a cost of millions**

✓ **Nassau County will need to spend 100's of millions more on everything from waste management to road repairs; from police and fire to caring for homeless, addicted and destitute gamblers.**

Any politician who supports a casino in Nassau County has abandoned the voters and opted to join in with the people who would destroy the place we call home.

Richard J. Williams
Garden City, New York
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C38

From: sandscomments <sandscomments@nassaucountyny.gov>
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Subject: Fw: SAY NO

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PLEASE SAY NO to the Sands casino.

It will completely destroy all the small local business in and around the area

Joyce Albro

C39

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Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 8:35 AM
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Subject: Fw: VOTE NO

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From: Michael Seltenreich <mselt@optonline.net>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 4:23 PM
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To Whom it May Concern:

Simply put VOTE NO!

I have attended several open sessions and I have been completely disappointed; it appears to me to not have been an “open forum” at either of the two sessions I have attended. The people listening to the presentations were obviously not interested in being there! I will **not** support any of those Town of Hempstead/Nassau County officials ever again! **Please this cannot be a done deal!**

Please consider all of your fellow citizens who are concerned about the level of traffic already in existence on the local roads… Morning, Noon, and Night! Consider how long it presently takes to get an ambulance to get to NYU Medical Center through traffic after 3pm at the corner of Old Country Road and Franklin Avenue….near the bus and train terminal in Mineola ….Consider how long it takes to get down Stewart Avenue after 4 pm now and what would happened if it becomes a cut through to the casino …ADDING the possibility of an NYU expansion at NCC! Does anyone care???? Please care about all the neighborhoods filled with children this will impact!

The crime ,**the** addiction**, the** noise **and** air **and** light pollution, **the** water concerns which will be brought to this area…**the** need to adapt the highway to accommodate even more people!

For what??? For entertainment ???? and …at the expense of the entire area’s quality of living???? This part of Nassau County will never see the amount of money promised by the Sands to help mitigate all this…

Please VOTE NO!

Connie Seltenreich
Garden City NY

C40

From: sandscomments <sandscomments@nassaucountyny.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 2:38 PM
To: PublicComments_Sands
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Dear Nassau County Officials;

I strongly request you not allow the lease transfer to Sands Casino Group to be validated. Please do not allow our community to be harmed by this massive development.

In addition to infrastructure and environmental damage, the negative impact of casinos, gambling and subsequent activities have on youth is extraordinary. One needs look no further than online apps to see the destructive impact of gambling on the minds of teenagers and young adults.
This demographic are at extreme risk as they have yet to develop the necessary skills to combat highly addictive activities.

As you are aware the site alone is currently a destination for hundreds of students (young adults, teenagers and young children). Why we would put their lives in harms way? Why would we knowingly put them at risk?

I ask you do everything in your power to
stop this casino from moving forward.

Thank you for the consideration,

Virginia Super
110 6th Street
Garden City

C41

From: sandscomments <sandscomments@nassaucountyny.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 8:34 AM
To: PublicComments_Sands
Subject: Fw: Against Sands Casino

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Subject: Against Sands Casino

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am against the proposed casino and I am writing to express my concern regarding the Problem Gambling and Socioeconomics section (1.3.8-1.3.9) of the DEIS. In my review, I found this section to be inadequate in addressing potential negative impacts.

While the section outlines planned mitigation efforts for problem gambling, it lacks data on the expected impact of problem gambling and its socioeconomic consequences. Without first identifying the potential effects on the community, it is impossible to determine the adequacy of the proposed mitigation measures.

Furthermore, the DEIS presents a very positive socioeconomic outlook without acknowledging potential downsides. The possibility of problem gambling having a negative socioeconomic impact is not mentioned. Before approving the zoning for this casino, a comprehensive study on the negative socioeconomic impact should be conducted, and the results should be made public. Only with a balanced understanding of both the positive and negative aspects can the legislature accurately weigh whether a casino will truly benefit the community.

I believe this balanced view is currently missing from the DEIS because it would reveal that a casino would have a significant net negative impact on the community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
John Cantwell
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From: sandscomments <sandscomments@nassaucountyny.gov>
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Electricity Demand Increases

The proposed Sands Casino complex at the Nassau Coliseum site in Uniondale is anticipated to **significantly increase local electricity demand.** While the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) does not specify the exact incremental electricity usage, it indicates that the development would primarily rely on electricity, with natural gas used mainly for restaurant kitchens.

To accommodate this increased demand, Las Vegas Sands has committed to investing in local infrastructure improvements, including enhancements to the power grid. The company plans to allocate $150 million toward infrastructure upgrades, which encompass the construction of a new power substation to serve both the casino complex and the surrounding community.

Despite these planned investments, concerns have been raised by local residents and environmental groups regarding the project's potential impact on the environment and community. **Issues such as increased energy consumption during a climate crisis, with 2023 being the hottest year on record, have been highlighted.**

In summary, while the exact increase in electricity usage due to the Sands Casino complex is not detailed, the project is expected to substantially raise local energy demand. Las Vegas Sands has proposed infrastructure enhancements, including a new power substation, to support this increased load. However, community concerns persist regarding the adequacy of these measures and the broader environmental implications.

Sewage System Load

The proposed Sands Casino complex in Uniondale, New York, is expected to increase the load on the local sewage system. The sanitary wastewater from the development is planned to flow to the Cedar Creek Water Pollution Control Plant, which serves portions of Nassau County.

The Cedar Creek facility has a treatment capacity of 72 million gallons per day (MGD). Nassau County's sewer system handles approximately 85% of the county's sewage needs.

While the exact increase in sewage volume from the Sands Casino complex has not been specified, concerns have been raised about the potential environmental impact, including the strain on water resources and the capacity of existing sewage infrastructure. Local residents and environmental groups have expressed worries about the project's effects on water usage and the adequacy of wastewater treatment facilities. citeturn0search18

Given these concerns, it is essential for the project's environmental review process to thoroughly assess the anticipated increase in sewage load and ensure that the Cedar Creek facility can handle the additional volume without risking overflows or environmental harm. This assessment should include evaluating the plant's current capacity, the projected increase in wastewater from the casino complex, and any necessary infrastructure upgrades to accommodate the additional load safely.

The environmental assessment for the proposed Sands Casino complex in Uniondale, New York, is currently underway and has not yet been finalized. The Town of Hempstead is leading the environmental review process, which includes evaluating potential impacts on the sewage system. citeturn0search1

As part of this process, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has been prepared, and public hearings have been held to gather input from community members, environmental groups, and other stakeholders. Concerns have been raised regarding the project's potential effects on water usage, sewage infrastructure, and the environment. citeturn0search3

The DEIS is subject to public scrutiny and feedback, which are integral to ensuring its credibility and comprehensiveness. The final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will address these concerns and outline mitigation measures to manage any identified risks. Until the EIS is completed and approved, it is premature to determine definitively whether the sewage system is fully prepared to handle the increased load without any risk of overflows into bodies of water.

In summary, while the environmental assessment is in progress and includes evaluations of the sewage system's capacity, its credibility and conclusions will be established upon the completion and approval of the final EIS. **Concerns Over Groundwater Drainage Near Construction Site**sturn0news20

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I strongly oppose the Sands casino project at the Nassau Coliseum site.
- traffic on the Meadowbrook & Northern State Parkways, Hempstead Tpke & Old Country Rd, already horrendous, will lead to absolute gridlock
- the project puts the county's water source at risk
- the assertion that the project will draw from renewable energy sources is nonsensical; there are virtually no such sources on LI
- proximity to a high school is wholly inappropriate
- past experience in other areas such as Atlantic City proves that casinos do not benefit the residents of the immediate area
- the demand for brick & stone casinos is being seriously undercut by legalized, on-line gaming & betting

Ann Giordano
Williston Park/ North Hempstead

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As a long time resident of Nassau County I've spent a lot of time at the coliseum, both inside for events and outside in the parking lots for autocross on Sunday mornings. Quite frankly, the plan for the use of the property is disappointing.

The legacy of the coliseum has always seemed like the extra stop for any touring show not the reason for the visit to NY area. Billy Joel drove passed Uniondale on his way to MSG 123 and counting. An epic failure by local government to entice Long Island's own, for at least a mini residence.
Since it's hay day during the Islanders run the property has turned into one failure of local government after another. Over the Administrations have signed on to plans that are derivative of successful older ventures elsewhere in the country. As with all products, if you can gamble anywhere, what's the incentive for someone to visit Nassau County.
Who will the casino attract, where will its revenue be drawn from? Time and again localities bend when businesses push. Nassau County is not forward thinking, past will be future . and locals will be asked to support the developement financially when revenue projections fall short. NYC is going to allow casinos in the future, why would anyone want to go to the suburbs if they can party in NYC? What entertainers will come out to Nassau and if they do, how much will tickets cost because they needed incentive? When hasn't the local taxpayer not had to eat the losses for developers who make promises they aren't held to by our county government?

Alternatively, what does Nassau County have that NYC doesn't - space. A casino is a commodity at this point but a hotel and indoor water park would draw tourists visiting NYC as well as tri-state area folks. Cherished memories of the colisseum are quite a few but Disney on Ice and all the families that came out rain or shine for some family entertainment was a highlight. No one needed a slot machine or free drinks, they came because it was something that brings joy to their children. A family can come and enjoy the water park one day and Jones beach the next or both in one day. The development in the Meadowlands is a good first draft but with the Roosevelt field mall near by the focus for the colisseum could be purely entertainment. Museum row is nearby and with

shuttle buses they would likely draw ticket buyers as well. Every single person that flies into NY should see an advert at JFK and LGA advertising a winter water park and family fun wtih the beach a shuttle bus away.

Respect for each other is in short supply and a casino only encourages the worst behavior in people. Why do we want to invite this into our community? A family centered resort will bring us together as a community and introduce visitors from all over to our little part of the world.
Wouldn't this be nice?

Sincerely,
Kurt Butte
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Island Park, NY 11558

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To whom it may concern,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my concerns about the impact of casinos on neighborhood communities. While casinos may bring some economic benefits, the negative consequences often outweigh these advantages.

Firstly, casinos can lead to an increase in crime rates. The presence of a casino often attracts a higher number of visitors, which can result in more opportunities for criminal activities such as theft, fraud, and even violent crimes. This can make the neighborhood feel less safe for residents.

Secondly, casinos can contribute to social problems such as gambling addiction. This addiction can have devastating effects on individuals and families, leading to financial ruin, mental health issues, and strained relationships. The social fabric of the community can be weakened as more people struggle with these challenges.

Lastly, casinos can have a negative impact on local businesses. When people spend their money at casinos, they are less likely to support local shops, restaurants, and other small businesses. This can lead to a decline in the economic vitality of the neighborhood, making it harder for these establishments to thrive.

In conclusion, while casinos may offer some economic benefits, the potential increase in crime, social problems, and negative impact on local businesses make them a detrimental addition to a neighborhood community. I urge you to consider these points when making decisions about the presence of casinos in our area. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Regards,
Dr. Navjot Kaur

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I oppose there building of Sands Casino in the Old Nassau Coliseum. It's really a bad idea. Not only environmentally but the impact on the infrastructure. Why build a casino where you have many children at risk , surrounded by drinking, drugs, prostitution and gambling? Look at Atlantic City. It's rife with crime - the same will happen here. This will affect the people as well, and the small businesses and definitely not in a good way. Please get rid of the SANDS CASINO in our neighborhood and move it elsewhere.

Thank you!

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Shivan

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From: sandscomments <sandscomments@nassaucountyny.gov>
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We are residents of Garden City and are strongly opposed to the lease of the Nassau Coliseum site to Las Vegas Sands for the development of a large casino. Among the many potential adverse impacts likely to be caused by this casino, it would be grossly inconsistent with, and very harmful to, the existing character of the site area and and the uses located within it. This area is presently improved with a number of educational, cultural and medical facilities that greatly benefit surrounding communities. Among these are two large and very active colleges -- Hofstra University and Nassau Community College -- that serve thousands of students. The area also contains the Hempstead Plains Preserve and the Francis T. Purcell Preserve. In addition to providing habitats for a number of rare and threatened species, these open space resources host programs in environmental education and ecological science that serve both school children and academic specialists. Furthermore, the site area is the home of several popular museums, including the Long Island Children's Museum, the Cradle of Aviation Museum and the Nassau County Firefighter Museum. Finally, Memorial Sloan Kettering operates a major cancer center in this area, which provides a variety of medical services. The day and night noise, traffic and pollution associated with a large casino would undoubtedly disrupt and impair the operation of these important and sensitive educational, cultural and open space resources. Instead of allowing the Coliseum site to be developed with a casino, our government representatives should build on the existing strengths of this strategically located area and encourage the development of one or more educational, cultural and/or medical facilities on the Coliseum site that would be compatible with these existing facilities and far more beneficial to surrounding communities.

Albert Fredericks & Dana Lewis
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Hello,

I realize something productive and useful needs to be on the Coliseum property if the Coliseum itself no longer drives a meaningful revenue. But, this will destroy suburban life as we have
known it here on Long Island with no hope of recovering. Stop the short term quick fix answers that only benefit the few that are brokering the deal.

Come up with a vision that will enhance life on Long Island. That will be a part of the future as we move forward and bring prosperity not only to those who negotiate and create such a deal,
but, to the community of Nassau County and Long Island as a whole.

I went to one of the very early meetings that Blakeman held regarding the idea of the Casino on the Coliseum property. At the time, I thought it might be good for the economy. Quite the contrary.
Representatives from Suffolk County who had been a part of the Jake's 58 Casino project were quick to clue us in that a Casino is a bad idea. Why?

High rise in crime. Human Trafficking. This left me stunned. I had no idea a casino was a place where human trafficking took place. Right near several colleges and a few high schools? You cannot be serious.
Furthermore, there are not enough resources to sustain proper care of those who work and play at the Casino. At that meeting I attended, it was made very clear, the surround communities do not have the police,
fire or EMS resources to properly cover a property of this magnitude outside the scope of the communities they serve. So answer me this, how will this benefit Long Island if the taxes go up to hire enough resources?

My father is a 78 year old AMT that serves two districts within Nassau County. There are days, he rides the ambulance alone. So, if you call for an ambulance, he can come and take you to the hospital but that's it.
You or your loved one will not be getting care on the way there. There are not enough people applying to be EMTS or firefighters either paid or volunteer in communities throughout Long Island and yet you think
adding a Casino to this growing problem is a smart idea.

If this is such a great idea for Nassau County why is it that in Decembers flyer to every household in Nassau County where Blakeman touted all the wonderful things he's doing for us ...

THERE IS NO MENTION OF THE SANDS CASINO PROJECT.

Sincerely,

Lenore Rust

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From: sandscomments <sandscomments@nassaucountyny.gov>
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Let's be frank: you're not going to read the lengthy template letter being circulated to express local residents' distaste for the proposed Sands Casino. In brief, the key points supporting my own opposition are:

- Increased traffic on Meadowbrook Parkway and local streets, with the associated pollution;
- Proximity to several universities and their students, who don't need this type of temptation on their doorsteps;
- The historically predictable increase in crime;
- The fact that Nassau is not Las Vegas; and
- The fact that it will impact you directly because there will be a voter backlash - don't expect to be re-elected if you vote to approve this abomination, placing your personal interests (and, let's face it, any palm greasing) ahead of your constituency's needs and wellbeing.

Here's your chance to do the right thing. Kindly do so.

Thank you,
Karen Moskowitz | Town of North Hempstead

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Dear Governor Hochul, Nassau County Legislators and County Executive, and Town of Hempstead Legislators,

I am writing to express grave concerns regarding the proposed Sands Casino complex and its potential impact on Long Island's water supply, particularly in light of the catastrophic consequences currently being observed in Los Angeles due to inadequate water resources during widespread fires. This letter outlines the risks posed to our aquifer, public safety, and economic stability if such a project proceeds without careful consideration of its impact on water use and fire preparedness.

Impact on the Aquifer

Long Island relies entirely on a sole-source aquifer system for its water needs. This finite resource is already under significant stress due to population growth, pollution, and the effects of climate change. The proposed Sands Casino complex is projected to consume millions of gallons of water daily for its operations, including:

- Landscaping and irrigation of extensive grounds
- Daily water use by guests, restaurants, and facilities
- Cooling systems for the complex's infrastructure

To illustrate the potential impact:

1. **Daily Water Consumption**: If the Sands Casino complex uses an estimated 5 million gallons per day (a conservative figure for large developments of this kind), this would translate to 1.8 billion gallons annually.
2. **Aquifer Stress**: During a prolonged drought, aquifer recharge rates decrease significantly. For example, in a 100-day drought, rainfall could drop by 30-50%, leading to a corresponding decline in aquifer replenishment.

The aquifer, already under stress, cannot sustain such large-scale withdrawals without risking saltwater intrusion and depletion, which would irreversibly compromise the region's water quality and availability.

Fire Risk and Water Shortage

The tragic fires in Los Angeles demonstrate how a lack of sufficient water can turn natural disasters into catastrophic events. In Nassau County, a similar scenario could have devastating consequences:

1. **Projections During a 100-Day Drought**:
    - A drought would diminish the aquifer's capacity to supply adequate water for firefighting efforts.
    - Assuming fire suppression efforts require 5,000 gallons per minute, sustained over 24 hours, a single large fire could deplete over 7.2 million gallons in one day.
2. **Potential Losses**:
    - Based on Nassau County's population density and residential distribution, a fire comparable to those in Los Angeles could destroy thousands of homes, displacing tens of thousands of residents.
    - The economic losses would be staggering, with property damage reaching billions of dollars. Insurance companies would face unprecedented claims, driving up premiums and creating financial strain for homeowners.

Broader Implications

The risks extend beyond the immediate physical and economic damage. The long-term viability of Nassau County as a safe and desirable place to live and do business could be jeopardized. Key concerns include:

- **Public Health**: A compromised water supply increases risks of contamination and reduces availability for essential uses.
- **Economic Impact**: Higher insurance premiums, loss of property value, and reduced investor confidence would undermine the region's economy.
- **Environmental Damage**: Over-extraction of the aquifer could lead to the degradation of wetlands, streams, and ecosystems dependent on groundwater.

Conclusion

The proposed Sands Casino complex poses unacceptable risks to Long Island's water supply and fire safety. In light of these concerns, I urge state and local officials to:

- Conduct a comprehensive environmental impact study, using Los Angeles as a model, including detailed projections of water use and its effects on the aquifer.
- Evaluate fire suppression capacity under drought scenarios to ensure public safety.
- Prioritize sustainable development practices that protect Long Island's natural resources and residents.

The lessons from Los Angeles' fires are a stark reminder of the consequences of underestimating the importance of water resources. We must act now to safeguard our aquifer, our homes, and our future.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. I look forward to your response and to working together to protect the well-being of Nassau County and all of Long Island.

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Furthermore, the mere process of physical development of this monstrous proposal will take years to accomplish, disrupting adjacent residential communities, clogging roads, diminishing our aquifer, and ultimately creating a massive intrusion on the cultural choices offered on "museum row."

Our elected officials need to be far more protective of our County's resources and communities. Expansion of colleges , parks, affordable housing, and medical institutions would be far more beneficial to our residents than the detrimental consequences offered by Sands. The money they offer will be inadequate to solve the problems they will bring . Do not be remembered as the officials who knew the price of everything and the value of nothing.

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To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to reaffirm my objections to the Sands Casino as outlined in my email below, dated September 18, 2024, and also raise another concern that I haven't seen addressed yet.

Recently, I received a glossy flyer in the mail that outlined Evacuation Routes for the Southshore of Nassau County in the event of an emergency. I don't remember if it came from Bruce Blakeman or Don Clavin's office, but that is not important. It outlined 3 different evacuation routes, labeled A, B, and C that all led to the Nassau Coliseum as a place of shelter in the ever of a disaster. When Superstorm Sandy occurred, many, many Southshore homes became flooded and uninhabitable. The Nassau Coliseum was a temporary place of refuge for those that became displaced.
I have not seen anything yet about where people from the Southshore who get displaced by a natural disaster will be directed to , if the Casino complex gets built and the Coliseum is no longer there. One need only to look to news from LA and the wildfires occurring there to see that disasters can take many forms, whether they be weather-related or not. Emergency preparedness should be taken into account before this project potentially advances.

Thank you for considering my concerns and the concerns of all the citizens of the Town of Hempstead and Nassau County.

Sincerely,
Marcy Rosenbaum
marcy0621@aol.com

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Begin forwarded message:

On Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 10:50 PM, marcy0621@aol.com <marcy0621@aol.com> wrote:

Re: Proposed Sands casino and resort

I was unable to attend the hearing earlier this month regarding the Sands proposed casino and resort in the Nassau Veteran's Memorial Coliseum area. I understand you will be accepting letters, pro and con, until September 19th.

I will state my position very clearly. I am very much opposed to the project, from an environmental and practical standpoint.

I lived in Uniondale from birth (1958) until 2001, and now live in North Bellmore, still very close in proximity to the Coliseum. I am now a Senior Citizen. I went to Uniondale schools, Hofstra University, and also graduated from Hofstra Law School. I have deep ties to this area.

I am strongly opposed to this proposed development. I don't see any positives to putting a casino in close proximity to Hofstra University, Hofstra Law School, Nassau Community college, Hofstra Medical School, and not that far from Adelphi University. These students don't need the temptation of gambling considering the financial strain they are most likely already under. These students also don't need the noise, distraction, or increased traffic considering that many of the students commute to classes.

A cancer treatment center (Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center) was constructed on the grounds on the Coliseum in recent years. The patients going to this complex for treatment also do not need the additional noise, or traffic either, when trying to get to appointments for treatment.

The traffic in and around the Coliseum site is already a nightmare most weekends.

Casinos generally attract a "bad element" of people. Neither the students in the area nor the patients going to the cancer center for treatment need to be exposed to this potential criminal element. These are suburban family-oriented communities surrounding the Coliseum that don't need transients.

I believe local businesses would not benefit, but rather would suffer if the project continues to move forward. The people staying at the hotel would be unlikely to visit local restaurants outside the resort. There are already many high-end stores at Roosevelt Field and the Galleria shopping centers. The area does not need any more high-end stores. More stores would likely dilute local business, already facing competition from the Internet. This is one of the most highly taxed areas in NY State. Many people don't have a lot of disposable income after taxes and living expenses, so it is likely that local residents won't be patronizing or staying at this resort.

There would also be increased usage of resources. Right now, there is no mass transit to this area, so besides the increased traffic, there would be increased garbage, increased sewage, higher use of water supplies, and other resources. The existing eco-system would be disrupted by a huge

project such as this. Just a few weeks ago, there was a water main break in East Meadow (on Prospect Ave) for no apparent reason. Imagine the strain all of the extra usage would place on an aging infrastructure system that exists in this area.
This area would benefit much more from more affordable housing (including mixed-use developments) to keep our young people and Senior citizens from leaving Long Island and moving out-of-state.
I remain strongly opposed to the project for the reasons stated above and all of the environmental problems such a project would create.

Sincerely,
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From: sandscomments <sandscomments@nassaucountyny.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2025 9:00 AM
To: PublicComments_Sands
Subject: Fw: TAG 24-0319/Case 249380-Michael Pulitzer, Nassau Coliseum Sands Integrated Resort Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Attachments: TAG 24-0319 Case # 249380 Michael Pulitzer, Nassau Coliseum Integrated Resort Draft Environmental Impact Statement Resp. -Jan. 3, 2025.pdf

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Good morning,

As requested, a copy of the response letter for the Nassau Coliseum Sands Integrated Resort Draft Environmental Impact Statement is being submitted to this mailbox.

Thank you,

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January 3, 2025

Mr. Michael C. Pulitzer
Clerk of the Nassau County Legislature
Theodore Roosevelt Executive & Legislative Building
1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, NY 11501

Dear Mr. Pulitzer:

Thank you for the Nassau County Legislature's November 2024 State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Notice of Completion of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Proposed Lease for Sands New York Integrated Resort to the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum property in Uniondale, Nassau County.

The following items are NYSDOT's comments on the DEIS and must be addressed prior to the approval of work within the New York State Right-of-Way.

1. As previously stated in NYSDOT's July 17, 2024, SEQRA Lead Agency Coordination letter to the Nassau County Legislature, pursuant to New York State Highway Law, a NYSDOT Highway Work Permit will be required before any work can occur within the New York State Right-of-Way. NYSDOT will review the detailed Highway Work Permit Plans when they become available and provide comments to the applicant.

2. The proposed traffic mitigation measures include improvements to the Meadowbrook State Parkway (MSP), Northern State Parkway (NSP) and surrounding parkland. Approvals from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYS OPR&HP) may be required. NYS OPR&HP should be an involved agency in the review of this development. By copy of this letter, NYSDOT is informing NYS OPR&HP Regional Director, Mr. George Gorman, of our comments.

3. What is the cost associated with the proposed traffic mitigation? Section 2.6 of the DEIS states that over $150 million in roadway improvements will be performed. However, this estimate may need to be increased to more accurately reflect the cost of the roadway improvements discussed in the DEIS. It is expected that the anticipated traffic impacts of the development will be fully mitigated by the developer.

4. The Meadowbrook State Parkway improvements will require review and approval from the Federal Highway Administration and is expected to be a Class I or Class II National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) action.

5. An Access Modification Report shall be submitted as improvements are proposed to various ramps along the Meadowbrook State Parkway.

6. A full Endangered Species Act Section 7 review will be required.

7. The Meadowbrook State Parkway is a National Register Historic Parkway. As such, the improvements will need to be evaluated for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and be reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Review will also be required by the four tribal nations on Long Island: the Delaware Tribe, the Delaware Nation, the Stockbridge Munsee Band of Mohican Indians and the Shinnecock Nation.

8. The DEIS compares traffic volumes from events previously held at Nassau Coliseum with those that will be generated by the Integrated Resort. However, this comparison is based on the highest traffic generation period for the Nassau Coliseum (i.e. a hockey game) and the expected traffic generation on a typical day for the Integrated Resort.

9. NYSDOT anticipates that the development will increase traffic volumes on local roads, including Stewart Avenue and Merrick Avenue. The increased traffic volumes will necessitate a traffic signal to be installed at the Maintenance Residency at 925 Stewart Avenue and possibly another at the Maintenance yard near the East Meadow State Police Barracks to provide for an efficient response for both highway maintenance and emergency response. An additional access point from the Maintenance Residency to the Meadowbrook State Parkway should also be provided. Provide a Signal Warrant Analysis for these locations.

10. "Logical termini" describing the beginning and end points of the project and the basis of their selection must be provided as the Meadowbrook State Parkway improvements are expected to be a NEPA action. The "logical termini" for this project (and subsequently the additional lane along the Meadowbrook State Parkway) should be the Northern State Parkway and Southern State Parkway.

11. The Meadowbrook State Parkway and Southern State Parkway interchange is noted to experience traffic flow breakdowns because of this project during the Saturday Midday and Saturday Evening peak hours. Mitigation to address this breakdown should be proposed. The study notes that the required mitigation to fix this would be a new flyover, which would be outside the scope of the project. NYSDOT recommends that mitigation to address this breakdown be implemented in this project.

12. A deceleration lane to allow vehicles to merge from the Meadowbrook State Parkway southbound to the Southern State Parkway westbound and an acceleration lane from the Southern State Parkway westbound to the Meadowbrook State Parkway northbound should be provided. This will require the Jerusalem Avenue bridge to be widened to accommodate the additional lanes.

13. The improvements on the Meadowbrook State Parkway are stated to be completed prior to full build out of the site. Indicate the impacts of the 2027 Phase 1 build out of the site on the Meadowbrook State Parkway. Will mitigation along the Meadowbrook State Parkway be needed prior to the Phase 1 build out?

14. The addition of a fourth thru lane on southbound Meadowbrook State Parkway from the Northern State Parkway to Zeckendorf Boulevard and then dropping the lane at Zeckendorf Boulevard will create a bottleneck. Analyze the impacts of extending the additional lane further south.

15. The increased traffic volumes from this development requires additional mitigation of the Meadowbrook State Parkway south of NYS Route 24. This will include widened shoulders and an additional lane in the northbound and southbound directions.

16. A weaving analysis should be included to show the effects of the improvements at the ramp from the westbound Northern State Parkway to the southbound Meadowbrook State Parkway. In particular, the effects of traffic weaving from the westbound Northern State Parkway to the off ramp to Old Country Road should be considered.

17. Additional mitigation may be needed on the Northern State Parkway between the Meadowbrook State Parkway and Post Avenue in both directions.

18. The TIS proposes to widen the northbound Meadowbrook State Parkway ramp to eastbound Northern State Parkway to a two-lane ramp. How is the added traffic volume onto the eastbound Northern State Parkway addressed? Will the lane drop be relocated further east? The Northern State Parkway should be widened to 3 lanes under the Wantagh State Parkway and then drop to two lanes.

19. Reducing the northbound thru lanes on the Meadowbrook State Parkway from three to two south of Stewart Avenue and adding a lane on the Meadowbrook State Parkway C-D Road may create a bottleneck on northbound Meadowbrook State Parkway. Analyze the impacts of extending the additional lane further north.

20. The TIS proposes to widen the north end of the northbound Meadowbrook State Parkway C-D Road. The existing northbound Meadowbrook State Parkway travel lane would be dropped prior to the C-D Road merge. An alternative to this should be recommended. The Meadowbrook State Parkway needs to be maintained for other purposes, such as a coastal evacuation or alternate route for incident management (for example if the Wantagh State Parkway closes).

21. The proposed two lanes on the C-D Road will require the widening of the Stewart Avenue bridge in both directions. The Meadowbrook State Parkway lanes under Merchants Concourse will also need to be widened to maintain traffic flow on the Meadowbrook State Parkway.

22. Consider as part of the traffic analysis the increase in delays that will be caused by the proposed two-lane entrance ramp from northbound Meadowbrook State Parkway to eastbound Northern State Parkway.

23. The northbound Meadowbrook State Parkway on-ramp at Old Country Road should be lengthened to eastbound Northern State Parkway to form the second off-ramp lane.

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25. Provide the reasoning behind how the distribution of trips generated by the Integrated Resort was selected. NYSDOT believes that a higher than projected share of the trips will use the Southern State Parkway to access the Integrated Resort.

26. Provide a summary table of the intersections where the overall level of service degraded under the build condition and the proposed mitigation measures.

27. Include a table of contents, with page numbers, in the Signal Timings and Phasing attachment to the Traffic Impact Study, Attachment S.

28. Indicate the meaning of the color-coded highlights on the signal timing sheets in the Signal Timings and Phasing attachment to the TIS, Attachment S.

29. Include proposed timing sheets for the impacted signals in the Signal Timings and Phasing attachment to the TIS, Attachment S. Any proposed timing changes, including cycle time, offset, split times, etc. should be incorporated into the revised timing plans.

30. The LOS comparison tables in Attachment M to the TIS appear to be missing for the Holiday Weekday PM and Holiday Saturday Midday peak periods. These should be included.

31. Submit the Synchro files used in the traffic analysis for review.

32. Submit a "network/system" simulation model to ensure that the signal systems along the State Highways and the NYS Parkways will continue to operate in an acceptable manner.

33. An additional westbound right turn lane or additional storage length may need to be considered at the intersections of NYS Route 24 and the Memorial Sloan Kettering entrance & Cunningham Avenue.

34. The Meadowbrook State Parkway southbound ramp to NYS Route 24 eastbound may need to be increased in radius. The eastbound NYS Route 24 to southbound Meadowbrook State Parkway on-ramp may need to be moved over to accommodate that improvement.

35. The southbound approach at NYS Route 24 and Glenn Curtiss Boulevard/Site Access, exiting the site, provides two left turn lanes and a shared right-thru lane. This will remove the existing dedicated right turn lane. This may require additional green time at the signal for vehicles exiting the venue and should be analyzed and discussed in the analysis.

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41. Based on the traffic volumes expected by the TIS, additional analysis should be provided for Park Boulevard/East Meadow Avenue. Traffic volumes on this roadway may cause delays on NYS Routes 24 and 102 under the full build condition.

42. The proposed Transportation Demand Management strategies discussed may not have the assumed impacts that are included in the TIS. The developer should document how and to what extent the expected mitigation will address the impacts of the development for further review.

43. A Use & Occupancy permit may be required if additional landscaping or improvements within State ROW are proposed or if State ROW is used to meet zoning requirements.

44. The TIS indicates that the developer is committed to working with Nassau County on the County's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) implementation near the Integrated Resort. NYSDOT believes that all options to reduce the need for vehicle trips should be considered. Continue working with Nassau County to coordinate the Integrated Resort with the BRT system.

45. Develop the Highway Work Permit plans in accordance with the NYSDOT Project Design Manual. Each of the proposed improvements within State Right-of-Way, including replacement of multiple bridges, modifying ramps, and traffic signal modifications, will require extensive coordination.

46. The "Long Island Historic Treatment Guidelines 2021" will also need to be followed for the proposed improvements along the Meadowbrook State Parkway. This includes specific design elements for bridges, guiderail, light posts, signs, etc.

47. A future shared use path (SUP) is planned on both sides of the Meadowbrook State Parkway. The widening should maintain sufficient ROW to accommodate the SUP within the turf, shoulder and vegetated area buffer of the Parkway.

48. The limits of disturbance in Appendix 3.1-7 show that tree removals are proposed along the State Parkway. The tree removals may require concurrence from NYS OPR&HP and/or the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

49. Damage or removal of vegetation as a result of the project may require a full replacement. The existing mature plantings along the Meadowbrook State Parkway screen commercial development along the Parkway from view.

50. Section 1.3.12 of the DEIS states that "views of the proposed Integrated Resort from historic resources would be present, but not out of character with the existing development of the area, which is already seen from the existing historic resources. Further, the presence of the proposed Integrated Resort would not result in changes to the current or past uses or the aesthetic character of historic buildings." Provide concurrence of this statement from NYS OPR&HP.

51. Consider removing the abandoned LIRR bridge over the Meadowbrook State Parkway.

52. There are several environmental justice communities surrounding the project area. All mitigation measures must be considered to reduce impacts to the communities and the environmental justice procedure according to Executive Order 12898 must be followed. For reference, the census block groups for the surrounding area are 15000US360594073024, 15000US360594073023, 15000US360594073021, 15000US360594072041, 15000US360594073012, 15000US360594072043, 15000US360594073022.

53. The Meadowbrook State Parkway improvements will result in the highway being closer to surrounding residences. A noise study of this area should be performed and was not included in the DEIS Section 1.3.7. A noise wall or other measures may need to be considered to mitigate the noise impacts of the additional traffic and lanes on the Parkway.

54. Does the air quality analysis include the increased traffic that will be generated by the site on the Meadowbrook State Parkway and other roadways?

55. Nassau County is in attainment for CO as of 2022. The County is specified as being a maintenance area in DEIS Section 3.6.1.3. Nassau County is no longer designated as a maintenance area for carbon monoxide (CO).

56. Provide an updated letter from NYSDEC regarding the Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands Permit for roadway improvement. DEIS Appendix 3.3-1 contains an outdated letter to Mr. Rob Marsh of NYSDEC dated July 18, 2008.

57. Additional energy mitigation, including solar and wind alternatives, should be considered. Section 1.3.13 of the DEIS considers solar alternatives, however, they could be extended to SUP's and overhang areas. Vertical wind energy should also be considered.

58. Irrigation demands are anticipated to be approximately 62,000 gallons per day. Reduction to irrigation needs should be part of a mitigation plan which can include native plants, rain swells, rain gardens, grey water systems etc. Statements of native flora, meadows, and no mow zones were to be included in the new pervious area of 15.7 acres.

59. Section 3.2.2 of the DEIS estimates that the cone of depression in the water table will be up to half a mile from the site. Will an impact to the surrounding community or wells be anticipated?

60. Mitigation measures should be developed to include recharging of the sole source aquifer based on what is being taken from the new water supply well as there has been an ongoing water deficit. Figure 11 discusses mitigation measures, but a quantitative analysis should be provided.

As requested in the DEIS, a copy of this letter will be submitted to sandscomments@nassaucountyny.gov. For more information regarding the Highway Work Permit, the developer may contact NYSDOT's Permit Section Manager, Mr. Olu Fajolu at 631-952-6022 or Olumuyiwa.Fajolu@dot.ny.gov.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

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Attn: Michael C. Pulitzer, Clerk of the Nassau County Legislature

Re: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
Sands New York Integrated Resort

Dear Presiding Officer Kopel and Honorable Members of the Nassau County Legislature:

As a follow-up to the correspondence submitted on January 3, 2025, regarding the above-referenced DEIS, NYSDOT has met with the applicant and its representatives to discuss the various comments offered.

Based upon that meeting, the NYSDOT will continue to work with the applicant to review the DEIS and, as appropriate based on our further review, may amend or otherwise resolve the various comments. Further information regarding how NYSDOT comments have been addressed will be provided for inclusion in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

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Dear Michael C. Pulitzer, Clerk of the Legislature, and **Nassau County Legislators**

These comments for edits to the DEIS document are considered essential points by the community of Greater Uniondale Area, which includes the taxing districts of Uniondale, to have in the final Sands NY Integrated Resort DEIS document. The community welcomes discussion and confirmation of actions in response to these comments. The comments are presented here referencing locations of information using the DEIS Summary document PDF posted on the Nassau County website for public review.

· **DEIS Index Section 2.5, pages 46-47 (or PDF pages 164-165/819) - Identify and protect the Uniondale "host community" designation**. Include a written DEIS public statement of Uniondale's host community status with the Sands NY Integrated Resort development DEIS. (The omission is seen in the document and especially noted here).

· **Section 3.10.1, page 400 [or PDF page 518/819]. The uses of East Garden City must be eliminated throughout the documents**, accurately replacing it with the community's name of Uniondale. (The error example is noted in the description of the Third Precinct Area in
Correct the confusing uses: The name (EGC) was eliminated in Town of Hempstead, not incorporated into…
The Census statement on **Section 3.9 p.355, [or PDF page 473/819]** reads: "**Uniondale CDP expanded from 2010 to 2020, incorporating East Garden City into the census designated place boundary".

It should read, "**Uniondale CDP expanded from 2010 to 2020, incorporating East Garden City into the census designated place **boundary and restoring its place name identity to Uniondale."**

· **Section 2.0 p. 47, [or PDF p. 165/819]. and Section 5.0 p. 605 [or PDF p.723/819]. The DEIS Community Benefit Program (CBP) must not be limited to uses for facilities.** Edit sections referring to the CBP, at least for Uniondale host community, so that benefits may be used for **facilities *and/or* programs**. [Programs "keep the lights on"] Edit this wherever the clarification is needed in the DEIS final document.

Section 3.10.2.1, [PDF p.527] - Refers to the **Uniondale Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services Uniondale Fire District use of CBP.** The CBP resources for Uniondale as the host community must be differentiated from, and not confused with, the required upgrade cost for these lifeline facilities. The required costs for Uniondale Fire Department and the Uniondale Fire District in the host community to fulfill its responsibilities with the new and phased developments of the Sands New York project must be taken from a separate funding category (i.e. the payment in lieu of Taxes). The terms "community benefit" must recognize the difference between Fire Department and Fire District requirements and benefits to the host community. Uniondale CBP resources shall have a definition that protects uses for other community facilities and services to participate appropriately and without prejudice of concerns that safety infrastructure is in the domain of "benefits"

· **Section 2.0 p. 47 [or PDF p. 165/819 - The Veteran's Memorial- At Section 2.0 p. 47, [or PDF p. 165/819]** It must be clearly stated that An edit is needed, to clearly state that the Veteran's Memorial will be on the Sands NY Integrated Resort site property in Uniondale. Location details specifying Uniondale, are missing from the primarily financial major statement about the treatment of the Uniondale landmark - Veteran's Memorial, **Section 2.0 p. 47, [or PDF p. 165/819**]. **Section 3.4, top of p. 208, [or PDF p. 326/819]** text mentions the memorial, but it is obscured with other features, that are planned on-site. Clarity of the Uniondale Veteran's Memorial, on-site location, is needed.

· **Section 2.0 p. 47 [or PDF p. 165/819] and Section 5.0 p. 605 [or PDF p.723/819] - The 2% annual increase** (for inflation) must also apply to the Community Benefit Program (CBP) amounts. **This was distinctly discussed in committees and needs to be added in writing, in all appropriate places referring to the CBP.** For example**, Section 2.0 p. 47 [or PDF p. 165/819] and Section 5.0 p. 605 [or PDF p.723/819].**

· The terms of the agreements shall remain intact, transferable, and enforceable to any future owners, lease holders, changed corporation structures or names, that may be relevant and consequential to the lease,

community benefits program(s) and/or outcomes for the community. I did not see this in the DEIS document. **This edit needs to be added in appropriate places.**

· **Section 605 5.0**, or **pg. 723/819 PDF, Unavoidable Adverse Effects** - A Main Point Was Missed – in **Section 605 5.0**, or **pg. 723/819 PDF, Unavoidable Adverse Effects** and **7.0, p.610 Growth-Inducing Aspects of the Proposed Action, Section 3.9, or Pg 729/819 PDF.** The content concerns are discussed below.

· **610 7.0 Growth-Inducing Aspects of the Proposed Action, Section 3.9, or Pg 729/819 PDF** - We seek a notation of Sands NY's awareness of community stakeholder concerns for risk of changes that are beyond Sands NY domain of control or direct responsibility**, that may accrue from external pressures responding to the development of this project**, such as problematic investors, zoning, or code enforcement challenges. We seek an understanding with Sands NY, for readiness to partner as advocates to mitigate problems and improve conditions for the protection of for Uniondale identity when it is determined to be meaningful. **610 7.0 Growth-Inducing Aspects of the Proposed Action, Section 3.9, or Pg 729/819 PDF.**

Key Examples:

First, while Sands NY does not control zoning, Sands NY can state clear intention and advocacy support that this zone, if created with gaming approval, shall not be used as a precedent-setting action or legal basis to increase gaming zoning in future interpretations of Uniondale community zoning permissions by local government. Sands NY zone approval for gaming or casino use is to remain a singular and contained zone, and only existing at this Sands NY development site.

Secondly, the community of Uniondale seeks a statement of acknowledgement that some risks and problem issues can be mitigated through collaborative advocacy to improve protections.
We look for Sands NY to partner as advocates to halt harmful business naming practices in Uniondale, such as those that harm our area's identity and increase wayfinding confusions that are problematic for Sands NY and the community. Uniondale's identity is harmed where when businesses have placed another area's municipality name into their prominent business name signage, such as, "Garden City Center", Garden City Liquors, Westbury Galleria, or other local county or town municipality names in Uniondale business spaces and signage. Uniondale seeks Sands NY acknowledgement of this issue, making it possible to collaborate solutions and advocacy to strengthen positive Uniondale identity, within the development project site and beyond, when and where it is protective and helpful to do so. This can also improve

tourism, wayfinding and other experiences in Uniondale.
Uniondale also seeks advocacy partnership to help prohibit certain undesirable, or predatory business types of growth from increasing in surrounding host community areas of concern. (For example: check cashing, pawn shops, gun shops, air B&B businesses) which can do harm to the perceived neighborhood character. The acknowledgement of community concerns does not imply any Sands NY decision making authority or control regarding these matters outside of the site. It does position Sands NY as a helpful ally to this host community of Uniondale, for attention to positive community effects of stability with business growth.

The community is also seeking discussion, follow-up, and action regarding questions posed about traffic on Uniondale Avenue, and possible mitigations to the difficult conditions there. Direct mitigations seemed to be absent in the DEIS discussion of traffic impacts. Strength to collaborate solutions and mitigations to significant traffic challenges in Uniondale, especially along Uniondale Avenue, are requested.

We look forward to your confirmation and response to this set of comments.

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Re: DEIS Comments
RR File No.: 013535-00001

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am a partner in Rivkin Radler LLP, attorneys for Hofstra University. This letter and the attached report by Colliers Inc. are submitted as comments to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("DEIS") prepared in conjunction with the application by Sands to develop the Nassau Coliseum site, including with a casino.

In connection with the preparation of a Final Environmental Impact Statement ('FEIS") under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), a DEIS is to be prepared and subject to public comments. The purpose of the public comments, such as these submitted by Colliers, Inc. on behalf of Hofstra, is to assure that the FEIS provides the deciding governmental body a thorough hard look at the potential environmental impacts of a project. See e.g. Akpan v. Koch, 75 N.Y.2d 561, 555 N.Y.S.2d 16 (1990). It is imperative that the FEIS adequately examine the potential environmental impacts of a project, such as the environmental concerns identified in the public comments submitted to the Nassau County Legislature in response to the DEIS, in order for the governmental body to fulfill its obligation under SEQRA.

For example, in County of Orange v. Village of Kiryas Joel, 44 A.D.3d 765, 844 N.Y.S.2d 57 (2d Dep't 2007), the Second Department upheld the determination by the IAS Court that the EIS process to approve a pipeline did not adequately examine the impact on wetlands, holding that when a "governmental body does not take a full and complete consideration of an environmental concern or does not support its conclusions with rationally based assumptions or studies" the SEQRA Finding Statement approving the FEIS must be vacated. See also Bronx Committee for Toxic Free Schools v. New York City School Construction Authority, 86 A.D.3d 401, 927 N.Y.S.2d 45 (1st Dep't 2011), aff'd, 20 N.Y.3d 148, 958 N.Y.S.2d 65 (2012) (failure to exam long term monitoring plans was a failure of the agency's obligations under SEQRA).

As fully set forth in the Colliers' report, there are a number of deficiencies, concerns and remaining questions in the DEIS prepared for the proposed development. The Nassau County Legislature has the decision-making authority over whether to proceed with the Sands development. Therefore, the Legislature has the obligation to ensure the FEIS adequately addresses these deficiencies, concerns and questions, as well as those raised by other responses, in order to ensure that the County has adequate information to decide whether the project is appropriate for Nassau County.

Respectfully,

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Introduction

This report has been prepared at the request of Rivkin Radler on behalf of Hofstra University. Colliers Engineering & Design (CED) has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Sands New York Integrated Resort dated October 2024 as well as a substantial portion of data included in the associated appendices.

The Sands New York Integrated Resort DEIS was released to the public for comment on November 21, 2024. Initially comments were due on January 6, 2025, and later extended to January 21, 2025. This comment period included the Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa holidays. Based on the very limited timeframe allotted for public comment for this voluminous content (over 20,000 pages), the CED review has concentrated primarily on elements of the DEIS which have the ability to impact the Hofstra University community (students, professors, and other employees) and neighboring properties. There are also some comments that are broader in scope applying to a greater geography and demographic, as well as the process and agencies needed to provide or verify information and calculations provided as part of the DEIS.

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Section 1 - Executive Summary

Comments Section 1.1 - Description of Proposed Action

1. Uses
    - The DEIS claims that there is a Public Attraction space of 60,000 SF. **The applicant should detail what the elements of this public attraction are intended to be.**
    - The DEIS states that a police substation will be provided in the form of a core and shell (1,500 SF) and $500,000 fit-out reimbursement. **Will this result in a turnkey, operational facility or will the town or county need to provide additional funding?**
2. Infrastructure
    - Water
        - To address the water demand for Phase 2, a new water supply well with a capacity of 1.98 MGD, as well as associated treatment systems, backup power generation, and transmission water main are proposed to support the full build-out. Sands has committed to funding this new well and appurtenances. However, the DEIS notes that if significant additional users are identified, cost-sharing may be employed. **Will this be a public or private well? Who will be responsible for the long-term operations and maintenance?**
    - Solid Waste
        - On-site collection of solid waste is proposed to occur within underground loading docks and service areas. **Due to the close proximity to Hofstra University and other sensitive receptors, rodent control and smell associated with the large volume of waste need to be addressed to protect the health and safety of students, residents and visitors.**
    - Electric
        - While the DEIS asserts that PSEG Long Island can provide service to the subject property, an expanded or new substation would be required to serve the proposed Integrated Resort beyond Phase 1. Sands has committed to continuing to work with PSEG Long Island and to participating in funding the substation expansion needed to meet the energy demand of the proposed Integrated Resort. The DEIS notes that if significant additional users are identified, cost-sharing may be employed. **Is this a decision of the applicant or PSEG Long Island? Who will ultimately be responsible for the long-term operations and maintenance?**

3. Jobs
    - The DEIS claims that over 7,000 jobs would be generated during the construction period and over 7,800 permanent jobs (over 5,000 full-time equivalents [FTE]) would be created upon full development. The report notes that construction workers are expected to carpool with at least 2 people to a car. **How will that be monitored and enforced and what happens if they arrive by themselves? Will they be turned away and forced to find street parking or park in nearby lots?**
4. Phasing
    - Phase 1: the redevelopment of the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum with the Coliseum Casino, one of three parking garages, one of two central utilities plants and a parking lot, is anticipated to begin in 2026 and be completed in 2027.
    - Phase 2: the remainder of the Integrated Resort, is expected to begin in mid-2026 with construction being completed by the end of 2030.
    - **How realistic is this schedule?** It appears that the neighborhood will be subjected to at least 4 years or more of construction, as well at the associated impacts including traffic, noise, dust and debris control, etc.
    - **What happens if the applicant is unable to acquire permits or sufficient utility capacity to construct Phase 2?** A casino and parking garage do not constitute the type of mixed-use development envisioned in the Nassau County comprehensive master plan for the subject site.

Comments Section 1.2 - Purpose, Need, Benefits

1. This section is primarily about the money and what it can buy. While the purpose of the project may be to redevelop an underutilized, underperforming site, that does not mean that the prospective Integrated Resort at the scale proposed is the only use that can go there. If a casino license is not issued, can the amount of developer funding earmarked for community benefits be adjusted downward so that the developer can build a smaller alternative development concept at the site that is more consistent with the type of development envisioned in the Nassau County Master Plan. The alternative concept plan in the DEIS attempts to achieve economic viability by expanding the footprint of proposed uses other than a casino and adds uses such as residential and office development.
2. The DEIS talks a lot about tax benefits and revenue. **While economic vitality is an important factor for any municipality, land use decisions should not be based primarily on revenue generation.**
3. The DEIS lists the following other needs (page ES-18): workforce development, business development and tourism, environment and sustainability, public safety, and community needs, but **provides minimal explanation about what those needs are or how they are addressed by the proposed project**.
4. "Community benefits" payments are noted as $4 million per year with a gaming license and $2 million per year without a gaming license. **What are the parameters of the**

allocation? Why do only three of the Town of Hempstead villages/hamlets receive the community benefit dollars while others will also be impacted, but not compensated? Are the community benefit payments in perpetuity or is there an end date? Are the funds earmarked so that there is a known nexus between the project and the community benefits?

5. **How much of the host community funds will be in the form of a PILOT? What is the end date of the PILOT?**
6. Sands has committed $200,000 to The Family and Children's Association to support the establishment of two new Gambling Support and Wellness Centers in Hempstead and Hicksville. This should be viewed as a mitigating measure, not a benefit. **If Sands is not awarded a casino license, are they committed to providing these funds?**
7. The DEIS states that the project advances the land use and zoning codes by preserving and protecting the character of the greater Mitchel Field area and those of surrounding neighborhoods by providing entertainment, conference and meeting, hospitality and other supportive uses developed in a sustainable manner, and incorporating mitigation measures to minimize potential adverse impacts. However, a project of the scale proposed will create an entirely new character. It veers from the intent of the land use and zoning intended for the site, most specifically from:

    - Achieving harmonious visual and functional use relationships within the proposed Integrated Resort and with adjacent properties - **How does scale of the proposed development relate to scale of community?** There are two extremely tall "local" structures noted for comparison – one is a stack, and another is a medical facility that is over a mile and a half away. Those are not comparable with regards to height of structures in the neighborhood. The tallest buildings in the immediate area are closer in height to the Hofstra dormitories and RXR Plaza. **Why is there a need to exceed the height of neighboring structures?**
    - Promoting integration of pedestrian amenities and public transportation into the proposed Integrated Resort to facilitate walking, encourage the use of public transportation, and accommodate alternate modes of transportation that provide access to and from the Integrated Resort - This did not seem to be the case. There is a sea of parking indicating that visitors are expected to come by private vehicle. **The nearest train station is 3 miles away. You can walk within the complex, but is walking to the site safe or practical from adjacent neighborhoods?**
    - **In the Nassau County Master Plan, development of the subject site is envisioned to be outward facing with storefronts offering a greater degree of commercial vitality and "eyes on the street".** The proposed retail associated with the casino Integrated Resort concept is inward facing like a mall, not creating a vibrant streetscape. Most casino related retail is luxury based/splurge merchandise (high end clothing, jewelry, electronics, luggage, etc.) and not geared toward the average customer. With wraparound parking decks and lack of exterior windows and storefront doors, the site will remain an area that visitors may not find safe or

inviting to explore on foot. **How does this align with the intent of the zoning for the subject site?**

Comments Section 1.3 - Summary of Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures

1. 1.3.4 – Land Use, Zoning, Community Character
   - The DEIS states that, "The proposed redevelopment of the property into the Sands Integrated Resort aligns with the recommendations and goals of the relevant land use plans, as it would serve as a regional hub, concentrating a variety of uses, including entertainment, lodging, and recreational in a central location, attracting a wide range of people from Nassau and Suffolk Counties, New York City and beyond." (page ES-32) While the uses other than a casino are permitted in the MFM zoning district, the FGEIS for the previous proposal for the site required that the ground floor of structures facing the street should be retail or service uses with sufficient display windows. It appears that the intent was to enhance vitality along the street frontage as well as add "eyes on the street". It aligned with the Nassau County Master Plan. The proposed plan does not accomplish this.
   - Sands has proposed a new zoning district, the MF-IRD. "From a use perspective, it is the Lessee's position that the uses proposed are permissible under the existing MFM Zoning District, as all of the proposed uses, with the exception of the casino, are explicitly listed as permitted uses in that district (i.e., hotel, conference center, spa, offices, restaurants, retail stores, theatre and associated accessory uses). With respect to the casino, one of the permitted uses in the MFM Zoning District is: "Arena, convention center, exhibition facility or theater(s), and similar entertainment uses as may be approved by the Town Board." While this may be true for the non-casino alternative in the DEIS, this interpretation is not appropriate where a casino is under consideration. Casino uses have different impacts than theaters or other entertainment venues, including but not limited to hours of operation (casinos are close to 24-hour operations), addiction issues, need for enhanced police presence 24/7, and proximity to sensitive receptors such as schools, houses of worship, etc. Moreover, if casinos were truly the same as "similar entertaining uses," there would be no need for the state to regulate gambling any differently than other entertainment uses.
   - The DEIS points out that the character of the subject site would be transformed from an underutilized building in a sea of parking to a modern, active destination with a sense of place. The mix of buildings would be thoughtfully designed and much of the parking would be concealed within structures, rather than in the current surface lots. Landscaping is noted as a priority, with the intention of providing linkages to the local neighborhoods and complementing the architectural design. (page ES-33) All of this can be accomplished without the casino component and the negative factors associated with being near one, thus being a more favorable neighbor to Hofstra and the surrounding neighborhood and uses.
   - Sands DEIS states that they have conducted extensive community engagement to create a plan that enhances the community character with amenities and uses to serve local residents. These features are noted as including a live performance

venue, outdoor plazas, meeting and conference spaces, and complementary retail and restaurant offerings. A primary design objective is to fully integrate the development with the community and add value to the neighborhood through linkages and synergies with surrounding areas. Text notes that the proposed development would help strengthen the community character through increasing positive economic impact, strengthening pedestrian linkages, introducing new amenities, and enhancing public spaces. A central amenity would be an almost five-acre plaza with year-round programming to serve as a primary space for community engagement and entertainment, (page ES-33.) Again, all of this could be accomplished without the casino component and thus be a more favorable neighbor to Hofstra and the surrounding neighborhood and uses. The concept offered is inward facing and does not provide the street front vibrancy projected as the long-range vision for the subject site by the Nassau County Master Plan.
    - Similar list on page ES-34 can all be accomplished without a casino.
2. 1.3.10 – Community Facilities & Services
    - Development is said to include a fire command center on site.
    - Development would have video surveillance, emergency plan, security system, etc. These are safety features that any big development should have.
    - Sands proposes to construct a 1,500 SF police substation on-site, with accompanying police vehicles, and provision of up to $500,000 for fit out. **Why "up to"? How much more is estimated to be needed and who will pay for the remainder if the cost is higher?**
    - Funding for the creation of a new comprehensive hospitality program is proposed by Sands for Nassau County Community College and Long Island University students, including programs in hotel and casino management, security and surveillance, meetings and banquets, entertainment, and food and beverage. **Will Sands still fund these programs if a casino license is not granted for this site?**
    - Approximately 3.4 acres of public open space would be provided, which would be designed for the community at large and offer diverse elements, including a large plaza, along with smaller, more intimate gardens. At least $1 million would be allocated to construct a new monument, memorial, or tribute to U.S. armed forces veterans, replacing the existing memorial. The design process would involve Nassau County veterans to create a new memorial wall and water feature in the Central Plaza. **Will Sands provide this amenity if a casino license is not granted for this site?**

Section 3 - Existing Conditions, Potential Impacts, and Proposed Mitigation Measures

Comments Section 3.4 - Land Use, Zoning, Community Character

1. Land Use 3.4.1.1 and Relevant LU plans 3.4.1.2
    - P. 159 talks about this being a Transit Oriented Development, or TOD. The concept of a TOD is to reduce automobile dependency. Located 3-miles from a train station,

this will not likely be a TOD. **What modes and intensity of public transit are expected? Will they run 24/7? And assuming it is indeed a TOD, why is so much parking being proposed?** A TOD generally has reduced parking to encourage the use of mass transit.

- The entertainment complex/mixed-use component of the proposal may align with the County Comprehensive and Master Plans as it relates to Land Use as well as other planning documents summarized in the DEIS, but the casino is not contemplated in those plans.
- The Uniondale Hamlet Vision Plan (DEIS page 164) establishes as part of the vision to "reinforce Uniondale as a 'college town'." **In what way would a casino support this vision?**

2. Zoning 3.4.1.3
   - MFM (Mitchel Field MU) District. permits arenas and other entertainment uses; hotel/conference center, offices, medical/dental offices or clinics; retail stores; restaurants, café or luncheonette; personal service establishments; research and development facilities; hospital; schools; congregate care/nursing home facilities; day-care facilities; health club/spa; clubs, fraternal organizations, lodges or philanthropic uses; townhouses/multifamily dwellings; municipal buildings; religious uses, non-commercial park, open space or recreational facilities; and public transportation facilities.
   - The DEIS points out that all prior applications for the site have required relaxed zoning (variances or rezoning). While this may demonstrate a need to create site-specific zoning and/or the need for flexibility, it does not demonstrate need to have a casino. Additionally, Sands notes that they are unable to achieve an economically viable project under this zoning. If this is a matter of economics, maybe the amount of money that they are offering to the county and municipalities as host community fees should be reexamined. They have not demonstrated why it is better to alter the character of the area by creating larger, taller structures, than meeting the existing code. Money does not justify a request to change the zoning particularly when there are viable alternatives that will result in less impact to neighboring properties.

Comments Section 3.8 - Public Health, Problem Gambling

1. The potential impacts section names interventions/treatments and a desire to do no harm.
   - This section calls out the high rate of gambling amongst college age students, particularly sports gambling. Sports betting is allowed at NY casinos. If a casino is directly next door, with access to viewing multiple games simultaneously, there is likely to be a risk of higher frequency of betting.
   - **What are the rates of problem gambling amongst students where casinos are present? What level of increase to these numbers would the community experience if a casino is built?**

- Studies show that problem gambling is a larger problem among college students (6-8%) than the overall population (1-2%). **How will this be addressed?** (Sources: National Center for Responsible Gaming (NCRG); Shaffer, Hall, and Vander Bilt (1999); Barnes, Welte, and Hoffman (2010); and Derevensky and Gupta (2007)

2. Proposed mitigation
   - Sands describes their "Exclusion Policy". **How many patrons does Sands exclude from betting using this policy annually? What criteria does Sands use to evaluate the wherewithal of a patron to determine if their betting is a problem?**
   - Providing money for counseling facilities and programs should be viewed as a mitigating measure for a problem that the applicant will cause or exacerbate by constructing a casino at the subject site, not a benefit.

Comments Section 3.9 - Socioeconomics

1. The DEIS looks at existing economics and demographics
   - Potential Impacts discusses tax revenue and fees paid to towns. This section does not look at how local businesses and residents will experience the change.
   - **How will rates of unemployment and underemployment in the area be impacted?**
   - **Are the existing unemployed workers in the area suitably trained to work in the sectors that would be created at the subject site? Is there overlap or are the jobs not mirroring the local workforce and their skills?**
   - **How will the proposed project potentially impact the area demographics?**
   - **How much, if at all, will the project contribute to a positive or negative change to existing poverty levels?**
   - **How much, if at all, will the project contribute to a positive or negative change to existing costs of living?** This should consider both the potential for added income in a household as well as the potential for households to face problem gambling losses.
   - **Has a retail leakage analysis (also known as a gap analysis or supply-demand analysis) been done? Are proposed retail uses anticipated to attract new dollars from outside the market area or will they draw away revenue that would otherwise go to existing local businesses?**
   - Little attention has been given to impact on the local housing market. Cost of housing (up or down), supply of housing if workers are drawn to the area, etc. Table 109 shows the potential for 246 new households – if housing stock is low, the cost of housing would likely go up to balance demand.
   - The analysis relies heavily on attracting a large percentage of the 7800+ new employees from the immediate area. **Is this achievable based on current conditions of the local job market?**
2. Comparison of potential cost to potential revenue for schools, local government and other services

- The potential impacts section mentions how much money ("community benefit payments") towns would get as a result of the proposed development, but limited attention to the impact of the development itself.
- Distribution of community benefits are divided amongst Nassau County and the Town of Hempstead (Uniondale 40%, 40% East Meadow, 20% Village of Hempstead). While impacts of the development will be experienced by a much greater area of the Town of Hempstead and portions of the Town of North Hempstead. **How was this distribution decided?** There will be government services and roadways throughout the Town that receive impacts from the development, but no direct compensation.

Comments Section 3.10 - Community Facilities & Services

1. The existing local fire department is volunteer. Nassau County fire departments have a mutual aid agreement, but the site is primarily served by the Uniondale Fire Department. **Will additional fire personnel, vehicles or equipment be needed to service the proposed development?**
2. Much detail is provided regarding on-site security, but little about the police force. **Is the proposed substation intended to handle all on-site police matters? Will additional officers and/or vehicles be needed? How many additional calls are estimated annually? Will a private security force be in place in addition to local police?**
3. Under 3.10.2.5 Open Space and Recreational Resources – it should be clarified which OS&R facilities are available to the general public and which are privately held spaces dedicated to hotel guests, event attendees and the like.
4. Proposed mitigation – the DEIS states that, "The anticipated annual gaming revenue (with the guaranteed minimums to Nassau County and the Town of Hempstead), combined with the substantial community benefits commitments (that would be available to support fire departments, ambulance services, school districts, libraries, parks, and other community facilities), and PILOT payments, are expected to far exceed the costs to provide public services." **What protection is there to ensure that Sands cannot request a reduction of these payments in the future due to a lack of nexus between the degree of impact and amount of compensation they currently propose to provide?**

Comments Section 3.11 - Aesthetic Resources

1. A comprehensive summary of features addressing dark sky lighting, green roofs, solar panels, green walls, bird-friendly glazing, energy star systems, LEED certification, native species, and landscaping would be useful for the review since these items are scattered throughout the DEIS.
2. Viewshed Analysis shows varying degrees of visual impact, depending on the location of the receptor. The project will be highly visible from the Hofstra University Athletic Field.
3. Shadow Analysis – while Hofstra University is not fully included on the photo simulations, the potential for shading seems to exist on the portion of property closest to the proposed project site particularly in morning hours.

4. Lighting – is described as warm and subtle. The DEIS states that they will take measures to minimize light trespass beyond the property line. This is important for Hofstra particularly since the height of hotel towers is proposed to be taller than the Hofstra dorms. It is imperative that measures are taken to deflect building and signage lighting as well as window glare on facades facing Hofstra campus.

Section 4 - Cumulative Impacts

Comments Section 4.6 - Traffic

1. Scenarios should address the claim that (a) this will be a TOD, and (b) construction workers will carpool, and how those assumptions impact the counts. **What type of credits are being assumed in the traffic counts for these factors?**

Section 5 - Unavoidable Adverse Impacts

Comments Section 5.2 – Long-term Impacts

1. **Why is there no mention about the change of aesthetic context and other social, demographic, visual, and zoning matters?**

Section 7 - Growth-Inducing Aspects of the Proposed Action

Comments Section 7

1. The growth inducement section of an EIS should . . . describe any further development which the proposed action may support or encourage, such as:
   - Attracting significant increases in local population by creating or relocating employment, or by providing support facilities or services (stores, public services, etc.); or increasing the development potential of a local area, for example, by the extension of roads, sewers, water mains, or other utilities.
   - Real or imagined precedent set for more intense, taller development.
   - While report (page 611) acknowledges growth-inducing impacts as small businesses in and around Nassau County are expected to benefit from the presence of the Integrated Resort, information is not provided as to how many of such businesses exist vs how many would be created. **Have new (or expanded) businesses been included in counts of additional traffic, electricity, water use, etc.?**

Section 8 - Alternatives and their Impacts

Comments Section 8

1. Three alternatives are analyzed in the DEIS.
   - No action
   - Alternative CMP - Redevelopment of the subject property, assuming a gaming license is not awarded. ***Note that this alternative is not just the removal of the casino from the proposed concept plan. It contains additional uses including housing, office space and multipurpose recreation.***

- Existing MFM Zoning Compliant Plan – analysis below only addresses the proposed vs Alternative CMP options since Sands says in the DEIS that a development compliant with the MFM zoning is not economically viable for them to develop because of all of the community benefit dollars that they have committed to provide.

2. The casino option doesn't have residential, office, or multipurpose recreation; option without a gaming license has those uses.
3. Option without a gaming license also includes "entertainment retail," oddly casino option does not. Explanation should be provided.
4. Casino option has more GFA (3.7 million vs 2.3 million) and higher FAR (1 vs 0.76).
5. Open space with casino option - 3.4 acres, Alternate CMP - 3.16 acres. It would seem that a rezoning to allow either of these uses (with or without casino) would enable the town to stipulate the amount of open space required. The town could ultimately require the same amount of open space regardless of use. The DEIS scenarios are based on and accommodate the layouts that the Applicant proposes.
6. Casino option impervious coverage - 70 acres; Alternative CMP impervious coverage - 42 acres
7. Non-casino residential: 500 dwelling units, 949 direct population, 41 school-age children
8. Table 135 calculates land coverage. Landscaping and lawn are in this table to get to 100%, however they are part of the open space.

Traffic

Comments

1. Study Locations. Did not study:
   - Mineola Boulevard at 2nd Street (Mineola Train Station Access)
   - Post Avenue at Union Avenue (Westbury Train Station Access)

   As were requested in our 9/16/24 Comments. It is assumed that analysis of these locations was determined to not be required since the Project will only provide a shuttle to the Hempstead Train Station. However, there is no way for the Project to ensure that only the Hempstead Train Station will be utilized by patrons of the Project, therefore additional traffic through these intersections is still possible and likely as well as ridership at these stations.

2. Summer Analysis
   - Partially addressed based on what we requested in our 9/16/24 Comments. All the locations requested for the summer analysis in our 9/16/24 comments were not counted as part of the Summer Analysis.
   - The study indicates that a threshold is indicated in the scope to determine if summer analysis is needed but this threshold could not be identified by a review of the scoping document available online.
3. Crash Analysis
   - ***The following items, which were requested in our 9/16/24 Comments have not been addressed in the DEIS or TIS:***
     - ***High accident locations (based on number of crashes, crash rate and severity) will be analyzed and measures to alleviate accident conditions will be identified***
     - ***Analysis of future accident conditions should also be provided accounting for the anticipation of drivers unfamiliar with the area especially along the Northern State, Meadowbrook and Southern State which are known to have confusing entrances and exits to the parkways.***
   - Many intersections are shown to experience a significant crash history, including as an example:
     - Hempstead Turnpike at Glenn Curtiss Boulevard/Nassau Coliseum Main Entrance (49 Crashes, 30% Injuries)
     - Hempstead Turnpike at Cunningham Avenue (67 Crashes, 25% Injuries)
     - Hempstead Turnpike at Earle Ovington Boulevard/Uniondale Avenue (121 Crashes, 31% Injuries)
     - Charles Lindbergh Boulevard westbound (WB) at Earle Ovington Boulevard/Nassau Community College (59 Crashes, 24% Injuries)
     - Hempstead Turnpike at Merrick Avenue (130 Crashes, 26% Injuries)

     This is just a sampling of the intersections experiencing high numbers of accidents where significant additional Project traffic will be added. Where significantly high numbers of crashes have been identified and Project traffic will potentially contribute to additional crashes at the intersections, mitigation measures should be identified.

- The analysis of 2022/2023 crash data indicates that ***"...annual crashes have increased by 14%, injury crashes have increased by 23%, and PDO crashes have increased by 43% while NR crashes decreased by 37%. Notably, injury crashes increased by 57% at Hempstead Turnpike at Newbridge Bridge, the largest increase in injury crashes among the selected intersections. At Hempstead Turnpike at Merrick Avenue, injury crashes decreased by 12%, the only such decrease among all selected intersections."*** These increases could indicate a general trend of increasing crash frequency with increasing volume along the roadways since COVID. The further addition of Project traffic could further contribute to crash frequence without specific crash mitigation measures.

4. Peak Hours
   - ***The determination of critical peak hours discussed on Page 18 of the TIS needs to be further reviewed and clarified by the Applicant. Our office conducted an analysis of the critical peak hours for the Friday Evening, Saturday Midday and Saturday Evening Peak Hours based on the data presented in the TIS as well as traffic volume data collection conducted by our office. Our analysis was conducted for the same critical intersections closest to the site as identified on Page 18 of the TIS. Utilizing the existing traffic volume data and combining this with the traffic generation estimates from the Project as identified Attachment J of the TIS, we have identified what we believe are the combined peak hours. The table below identifies the combined peak hours and total traffic network volume across the twelve (12) intersections as compared to the peak hours identified in the TIS and the total network volume during those times. A similar analysis was also conducted for the Meadowbrook Parkway Mainline for count locations 48 & 49 – Meadowbrook Parking North of Stewart Avenue, which represents the location of greatest added traffic from the Project on the Meadowbrook Parkway.***

Peak Hour	TIS Critical Peak		CED Identified Combined Peak		Volume Difference	% Change
	Time	Network Build Volume	Time	Network Build Volume		
Intersection Peak Hour Analysis						
Friday Evening Peak Hour	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM	30,332	4:45 PM to 5:45 PM	37,849	+7,517	+25%
Saturday Midday Peak Hour	1:15 PM to 2:15 PM	28,717	1:30 PM to 2:30 PM	28,837	+121	+0.42%
Saturday Evening Peak Hour	7:15 PM to 8:15 PM	20,404	4:15 PM to 5:15 PM	28,666	+8,262	+40%

Peak Hour	TIS Critical Peak		CED Identified Combined Peak		Volume Difference	% Change
	Time	Network Build Volume	Time	Network Build Volume		
Meadowbrook Parkway Peak Hour Analysis						
Friday Evening Peak Hour	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM	9,288	4:45 PM to 5:45 PM	10,166	+878	+9.5%
Saturday Midday Peak Hour	1:15 PM to 2:15 PM	8,551	12:15 PM to 1:15 PM	8,874	+323	+3.8%
Saturday Evening Peak Hour	7:15 PM to 8:15 PM	7,420	4:15 PM to 5:15 PM	9,111	+1,691	+22.8%

Tables identifying the detailed calculations that result in the data above for both the intersection network and Meadowbrook Parkway Mainline are attached for reference.

As can be seen from the table above, it appears that the critical peak hours identified and analyzed in the TIS do not actually coincide with the combined peak hours of traffic for the Friday Evening and Saturday Peak Hours. Note that the TIS also indicates that "For the Friday and Saturday evening, the Friday evening peak hour of 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday evening peak hour of 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. were used for all intersections." This being the case, it is our opinion that the analysis of the Friday Evening and Saturday Peak Hours is not representative of peak conditions and the analysis should be updated for reflect the 4:45 PM to 5:45 PM for the Friday Evening Peak Hour and 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM for the Saturday Evening Peak Hour. In addition, a similar analysis of the critical peak hours should be conducted by the Applicant to confirm that the Weekday AM Peak Hour: 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM and Weekday PM Peak Hour: 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM actually represent the peak hours of combined traffic during these time periods for the twelve (12) intersections closest to the site.

- ***The TIS also indicates that "For the Friday and Saturday evening, the Friday evening peak hour of 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday evening peak hour of 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. were used for all intersections." This being the case, the analysis of all intersections for the Friday and Saturday evening peak hours should be conducted for the actual peak hours identified above.***

5. Other Planned Developments (TIS Page 49)
   - Reference data on each of the Other Planned Development (OPD) is not provided. Only combined OPD figures are provided in Attachment E. Assignment and appropriateness of OPD traffic cannot be confirmed based on the information provided. ***This was requested in our Scope Comments.***
6. Traffic Generation
   - Casino Generation
     - Casino Trip Generation is based on 10 Million Visitors Per Year
     - They need to provide clear steps/calculations of how they got from 10-Million Visitors/Year to Hourly Trip Generation

- What is the proposed number of gaming positions. How would this equate to the trip generation rates provided in the TEC Memo contained in Attachment J. They say their estimates are conservative based on the gaming position rates in the TEC Memo, but this can't be confirmed without the information on the number of proposed gaming positions.
- Critical reference is made to Philip Habib & Associates (PHA) study of existing casinos in New York City Metro area, but the Study is not provided for reference. Given limited time to review the documents, this should have been provided for ease of reference. In addition, there is no comparable casino to that which is proposed in the New York City Metro area, so it is not clear how the PHA study referenced applies.

o Hotel Generation
- Trip generation for the hotel in Attachment J appears very low compared to ITE. ITE shows peak hour total vehicle trips of 606 during AM and 813 for PM. Attachment J shows Peak of 299 on Tuesday, 149 on Friday and 169 on Saturday. Not clear how these numbers were arrived at.
- The traffic generation estimates show that the hotel traffic generation is higher on a Tuesday than on Friday/Saturday. This should be reviewed and clarified. It does not intuitively make sense that Hotel generation could be higher on a Tuesday than on a Friday/Saturday nor does ITE support this conclusion.
- ITE does not provide specific hourly data for Hotel Generation for Friday or Saturday. **How were these numbers determined?**
- Similar Issues to above are found to Retail and Food/Beverage (Restaurant Uses)

o Meetings & Conference
- Critical reference is made to ***FEIS for the Proposed No. 7 Subway Extension-Far West Midtown Manhattan Rezoning - Memorandum, Metzger, E. Convention Center Expansion Transportation Planning Assumptions (September 28, 2004)*** but this is note provided for reference. Given limited time to review this should have been provided for ease of reference.
- It is noted that the traffic generation of the meetings and conferences is based on ***"a daily average of 1,000 attendees."*** **What is the potential peak attendance that could be accommodated in the Meetings/Conference Space? How would this potentially impact the traffic generation associated with this space?**

o Public Attraction
- Study indicates ***"The public attraction is expected to generate a maximum daily attendance of 3,000 patrons spread throughout the course of the day."*** There is no information on what this will actually be other than to say it is a 60,000 SF public attraction space. **How can we know if 3,000 patrons per day is a reasonable number without knowing what it will be?**
- Study indicates ***"The daily trips were shifted to account for the hours of operation for the public attraction space. The detailed trip generation estimate is included in Attachment J."*** Based on this statement it would appear that there is some idea of what this Public Attraction space will be, and more information is available.

o Arena/Live Performance Venue

- 4,500 seat Arena, Events are expected to primarily occur during Friday and Saturday evenings (e.g., 4:00 p.m. to 12:45 a.m.) overlapping with the Friday evening and Saturday evening peak hours.
- Study indicates ***"...trip generation estimate for this use was completed using Lessee provided site-specific data."*** No reference information was provided for confirmation.
- Study indicates ***"The entering and exiting trips were distributed throughout Friday and Saturday based on arrival and departure distributions associated with a New York Islanders Hockey game."*** Again, no reference information was provided for confirmation.

- Employees
  - Study indicates, ***"Sands provided information regarding the number of employees and shift information for the existing Marina Bay Sands (MBS) casino in Singapore." and "Information provided by Sands indicates that the employee shifting patterns will be similar between MBS and the proposed Integrated Resort, though the exact number of employees per shift is currently unknown. Therefore, the employee trips were estimated using the employee numbers and shift information directly from MBS."*** None of this information was provided as support for trip generation estimates.
- General
  - The Tables provided in Attachment J provide only the "Final" Trip Generation Estimates for each land use. There is no clear indication of how these numbers were arrived at. It is assumed that there are various calculations that were completed to get to these numbers, but there is not enough information provided to recreate or confirm these numbers.
  - The base traffic generation assumptions from ITE or otherwise should be provided for confirmation.
  - The steps/intermediate calculations to arrive at the "Final Traffic Generation Numbers" provided in Attachment J should also be provided for confirmation.
  - The study presents Travel Mode Factors in Table 12 of the TIS, but no support for how these modal factors were derived is provided in the study. These are critical to the traffic generation estimates.
  - Similarly, Vehicle Occupancy assumptions are provided in Table 13 of the TIS, but again no support for how these vehicle occupancy numbers were derived is provided in the study. These are critical to the traffic generation estimates since all estimates are based on Person Trips.
  - The tables provided in Attachment J are not clear for public review. The 15-minute hourly periods should be explained. Columns for "Total Person Trips" are provided but not labeled. How would a layman reviewing this understand that these columns represent person trips.
  - Internal Capture Percentages are presented in Table 14 of the TIS. We understand the use of engineering judgement to determine these credits, but it again is not clear from the "Final Trip Generation Numbers" in Attachment J how these credits were specifically applied.

- They make comparison to an Islander's Hockey Game (attendance 13,900+) traffic generation to show that the proposed use will be comparable to the previous Coliseum Events. However, no detailed traffic information for the Coliseum Event is provided to support the numbers provided in Table 21 of the TIS nor any indication of the source of the data.
- While the comparison to the Islander's Hockey game is reasonable for the comparison of Peak Hours, the Islander's Hockey game and most other events at the Nassau Coliseum would typically experience an approximately 2-hour period of entering generation prior to an event, a lull of little to no traffic generation during an event and then a surge of traffic exiting after the event for a 1 to 2-hour period, whereas the proposed Project will have traffic generation 24-hours per day, 365 days per year. Further, even during peak use of the Coliseum daily events were not a regular occurrence. For these reasons comparison to the former Nassau Coliseum use is not a reasonable comparison.
- Based on available data, the Nassau Coliseum has a maximum capacity of approximately 13,900 for hockey, 14,500 for basketball, and 16,000 concerts. Based on the data provided in the TIS, it is estimated that the Casino resort could experience between 20,000 and 55,000 visitors per day during peak months. This represents a nearly 3.5 – 4x increase in visitors to the site over previous use of the site.
- They should provide a discussion of peak use of the Coliseum regarding how many events per year were typically held and how that compares to the everyday operation of the Sands Resort.
- The number of anticipated deliveries/trucks per day is not identified or discussed at all as was requested in our 9/16/24 Comments. The report ancillary discusses distributions of trucks with the Shuttle & Delivery Distribution discussion in the DEIS. It isn't possible to enforce specific truck routes.
- The Deliveries trip assignment figures for each of the peak hours ("E" Figures in Attachment E of the TIS) appear to blindly show 8 entering and exiting delivery trips during each of the peak hours with no justification for the number of trips.

o Comparisons to Other Resort Casino Vehicular Trip Generation (Page 66-67)
- Comparison is made to other data available for the Mohegan Sun Casino and MGM Detroit Casino based on data contained in a memo prepared by The Engineering Corp, dated September 20, 2013, included in Attachment J of the TIS. Conclusion is made in the TIS that that traffic generation used in the report are comparable to or less than if the traffic generation estimates were based on the data for the Mohegan Sun Casino and MGM Detroit Casino. However, it is not clear how this conclusion is made since the traffic generation data for the Mohegan Sun Casino and MGM Detroit Casino are based on the number of casino gaming positions provided at each location. No information on the proposed number of gaming positions for the proposed casino has been provided anywhere in EIS.

7. Full Build Condition – 2030
   o The analysis is based on a 2027 opening of Phase 1 and 2030 completion of the full development and all proposed offsite improvements. Therefor the study analyzes the

2027 and 2030 traffic design years. However, many of the improvements proposed to area intersections and especially the improvements proposed along the Meadowbrook Parkway are under NYSDOT jurisdiction. Based on NYSDOT Highway Design Manual Chapter 5 (Section 5.2.2.3) the proposed improvements would require analysis of an Estimate Time of Completion (ETC) plus 10 or 20 years depending on the magnitude of reconstruction work. The Meadowbrook Parkway modifications would certainly necessitate an ETC+20-year analysis. These future conditions analyses have not been provided.

- The analysis of Phase 1 indicates that trip distributions for Phase 1 will be the same as the full buildout distributions. However, the Phase 1 development will not include the development of the Hotels proposed as part of the Full Build-out. Since there will be no hotels as part of the Phase 1 development, it is anticipated that the Casino will be a more local draw rather than the regional draw that it will be under the Full Build-out scenario. A sensitivity analysis of Phase 1 conditions accounting for a more local draw of the casino under these conditions should be provided to assess potential impacts to local intersections under these conditions.
- **Between Phase 1 and Full Build-out is it anticipated that other portions of the development will be occupied as they are completed, or will all portions of the Full Build-out development be occupied at the same time in 2030? If occupancy as the additional portions are completed, it needs to be identified when specifically further improvements associated with the Full Build-out are actually needed. For example, are the Meadowbrook Parkway improvements needed sooner than 2030 to accommodate portions of the Full Build-out development occupied sooner than 2030? Or will there be a condition of approval that occupancy of the Full Build-out cannot occur until the Full Build-out improvements are completed?**

8. Traffic Mitigation
   - The DEIS does not provide a clear indication of the timing of traffic mitigation improvements other than to say, "All proposed mitigation measures would be funded by Sands and be in place by completion of Phase 2."
   - The TIS does indicate that certain improvements will be completed as part of Phase 1 and others to be completed as part of Phase 2. This discussion should be clearly presented in the DEIS for ease of review and clarity for the Public.
   - The following are to be completed prior to operation of Phase 1:
     - **Hempstead Turnpike (NY 24) at Glenn Curtiss Boulevard/Site Access** - WB: Modify right-turn lane to eliminate uncontrolled movement, SB: Restripe southbound approach to provide two left-turn lanes and a shared thru-right lane
     - **Earle Ovington Boulevard at Charles Lindbergh Boulevard (EB)/Site Access** - WB: Remove one left-turn lane, construct an additional channelized right turn lane
     - **Earle Ovington Boulevard and Charles Lindbergh Boulevard at Site Access Bus Loop** - Construct Bus deceleration lane and off ramp from Earle Ovington Boulevard. Construct a right out only from the site onto Charles Lindbergh Boulevard.
     - **Charles Lindbergh Boulevard at Site Access (Sands Blvd.)** - Construct Intersection and Signalize with optimized timing/phasing

- **Charles Lindbergh Boulevard at James Doolittle Boulevard** - EB: Remove right-turn lane, NB: Remove right-turn lane

- It needs to be clarified whether all improvements will be fully funded and completed by the Applicant or if other funding sources will be sought. This includes the physical mitigation improvements at Intersections, the physical mitigation improvements on parkways and interchanges and the recommended traffic signal timing/phasing optimization changes at various intersections, as well as other project specific Transportation Demand Management items.
- Traffic signal timing/phasing optimization are recommended for 15 intersection locations, some of which are also related to physical intersection modifications. It should be identified what specific timing modifications are recommended, how these will be implemented, and which specific Agency has jurisdiction over each signal with which the modifications will need to be coordinated. ***This is especially important for the intersections of Hempstead Turnpike at California Ave/Hofstra Blvd and Hempstead Turnpike at Oak Street/Hofstra South Campus Driveway as they may have an impact on Hofstra employees and students directly.***
- **What is the timing of the traffic signal timing/phasing optimization implementation? Are these proposed to be fully implemented as part of Phase 1?**
- Significant improvements are proposed along the Meadowbrook and Northern State Parkways. Indication should be provided as to the feasibility of these improvements and discussions that have been had with the overseeing Agencies that would be involved with approval of these improvements including NYSDOT, LIRR, Nassau County, etc. These improvements are critical to the Project and some indication of their feasibility and approvability needs to be provided.
- It also does not appear that there has been any review of the additional potential environmental impacts of the improvements along the Meadowbrook and Northern State Parkways including items such as wetlands, stormwater, etc. These should be assessed as part of the SEQRA review for the project.
- For the intersection of Hempstead Turnpike at Glenn Curtiss Boulevard/Coliseum Entrance (Page 90) the TIS identifies ***"Additionally, it is recommended that westbound U-turns be restricted during the Weekday PM peak hour and the signal timing and phasing be optimized for all peak periods."*** It should be clarified how prohibiting westbound U-Turns during the Weekday PM Peak Hour only is proposed to be accomplished and what benefit this provides. It needs to be further identified what hours of the day this prohibition would specifically apply to. It is noted that TIS Figure A-5a: 2023 Existing Traffic Volumes - Weekday PM Peak Hour indicates there are currently 44 vehicles currently making this U-turn maneuver. No analysis of where these vehicles would be redirected to and what impact that may have on other area intersections has been provided.
- **Franklin Ave at Stewart Ave (Page 91)** – This intersection currently operates at a LOS F during the Weekday PM Peak Hour under existing conditions. Signal timing changes have been identified to reduce the delay at this intersection, but it will continue to operate at a LOS F. Is additional mitigation necessary at this location

- **TIS Table 38 Speed (mph) Metrics for Northbound Meadowbrook State Parkway (South of Northern State Parkway) – It should be clarified why speeds are shown to increase for the Ramp from Meadowbrook State Parkway northbound to Northern State Parkway eastbound from Existing to No-Build to Build conditions without any modifications at this location in the background scenarios. Is this a result of increasing congestion elsewhere along the parkways?**
- **TIS Table 40 Speed (mph) Metrics for Southbound Meadowbrook State Parkway (at Charles Lindbergh Boulevard and Hempstead Turnpike)** – Significant impacts are shown to result from the Project at the Meadowbrook State Parkway southbound at Charles Lindbergh Boulevard and Meadowbrook State Parkway southbound at Hempstead Turnpike during the Weekday PM Peak Hour without any mitigation identified.
- **TIS Table 41 Speed (mph) Metrics for Meadowbrook State Parkway / Southern State Parkway Interchange** – Significant impacts are shown to result from the Project during the Saturday Midday and Evening hours at the Meadowbrook State Parkway southbound at Southern State Parkway with travel speeds shown to decrease from by up to 79% from No-Build (53 MPH) to Build (10 MPH) conditions. No mitigation has been identified for this significant impact.
- **TIS Table 43 PM – Hempstead Turnpike Ramp Junctions** - It should be explained why the Hempstead Tpke. EB On Ramp from Meadowbrook State Parkway SB is shown improving significantly from 2030 No-Build to 2030 Build conditions (without improvements) and then getting operating worse from 2030 Build conditions to 2030 Build with Mitigation conditions.

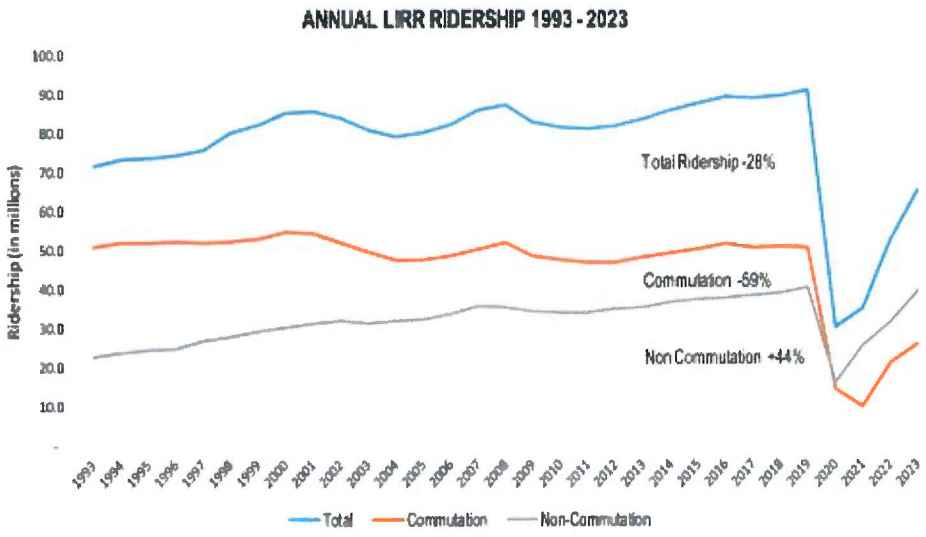
9. Trip Distributions
   - The discussion of Casino and Hotel Patrons Distribution on Page 68 of the TIS makes reference to figures D-1a, D-1b, D-1c, D-1d and Figure D-1e. There is no indication of where these figures can be found and a search of the various TIS attachments did not identify the location of these figures.
   - No figures are provided for the distributions of traffic along the Parkways similar to those provided for the area intersection on Figures D-2a through D-10l. This makes confirmation of trip assignments and distributions difficult, especially since the trip assignments for the Restaurant, Retail, Public Attraction, Theater and Meetings/Conference trips have been combined onto one set of figures.
   - The discussion of Shuttle and Delivery Distributions does not provide any discussion of deliveries other than to note the location of the Delivery distribution figures.
   - The Delivery Distributions indicate use of Glen Cove Road to Old Country Road to Merrick Avenue to get between the Long Island Expressway (I-495) and the Site. Similar routing is identified for deliveries departing the site as well. **How will this be enforced?** A review of GPS directions via Google Maps and other similar services indicates other recommended routes including:
     - Glen Cove Road to Old Country Road to Garden City Plaza to South Street to Quentin Roosevelt Boulevard/Charles Lindbergh Boulevard
     - Glen Cove Road to Clinton Road to Commercial Avenue to Quentin Roosevelt Boulevard/Charles Lindbergh Boulevard

- Old Westbury Road to Ellison Avenue to Old Country Road to Merrick Avenue.

In addition, some of these routes, such as Old Westbury Road and Ellison Avenue, have restrictions on commercial vehicles. **Could this become a local enforcement issue for the nearby municipalities?**

10. Potential for Traffic Diversions
    - The discussion of potential traffic diversions does not consider potential diversions of existing traffic associated with over congested roadway segments that may exist or result from the Project. For example, the interchange of Meadowbrook Parking and the Southern State Parkway has been identified as an existing over capacity area that will be worsened by the Project with no mitigation proposed. This may result in diversions of existing traffic around this interchange that could result in impacts in other areas. This should be discussed and analyzed further. Also, this is one potential example. Other potential diversions of existing traffic should be identified and analyzed/discussed by the Applicant.
11. Site Access/Circulation
    - The report notes that areas for bus drop-off/pick-up, taxis, and ride-sharing services will be provided. Figure A-15 of the TIS appears to show that these areas will be provided within Garage A. **Is this the only location? How will vehicles be directed to these locations?**
    - Based on the various entry and egress points for different vehicle types it would appear that significant signage, both on and off-site, will be necessary to direct vehicles to the appropriate access locations. No discussion or detail of this has been provided in the EIS.
12. Transit Access
    - The Project proposes providing shuttle service to the Hempstead Station only. It should be clarified why this station was chosen. While it is understood that good access to and from NYC is provided at this location, it appears that other nearby stations, including the Mineola and Westbury Station, which is within a similar proximity to the site would potentially provide greater access from areas both east and west in Long Island without need for transfers.
    - **Is the shuttle service proposed to be provided as part of the Phase 1 development?**
    - The discussion of existing and projected public bus service ridership appears to indicate that there is sufficient capacity within the existing bus services to accommodate the anticipated additional ridership generated by the site. However, the analysis does not account for additional ridership growth that may be generated by other nearby proposed/approved projects as were accounted for in the traffic analysis.
    - In addition, it should be discussed how increases in bus capacity above what has been identified in the analysis and above the NICE capacity thresholds would be handled. **Would additional mitigation be required?**
    - TIS Page 28 indicates ***"Nassau County has been planning a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system which, when implemented, will serve the site of the proposed Integrated Resort. This BRT system, and its ability to reduce private vehicle trips, is discussed in further detail later in this report."*** A further discussion of the proposed BRT system is not found in the study and should be provided. The timing of implementation by the County should also be discussed relative to the opening timeline of the Project.

- Impacts on LIRR are discussed on Page 155 of the TIS. The analysis of the LIRR is based on ridership data provided by LIRR for 2023. Based on the analysis it is noted that overall ridership on the LIRR was more than 25% in 2023 than it was in 2019. This is a result of COVID related changes. Based on this and other data specific to the Hempstead Train Station, the Applicant concludes that there is sufficient capacity on the LIRR to accommodate the Project. However, we note the following, which are not addressed in the analysis:
  - **Is there any anticipated significant ridership increase associated with other nearby proposed developments that should also be accounted for in the analysis?**
  - The LIRR report referenced in the TIS also indicates significant trends in ridership increases since the COVID low point in 2020, indicating a likelihood of ridership returning to pre-COVID levels in the near future. The analysis of LIRR ridership should consider the potential impacts if ridership returns to the pre-COVID levels within the next 5-year build period identified for the Project. See below excerpts from LIRR 2023 Annual Ridership Report. In addition, with the recent implementation of New York City Congestion Pricing it is anticipated that further increases in ridership on the LIRR will occur.



RIDERSHIP BY BRANCH

Branch	ANNUAL RIDERSHIP 2023	2022	% Change
Babylon	11,606,943	10,514,026	10.4% ▲
City Zone	9,554,530	5,672,913	68.4% ▲
Far Rockaway	4,904,415	4,095,562	19.7% ▲
Greenport	87,690	66,287	32.3% ▲
Hempstead	3,271,387	2,778,998	17.7% ▲
Long Beach	3,117,606	2,749,871	13.4% ▲
Montauk	1,762,578	1,662,936	6.0% ▲
Oyster Bay	1,023,159	854,728	19.7% ▲
Port Jefferson	11,934,009	9,428,532	26.6% ▲
Port Washington	9,928,915	8,321,271	19.3% ▲
Ronkonkoma	7,151,722	5,783,041	23.7% ▲
West Hempstead	895,877	612,358	46.3% ▲
Total	65,238,830	52,540,522	24.2%

▲ Increase ▼ Decrease ● No Change

* Ridership data is based on ticket sales.
** Port Jefferson branch includes ridership from Huntington Branch.

13. Pedestrian Access
    - How is pedestrian access to Marriot Hotel proposed to be handled. The existing closest door would make people want to cross in the middle of proposed Sands Boulevard where there is an existing crosswalk, but the only crossings are shown at North Drive and south end of existing Marriot lot. This seems especially important with respect to Phase 1 when the Marriot will be the only hotel. (TIS Page 20).
14. Parking, Site Access and Circulation – Page 144
    - A total of 12,450 parking spaces are proposed to be provided on the Site. The parking analysis conducted in the TIS indicates that a peak demand of 10,561 parked vehicles on Saturday can be expected, nearly 2,000 less than will be provided. It should be explored if there is any ability to reduce the overall parking supply based on the parking analysis. This would allow for a potential increase pervious area, green space, and separation from nearby existing development.
15. Construction Traffic
    - **How will Sands enforce the carpooling requirement for construction traffic which is critical to limiting impacts of construction worker vehicle traffic? Will this be specified in contracts with general contractors/subcontractors?**
16. Alternative Development Scenario
    - **What are the specific peak hours of traffic being analyzed for the Alternative Development Scenario?**

- Traffic generation (TIS Table 79)
  - The traffic generation estimates are generally based on ITE data utilizing the ITE average rates. This is true for all uses except for the Retail Space and the Performance Arts Center.
    - For all uses based on ITE data, the ITE manual should be reviewed to confirm whether ITE recommends the use of the average rate or fitted curve equation for each time period. In many instances the fitted curve rates are recommended and would result in higher traffic generation.
    - Details of how the Performance Arts Center traffic generation volumes were calculated should be provided. No backup information is provided to justify the identified volumes other than Note G, which indicates "Trip generation estimate based on Vehicle Occupancy/Entering and Exiting Counts at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum".
  - **Is a 200,000 sq. ft. arcade actually reasonable?**
  - It seems highly unlikely that all 50,000 sq. ft. of restaurant space would be Quality/Fine Dining Restaurant under this scenario as is assumed in the analysis. Fast-food, high-turnover sit-down, or fast casual restaurants would significantly change restaurant traffic generation
  - No analysis of the potential parkway impacts has been included as part of the Alternative Development Scenario. Similarly, the improvements identified as part of the Alternative Development Scenario do not include any improvements on the parkways. Considering the potential additional traffic from the development is identified to be similar to the Casino Development traffic generation during the Weekday PM and Saturday Peak Hour it is not clear why an analysis of parkway impacts has not been conducted to assess potential need for improvements along the parkway associated with the Alternative Development Scenario. It is our opinion that this should be provided.
  - The Alternative Development Scenario analysis identifies a credit of 5% Transit Usage, however there is no indication of what this entails, i.e. bus, train, etc. How does this compare to existing transit usage in the area.
  - Would a shuttle be provided to the train considering the 500 apartment units that would be proposed.

Environmental

The DEIS materials include updated Phase I Environmental Site Assessments for several parcels within the parent property including the properties located at 101 James Doolittle Boulevard and Sands New York, 1255 Hempstead Turnpike. In general, the conclusions were similar as would be expected from adjacent sites with a common history.

Recognized Environmental Conditions for each parcel included the following:

- REC-1: Historical Site Use: the property is the former home of Mitchell Air Force Base from 1910 into the 1960's.
- REC-2: Historical Petroleum Bulk Storage.
- REC-3: Current and Historic surrounding properties-including gasoline dispensing.
- REC-4: Regional Groundwater Contamination from 2 NPL sites: Roosevelt Field and New Cassell/Hicksville, Groundwater Contamination area.
- HREC: Historical Chemical and Petroleum Spills, Leaks and Discharges.

Business Environmental Risks include:

- BER-1 Class "P" site classification by NYSDEC. The site can be upgraded by NYSDEC to a Class II Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site.
- BER-2 Potential Unexploded Ordinances from previous military site use. There is reference to a 2009 report by the ACOE citing the danger of unexploded ordinances as low, however the report was not included in the documentation and there seems to be no records regarding the volume or locations for the disposal areas for the ordinances. This could potentially be an issue during excavation and construction.

Comments

1. Regarding groundwater supply, the DEIS contains statements indicating that Long Island's sole source aquifers are recharged only by precipitation. On average the area received 44 inches of rainwater each year. The documents support a case that 22 of those 44 inches of rainfall goes to aquifer recharge however, no affirming supporting documentation or studies are provided for reference and verification.
2. Based on the numbers provided in the DEIS appendices, the water use at the existing building/facilities is on the order of 6.5 billion gallons per year. Recharge due to precipitation is estimated to be 7.3 billion gallons per year — suggesting a surplus of water supply — or just over a 10% buffer between supply and projected demand. Such a narrow buffer raises concerns especially in drought conditions or when infrastructure is not fully operational or during times of repair, replacement or malfunction.
3. The DEIS maintains that site redevelopment of this 71.5-acre site will result in an increase of pervious surfaces from existing surface — about 7.4 acres — raising the total area of pervious surface to 15.7 acres. The no casino alternative has a greater amount of impervious surface than the option with a casino – consideration should be given to requiring the applicant to reconfigure the alternative to provide the same amount of pervious surfaces as the preferred alternative.

4. Regarding Greenhouse Gases, the DEIS states that under the baseline redevelopment scenario, over 22,000 metric tons of CO2 will be produced annually. This raises a question regarding CO2 generation for the Alternative Redevelopment Strategies since related data was not provided.

Natural Resources

Comments

1. Due to former uses including extensive coverage by buildings and pavement, there are no significant natural resources directly on the project site. The site is composed largely of impervious surfaces (78 acres/90.4%) and there are no wetlands, streams, flood hazard areas, mature woodlands, threatened and endangered species habitats, etc. on the project site.

2. However, there may likely be some wetlands, or wetland adjacent areas, in the vicinity of the proposed off-site roadway improvements, but there is no information in the DEIS indicating if a delineation of these areas has been performed. The DEIS does recognize that permits (Nationwide Permit no. 14 – Minor road crossings) may be required from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for these off-site roadway improvements if they encroach into regulated areas. Wetlands disturbances associated with roadway improvements will need to be identified and mitigated.

3. There are two off-site undeveloped natural areas, the Hempstead Plains Education Center and the Francis T. Purcell Preserve. The Hempstead Plains Education Center is located northeast of the project site and is separated from the project site by Charles Lindbergh Boulevard. The Francis T. Purcell Preserve is located immediately east of the project site and is separated from the project site by James Doolittle Boulevard. No work is being proposed near these two properties and all stormwater from the project site will be discharged to the County's stormwater management basin on Glenn Curtis Boulevard away from these two natural areas. If the proposed project proceeds, there must be a mandate to ensure protection of these areas and the wildlife that inhabit them during construction as well as upon completion of any development, with or without a casino.

4. The northwestern portion of the Francis T. Purcell Preserve is currently shaded by the shadow of the Marriot Hotel for limited periods of time. A shading analysis performed for the project indicated that this section of the Francis T. Purcell Preserve will receive additional shading from the proposed development. The DEIS notes that in all analysis days, shadow impacts appear to be limited to the evening or late afternoon hours, thereby allowing for substantial periods of direct sunlight to reach the vegetation within the affected areas, particularly during the growing season, when shadow impacts would occur for as little as 2.0± hours and would not exceed 3.5± hours on any of the representative analysis days. If the proposed project proceeds with or without the casino, any changes to proposed configuration of structures will require that the shade analysis be redone.

5. The proposed site plan will reduce the impervious cover of the project site from 78 acres (90.4%) to 70.6 acres (82%) and the pervious area/vegetation will be increased from approximately 8.3 acres (9.6%) to 15.7 acres (18.2%). The no casino alternative has

greater impervious coverage based upon the added uses and configuration proposed. The applicant has not addressed a reconfiguration consistent with the exact amount of impervious coverage in the proposed action.

6. No state or federally listed threatened or endangered species are reported as occurring on the project site due to level of development (structures and impervious surfaces) on the site but there are no extensive details about these species in direct proximity to the proposed project site or the impact that the development may have on them.

Sanitary Sewerage

Comments

Regarding sanitary sewerage, the local sewer district will ultimately review and confirm the data used and calculations. The metrics are standard with little room for deviation. However, it is important for the applicant to:

1. Include a discussion of peaking factors utilized with respect to the sanitary sewer calculations. The wide range of uses on the site can result in coinciding peaks by different uses which could impact the ability of the receiving system to convey the effluent.
2. Install equipment to monitor flow of the system post construction to verify the sanitary sewer design flows.
3. Provide a letter from the local sewer authority verifying that there is sufficient capacity of the existing sanitary sewerage system downstream of the site.

Drainage

Comments

With respect to the information presented in this DEIS document, we have the following comments:

1. The drainage analysis shows a reduction of impervious areas for the overall site for existing and proposed conditions. Stormwater runoff appears to leave the site at several locations via piped storm drain systems. The analysis should identify hydrologic points of interest based on locations of concentrated stormwater runoff exiting the site, provide delineated drainage subareas for each location, and show the corresponding existing versus proposed land cover, impervious surface, and peak runoff rates at each hydrologic point of interest. Calculations should be provided to demonstrate no diversion of stormwater runoff between points of interest.
2. Provide supporting information for the tabulations listed as existing and proposed land cover/impervious surfaces.
3. Provide calculations for runoff reduction, water quality, and channel protection, overbank flood, extreme flood events as per the referenced Section 9.2-1(A) of the NYSDEC Stormwater Design Manual for redevelopment sites.
4. Provide soil percolation rates to verify the proposed drywell infiltration.
5. Show existing conditions topography on the Grading and Drainage Plans.
6. Verify the pipe capacity of the storm drainage pipe on site that crosses the MSKCC outparcel.
7. Provide rim, structure invert, and pipe inverts for the proposed drywells on the Grading and Drainage Plans.
8. Show locations of stormwater overflow from the drywell systems.
9. Provide drainage area maps and calculations to support the sizing of the individual drywell galleries.
10. For Drainage System C, demonstrate the four proposed catch basins have capacity via the field inlet grates to receive the total design rainstorm.
11. The site plans note "Connect to existing drainage system" at the location of the proposed twin 60-inch pipes that tie into the existing to remain 6 feet by 10 feet box culvert at Hempstead Turnpike. The SWPPP references an existing twin 72-inch pipe system that discharges to the box culvert; this should be added to the site plan with detailed design information.

Hydrology

Comments

Capacity of potable water is of utmost importance to the Hofstra community and surrounding neighborhoods. Any disruption of flow, or potential contamination associated with the proposed construction can negatively impact the health and welfare of the Hofstra student body and disrupt daily operations. With respect to the information presented in this DEIS document, we have the following comments regarding hydrology:

1. Estimates for water demand appear to be reasonable based on the proposed uses, however the impacts associated with a projected deficit need further detail to ensure that a new well and additional draw upon the aquifer can be achieved without greater harm related to existing contamination plumbs and intrusion.
2. The DEIS states that the demand must be sourced from the purveyor if and only if a suitable new supply well is installed for the purveyor.
3. Until such time that the developer can demonstrate that a new supply well can provide the adequate yield and quality, the Town of Hempstead remains at a theoretical deficit and would not be able to support this development.
4. Irrigation demands are estimated for 1 inch per week which may be reasonable, but the calculated irrigation demands to obtain 1 inch per week need to be provided to show their values and demonstrate accuracy.
5. Water conservation of 25% is noted in the DEIS resulting from use of high-efficiency plumbing fixtures. Further details or reference documentation should be provided to justify this savings.
6. Fire suppression flow is noted as 2,000 GPM. **Has the Town of Hempstead provided confirmation that there is sufficient capacity to serve this facility?**
7. While there isn't a functioning additional well to support the facility yet, information should be provided to demonstrate that the proposed demand can be achieved without negatively impacting the Town of Hempstead:
    - Well specifications and borehole logs
    - Aquifer test results
    - Water quality results
    - Analysis of potential salinity impacts/influences (the DEIS suggests that salinity impacts will be slim to none but don't offer justification for this)
    - Impact on contaminant plumbs in the area
8. The Alternative CMP also requires the addition of a water supply well to accommodate the Town of Hempstead's existing theoretical deficit.
    - As stated above, the functionality of either alternative is dependent on the results of the well conditions and the Town of Hempstead's infrastructure to provide adequate flow without negative impacts to the site or community. Sufficient information to make this determination has not been provided in the DEIS as noted above.
9. Dewatering during construction is a potential concern given that:
    - Shallow water table conditions may require an extensive dewatering program
    - Water quality was noted to exceed NYDEC standards for several emerging contaminants.

10. Appendix 3.2-3 Correspondence aligns with the DEIS and reiterates the necessity for a water supply well(s) source to supplement the Town of Hempstead's existing systems.

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Noise

Section 3.7 – Noise and Vibration

This section of the DEIS provides a summary of various noise parameters, sound level descriptors/definitions, ranges of common indoor/outdoor sound levels, and a summary of various noise guidelines and regulations from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), HUD, as well as a reference to the Town of Hempstead Noise Ordinance, Chapter 144, Section 5.

The noise evaluation focuses on A-weighted sound levels and included an existing conditions monitoring program, an evaluation of future levels using additions due to both mobile and stationary sources, i.e., (mobile due to increased traffic) and stationary sources including ASHP's, CUP's, etc. on the site.

The reference to the noise abatement criteria in terms of A-weighted sound levels are summarized in Table 55 of the document. The majority of the areas in the vicinity of the site are in the activity category classified as "B" categories, which include schools, residences, churches, etc. The category "B" has a 67 dBA criteria associated with it. The activity category "A" would refer to special areas where serenity and quiet are of extraordinary significance and would have a peak Leq level of 57 dBA.

As specified on page 319 of the DEIS document, increases of 3 dBA or more represent noticeable increases and as per the NYSDEC criteria, ***"If a project would increase ambient noise levels by between 3-6 dBA, there is a potential for adverse impact for most sensitive receptors and there may be a need for mitigation."***

Comments

With respect to the information presented in the DEIS and appendices, we have the following comments:

1. Existing Noise Level Monitoring Program – The existing conditions noise measurements were collected at six (6) area receptors on Friday, November 17, 2023 through Tuesday, November 21, 2023. It appears that the Weekday noise measurements were taken on November 21, which is two days prior to the Thanksgiving holiday and the time periods monitored may not be representative of typical traffic volume conditions on the roadway network and corresponding sound levels.
    - It should be clarified whether the noise monitoring program was conducted continuously from 1:00 PM on Friday, November 17, 2023 through 3:00 PM on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 or if the measurements were just collected sporadically during that period.
    - As summarized in Tables 58 and 59, several of the receptors were identified to presently exceed the FHWA Category B threshold level of 67 dBA. These Leq levels range from 67 – 74 dBA for the average Weekday levels. Using the maximum levels, the highest observed levels ranging up to 75 dBA at the Hofstra University receptor and 78 dBA at the

NGENGIE facility, i.e. Receptor 3 locations. Similarly, as shown in Table 61, the highest Leq levels on the Weekends also had exceedance levels at Receptor 1, Receptor 3, and Receptor 7 with respect to the referenced Category B criteria.

- Page 327 indicates that if any special events are held outdoors, that they are expected to conform with Town of Hempstead noise criteria. This should be made a condition of the project's Findings Statement and any approvals.
- The discussion under 3.7.2.1, page 326 indicates that the future results represent the total sound levels that are expected to occur in the study area. However, it is unclear whether or not these are only the total mobile sources or whether they include the addition of the other stationary source increases also. This should be clarified and adjusted accordingly to present a "total" noise condition for the future build conditions.
- Section 3.7.2.2 represents noise analysis results from mobile sources and summarizes those in tabular form and then presents the stationary sources separately in various tables. The combined effect of both mobile and stationary sources should be added in one table to provide indication of the total noise impact resulting from the project. Even as shown separately for both the mobile and stationary sources, there are several receptors that indicate Weekday sound level increases of 3 dBA or higher (see Tables 64 and 65). ***Based on these levels and the reference to NYSDEC criteria, any of these increases above 3 dBA will be noticeable and should be mitigated appropriately.***

- It is noted that while the A-weighted Leq levels are typically used for comparison, the effect of the various octave bands for different frequencies of sound as referenced on page 321, Table 57 and as specified in the Town of Hempstead noise criteria, should also be adhered to. ***While the study provides an equivalent A-weighted Leq, the data and information analyzed does not provide the specific octave band evaluations for different frequencies of sound, which are clearly required as referenced in the town code.***

2. Construction Related Noise Impacts, Section 3.7.2.3
   - There should be a commitment on the hours of construction to ensure that construction noise levels are not impacting the area. This should be specified to be limited to those in the Town criteria similar to other uses, i.e., between 7:00 AM and 9:00 PM on weekdays and 8:00 AM and 9:00 PM on weekends. Consideration might also be given to reducing the evening timing to 7:00 PM during the week to avoid disturbing students studying.
   - Section 3.7.2.5 – Proposed Offsite Mitigation should be expanded to address any receptors where an increase of 3 dBA or higher was identified. These should be based on the cumulative sound levels of both stationary and mobile sources.
   - All of the best management practices listed under "Proposed Mitigation 3.7.3", should be made a condition of any Findings Statement and site plan approval.
   - The FEIS should identify other specific sound level attenuation methods including noise barrier walls, berming, etc., which could be implemented to limit the impacts on any of the adjacent receptors in relation to the NYSDEC criteria.
   - Relative to the receptors analyzed, additional receptors along Hempstead Turnpike and along the Parkways where they are proposing to make significant widening improvements should also be considered.

- The traffic study identifies several major roadway improvements, which will result in reductions in the available distances between the roadway and existing residential areas. A detailed noise analysis of these areas and receptors should be done to identify mitigation that will likely be needed.

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Scoping Document

The following public comments were submitted on behalf of Hofstra University in response to the 9/2024 scoping document and **remain unanswered.**

1. General
   - Page 4 - The environmental impacts should be separately studied for 1) Phase I construction; 2) Phase I completion without any additional construction; 3) Phase 1 completion with Phase 2 construction and 4) Phase 1 and 2 Completion. We note that the anticipated completion for Phase 1 is 2026 and the anticipated completion for Phase 2 is 2030, leaving at least four years where the casino and one parking garage will be the only completed development. The potential impact of a casino only development should be analyzed separately insofar as the environmental impacts and the individuals expected to utilize a casino only development may be quite different than a development with other amenities (e.g., hotel, entertainment venue, etc.). ***Impact analysis by phase was not addressed***
   - Page 4, Bullet 2 – **What is the proposed number of casino gaming positions?** ***Not addressed***
   - Page 4, Bullet 4 – **Will the conference center banquet facility/ballroom accommodate weddings and other non-conference events? Anticipated frequency?** ***Not addressed***
   - Page 4, Bullet 6 – **What is a public attraction space and where is it located? What will it be used for?** It is not identified on site plans (page 623) ***Not addressed***
   - Page 4 – Add requirement that DEIS shall include description of projected number of yearly visitors to the complex. ***Not addressed***
   - Page 6, Last Paragraph – "In addition, this section of the DEIS will explain that, during the application review process, Sands will negotiate with the Town, community benefits to mitigate potential significant environmental impacts." There needs to be a nexus provided to demonstrate how any proposed community benefits to mitigate potential significant environmental impacts are associated with the specific impacts, or at a minimum with the proposed project. This is true for all impacts identified as part of the scoping and EIS process. ***Non-project related "community benefits" including undefined host community fees are not part of the SEQR review process. Benefits listed in Sec. 2.5 are almost entirely financial and jobs related. Page 49 does identify some aesthetic/land use benefits to Mitchel Field. Minimal if any nexus provided between the impacts and benefits.***
   - Page 7, First Paragraph (also see Socioeconomics on Page 22) – the project costs associated with rent, taxes and other payments should be considered customary. It is assumed that they will be significant based on the large size of the proposed development. **Since the land is publicly owned and will be leased to a developer, will the developer pay taxes or a payment in lieu?** A fiscal impact assessment should

be required to demonstrate that the cost of services will be adequately covered. ***There is no detailed FIA section, but they say that their community benefit fees will more than cover the cost of the services. Table 145 does talk about a PILOT.***

- Page 7, Table – under the Town of Hempstead Board of Appeals, if the applicant is requesting a zoning change there should not be a need for any variances. Variances would require a new SEQR review of the action to determine if any significant adverse impact may occur from the proposed change. ***Still noted in sec. 1.1.2 and 2.7, though vague.***
- Page 8. Table – under the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the applicant needs to clarify what is meant by "Wetlands (potential for traffic mitigation)"

2. **Land Use, Zoning and Community Character (Pages 11, 12)**
   - For purposes of evaluating Land Use, Zoning, and Community Character, there should be two study areas analyzed. First, the local area (surrounding neighborhoods) cited in the scoping document consisting of the area bounded by Stewart Avenue/ Meadowbrook State Parkway to the north, Merrick Avenue to the east, Front Street to the south and Oak Street to the west. ***- this area studied in this DEIS.*** Second, should be a much broader regional area including the entirety of the Town of Hempstead including but not limited to the hamlets of Uniondale, East Meadow, Salisbury, West Hempstead and East Garden City, Town of North Hempstead, Village of Garden City, Village of Hempstead, Village of Mineola, Village of Westbury and Village of Freeport. ***Broader area not addressed.***

     Table 133 proports to compare alternatives, but in fact it only compares proposed action with casino, without casino, and "no action. It does not include a column for development in accordance with MFM with uses permitted under §146.1.C. This is only a "no action" table, Table is misleading. *A footnote on page 614 states that "the MFM-Compliant Plan is not feasible for Sands to pursue, no quantitative environmental analysis has been performed."* ***What renders it infeasible to Sands is related to financial feasibility. Therefore, an MFM Compliant alternative should have been provided for comparison's sake detailing what the reduced community benefit commitment would have to be to attain a viable project.***
   - Proposed rezoning should demonstrate consistency with the intent and purposes of the MFM zoning district. ***Addressed on page 21, though point-by-point explanation of how these are achieved is not provided.***
   - Analysis should address why a rezoning is warranted and whether any permitted uses of the existing MFM zoning district are no longer viable or appropriate. No such analysis is included (as mentioned above, A footnote on page 614 states that "the MFM-Compliant Plan is not feasible for Sands to pursue, no quantitative environmental analysis has been performed.") Nevertheless, many uses in the current MFM zone are proposed in the non-casino alternative. ***Not provided***

- Safety - pedestrian friendly development is oftentimes designed to feel and be safer. Publicly oriented, street facing facades provide greater eyes on the street. Wider sidewalks add to the feeling of openness. Street oriented retail and eateries add to this, while street level solid walls and parking decks detract. The MFM zone addressed these details. There should be discussion as to how the proposed development will do the same since concept drawing does not appear to contain those elements of design. ***Not included other than the following statement: "Pedestrian-friendly design strategies, such as wide sidewalks and dedicated pedestrian crossings, would be incorporated into the design to encourage walking and reduce reliance on private automobiles." (page 192) There is mention throughout of pedestrian pathways, connections, and a plaza, but not how that intersects with building orientation and safety. Additionally, the development is oriented inward, without storefront facades or windows oriented to the street.***
- Socio-economic Impact – in addition to details related to population, income and housing, the DEIS should address impacts on specific sectors of the population such as students, senior citizens and disadvantaged populations. In addition to the customary impacts assessed in accordance with SEQR, the effects of gambling on individuals and the community as related to the potential location of a casino should be included. ***Not provided***
- It is important to note that over 30,000 students are across the street from the Nassau Hub attending Hofstra University, Nassau Community College, and Kellenberg Memorial High School. Furthermore, within 5 miles of the subject site there are roughly 50,000 high school and college students, with a total of close to 70,000 students overall when accounting for lower grade levels. The DEIS should address impacts associated with locating a casino in close proximity to schools of all levels from pre-school through higher education and any mitigating measures. ***Not provided***
- The project site is in an area of higher disadvantaged and underserved populations. The DEIS should address the impacts of casino's located in close proximity to such socio-economic demographics including gambling addiction, loss of income, and crime levels and how negative impacts will be mitigated. ***Not provided***
- Scale – the scale of development (including height, massing, open space, etc.) should be discussed in comparison to the surrounding neighborhoods and the broader region. Only somewhat addressed in Sec. 3.4.1.1 Concept drawings for alternatives should be provided for comparison. ***Not provided***
- Analysis should include impact on the character of the community of the siting of a casino alone, and separately a casino/integrated resort in a largely suburban setting with residential communities in close proximity to the development. ***Not provided***
- Analysis should include impact on the character of the community of the siting of a casino alone, and separately a casino/integrated resort in a largely suburban setting with over 30,000 students across the street from the development. ***Not provided***

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Re: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) – Incorporated Village of Garden City Public Comment on Sands New York Integrated Resort

To Whom It May Concern:

We, the representatives of the Incorporated Village of Garden City ("The Village"), write to provide comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("DEIS") submitted by LVS NY Holdco 2 (the "Applicant" or "Sands") for its proposed development of the Sands New York Integrated Resort ("Proposed Project") at the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum site ("Coliseum") located at 1255 Hempstead Turnpike, Uniondale, and the adjacent Marriott Hotel, located at 101 James Doolittle Boulevard, Uniondale (collectively the "Site"). The Village is located within 0.7 miles of the Site and would be directly and negatively affected by the Proposed Project, as would the Village's 23,000 residents.

Initially, please note that the 45-day comment period provided to digest approximately 28,000 pages of material is woefully insufficient, particularly for a project of this magnitude. While the applicant may point to the sheer size of the DEIS as a testament to the thoroughness of its analysis, even a preliminary review of the document demonstrates that it is demonstrably incomplete, as detailed in the enclosed letter from our expert technical consultant, PVE, LLC. An overview of some of the most critical failings is set forth below.

The Proposed Project aims to transform the Site into the third-largest casino in the United States, along with hotel, event, and retail spaces. However, the DEIS does not adequately evaluate the Proposed Project's consistency with applicable land use plans for the Town of Hempstead, Uniondale Hamlet, or the Long Island Region, which envision a reasonable development containing a mix of uses (not including casinos) that will enhance the offerings of the local community, promote economic growth, and draw upon the region's rich history.

Moreover, the DEIS incorrectly asserts that a casino is a permissible use under the existing Town of Hempstead's MFM Zoning District. The MFM Zoning District was established long before casinos (outside of tribal casinos) existed or were legalized in New York State; clearly casinos were not among the "similar entertainment uses" contemplated when the language was drafted, and the DEIS provides no relevant evidence otherwise.

Even more troubling is that the DEIS fails to demonstrate that the Proposed Project is even viable, as the DEIS concedes that there is neither sufficient water nor electricity to support the Proposed Project. Although the DEIS acknowledges that the Proposed Project cannot proceed without the installation of a new water supply well and the expansion or new construction of a substation, it does not identify the final location for such infrastructure, does not analyze the impacts associated with the construction thereof (including contaminant movement in the aquifer) and does not analyze an alternative that could be constructed in the absence of such new infrastructure. Accordingly, it is impossible for the lead agency to take the requisite "hard look" at critical environmental and infrastructural impacts required under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA").

With respect to the analysis of traffic impacts, the DEIS is deeply flawed and inadequate. It incorrectly selects a set of "common network peak hours" that combines peak traffic on the roadways and peak traffic to/from the Site. This methodology ignores, and therefore does not analyze, the true project impacts. It also ignores non-peak project traffic entirely, which may have different traffic patterns, including on strained local roads, as compared to peak project traffic. As the Site is largely vacant during daytime hours, the additional traffic at "off-peak" hours may still result in very significant increases in volume and associated delays.

The DEIS also omits critical data and information to support the proposed mitigation for project-related traffic, including the basis for the estimated public transit ridership, the traffic impacts from expanded transportation options, and the feasibility of roadway improvements. Finally, the potential construction-related traffic impacts are significant, from construction workers, material deliveries, and disposal truck trips. The primary mitigation for these traffic impacts is the purported requirement that trucks use prescribed routes and that workers carpool. However, the DEIS does not identify any means of enforcing these measures and does not analyze the traffic impacts should trucks take different routes (including local streets to avoid congestion) and should workers not carpool.

The Village is extremely concerned that a significant number of construction trucks, as well as delivery trucks visiting the Site once it is constructed, will end up on Village owned and maintained roads, which will result in increased safety concerns and required maintenance and repair work, as well as significant adverse traffic and associated air quality and noise impacts.

Although the DEIS repeatedly celebrates the alleged economic benefits that the Proposed Project will provide, such impacts are beyond the scope of SEQRA. And while focusing on these "benefits," the DEIS largely ignores the very serious community impacts that will result from building the third-largest casino in the country here in Nassau County.

The DEIS acknowledges that local residents' concerns about increased crime are well-founded, as the applicant is proposing a $900,000 annual payment to the County for police services before the casino opens, which payment doubles to $1.8M once the casino is in operation. In addition, the Proposed Project also includes the construction of an on-site police substation. And all of this is in addition to the approximately 500 private security guards provided by Sands.

As noted in the Village's comments on the Draft Scope of Work, the Proposed Project's impacts on community character must be assessed beyond the immediate vicinity of the Site. Building a casino that is larger than most of the casinos in Las Vegas will dramatically change the community character of all of the surrounding towns and villages. While the socioeconomics chapter focuses exclusively on the alleged economic benefits of the Proposed Project, it entirely ignores the potential secondary displacement of small and local businesses, which not only results in socioeconomic impacts, but also affects the community character of the surrounding area. The inevitable increases in crime and problem gambling that will arise once the third-largest casino in the country is built in Nassau County will also have significant adverse impacts on community character.

In addition to failing to fully analyze the potential impacts of the Proposed Project, the DEIS fails to adequately analyze alternatives. For example, the "no action" alternative in the DEIS fails to take into consideration Sands' existing 42-year lease for the Site, which provides for a range of potential activity levels at the Site – or none at all – resulting in an incorrect analysis of some of the impacts of the Proposed Project. In addition, the DEIS does not adequately explain whether Sands will be legally required to complete the Phase 2 development. Accordingly, the DEIS must consider an alternative in which only Phase 1 of the Proposed Project is constructed. The Village is deeply concerned that our community may end up burdened with a casino constructed at the Coliseum, and all of the associated significant environmental impacts, with none of the many alleged benefits associated with the full build-out that are repeatedly highlighted in the DEIS.

For all of the reasons stated above, the DEIS does not provide sufficient information and analyses to allow the lead agency to take the "hard look" required by SEQRA. A supplemental or revised DEIS must be prepared to address these failings with additional time for public review and comment. The magnitude of the DEIS's deficiencies is so substantial that it is beyond what is lawfully permitted to be analyzed and made public for the first time in a Final Environmental Impact Statement.

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Incorporated Village of Garden City ("IVGC"), Partridge Venture Engineering, PC dba PVE Engineering ("PVE") has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("DEIS") prepared by VHB for Sands New York Integrated Resort project (the "Proposed Project") located at 1255 Hempstead Turnpike and 101 James Doolittle Boulevard in Uniondale, New York (the "Site") and hereby submits the following comments on the DEIS:

3.0 Existing Conditions, Potential Impacts, and Proposed Mitigation Measures

Comment 1:

3.1 Soils, Topography, and Subsurface Conditions

The DEIS fails to accurately describe the contamination that has been identified at the Site to date and thus the conclusions with respect to subsurface conditions are incomplete at best. The 2023 Phase II Environmental Site Assessment Report (Attachment 3.1-4) includes a copy of a 2014 Phase II ESA prepared by Roux, which identifies PCBs in two (2) of their twenty-six (26) soil samples at concentrations exceeding Commercial Soil Cleanup Objectives ("CSCOs"). Roux recommended further delineation of PCB-contaminated soils, however there is no additional mention of these PCBs in soils throughout the Phase II ESA, subsequent reports or the DEIS text. The DEIS makes no reference to these sampling results and the 2023 Phase II ESA sampling failed to further delineate previously identified PCB-contaminated soils, determine a potential source area, or identify potential groundwater impacts. Similarly, the discussion of the environmental sampling fails to reference the 2024 groundwater sampling performed by H2M, which determined the presence of the perfluorinated substances (PFAS) compounds PFOA and PFOS in groundwater. While this information is disclosed in the similarly inadequate discussion of potential dewatering during construction, it was not considered in reaching the unsupported and questionable conclusions that there are no environmental issues of concern on the Site.

Comment 2:

3.1 Soils, Topography, and Subsurface Conditions

The analysis of the subsurface conditions at the Site is insufficient, as the sampling upon which such analysis failed to fully characterize site conditions. For example, the scope of the Phase II sampling is insufficient because

the presence of historic shooting ranges were RECs in the Phase I ESA and yet only one (1) soil sample on the Coliseum parcel was collected from "surface soils" (0-2-feet) and two (2) samples were collected from "near surface" (2-4-feet) where heavy metal impacts from past artillery range operations may have been observed in soil quality. The remaining soils samples were collected from 5-7-feet in two (2) locations and then greater than 12 feet below grade in the remaining borings (12-14, 13-15, 18-20, 22-24, 30-32 feet). Similarly, on the Marriott parcel, only one (1) soil sample was collected from "surface soils" (0-2-feet) and three (3) samples were collected from "near surface" (1-3 feet or 2-4 feet) where heavy metal impacts from past artillery range operations may have been observed in soil quality. The remaining soils samples were collected from 3-5 feet in one (1) location, 5-7 feet in two (2) locations and then greater than 6 feet below grade in the remaining borings (6-8, 7-9, 10-12 feet).

Moreover, each of the four (4) monitoring wells were installed to 40 feet bgs and included only 10 feet of screen. Static GW levels were measured at 26.3, 28.97, 29.33 and 31.5 feet bgs. Screened intervals have been submerged in at least three (3) of the four (4) MWs. Submerged screens inhibit the ability to sample contaminants that are considered to be less dense than water; as a result, there is not sufficient information to support the conclusions reached in the DEIS.

Finally, soil vapor data should be compared to the updated NYSDOH Soil Vapor Intrusion Guidance Decision Matrices for petroleum- related compounds to determine if further action is required.

Comment 3:

3.1 Water Resources, 3.2.1.1 Groundwater, Page 81-83:

On p. 83, paragraph 2, the DEIS states that "based on the sampling conducted by Langan, there is no indication that impacts associated with the potential concerns identified in the Phase I ESAs are present in groundwater beneath the subject property." This statement is inaccurate and misleading because: (1) It does not take into account groundwater and soil vapor data generated by investigations other than Langan's; and (2) Subsurface investigations to date are not sufficient to rule out the possibility that on-site groundwater has been impacted.

The Langan Phase II ESA included eleven (11) soil borings, four (4) temporary groundwater wells, and five (5) soil vapor points at the Nassau Coliseum parcel; and ten (10) soil borings, two (2) temporary monitoring wells, and five (5) soil vapor points at the Marriot Hotel parcel. While these investigations yielded useful information, they are not sufficient to fully characterize groundwater conditions on this 86.3-acre Site.

When the five Langan soil vapor samples are considered, along with previous soil vapor samples from previous investigations, e.g., Kleinfelder, 2008, it is clear that volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are present in soil vapor throughout the subject property. The widespread and consistent presence of VOCs in the shallow subsurface is an indication that VOC source areas are likely to be present in the deeper subsurface, and that they are likely present in groundwater that moves beneath the Site.

VOCs detected in on-site soil vapor include but are not limited to so-called "BTEX" compounds (benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, toluene) and the chlorinated solvent tetrachloroethylene (aka "perchloroethylene" or "PCE"). These VOCs are consistent with previous on-site and off-site RECs identified in previous Phase I ESAs.

The source of these VOCs has not been determined, in part because Phase I and Phase II ESA investigations performed to date were not designed to pinpoint on-site VOC sources; they served only as screening exercises to check for the presence of VOCs and other contaminants at or near the ground surface or groundwater surface. There has not been a comprehensive investigation focused on identifying VOC sources, and, therefore, it is not possible to rule out the possibility that significant on-site sources exist.

The DEIS acknowledges as much. In Section 3.2-1, p. 82, paragraph 2, it states: "The former Mitchel Field military airbase, which includes the subject property, is listed in the State Hazardous Wastes Site ("SHWS") (the New York State Superfund database). The listing has a Class P (potential registry site) classification, indicating that there is a potential for concern about site contamination. Information regarding a Class P site is preliminary in nature and unverified because a full investigation of the entire Mitchel Field airbase was not completed (Appendix 3.2-1)."

The chlorinated solvent PCE is present in near-surface soil vapor across the site. Most groundwater and soil samples to date were limited to the groundwater surface and overlying capillary fringe, which would not necessarily detect source areas of PCE. Chlorinated solvents such as PCE in their undissolved form are denser than water, and, therefore, could be present in groundwater and soils significantly deeper than where the monitoring wells were screened.

Hydrocarbons have been detected below the groundwater surface and within the capillary fringe. For example, soil borings completed by Kleinfelder in 2008 consistently encountered VOCs and semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) at depths of 20 to 28 feet.

Groundwater at the subject property contains the perfluorinated substances ("PFAS") compounds PFOA and PFOS. A groundwater investigation report by H2M dated October 30, 2024 (DEIS Appendix 3.15-3) indicates that groundwater samples collected from four groundwater monitoring wells alongside the Coliseum building all had detections of PFOS ranging from 10.3 to 60.6 nanograms per liter (ng/L), above the guidance value of 2.7 ng/L. Three out of the four samples had detections of PFOA, ranging from 11.8 to 15.6 ng/L, above the guidance value of 6.7 ng/L. Further study must be conducted to determine the extent and origin of PFAS compounds on the subject property and fully analyze the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Project.

Hazardous materials such as BTEX, PCE and their breakdown products have documented adverse human health impacts, and some are known carcinogens. Therefore, such contaminants need to be delineated and characterized to determine proper and reasonable alternatives, design mitigation in the form of worker health and safety plans and community air monitoring, or rule out significant adverse impacts on construction workers, neighbors, and property occupants.

Comment 4:

3.2 Water Resources, Stormwater Management

The DEIS conclusion that the Integrated Resort will not create stormwater impacts due to proposed onsite stormwater management practices is flawed for two reasons.

First, the DEIS states that the Proposed Project will reduce stormwater runoff by reducing impervious areas and expanding stormwater capture/reuse, landscaping, and infiltration systems. However, the DEIS does not provide the data or even summary analysis that supports the claim of reduced stormwater runoff. The DEIS must provide the calculations and documentation that the infiltration system designs account for actual infiltration rates recorded at the proposed design depths of each system. The DEIS must explain whether the infiltration system locations will be retested during construction to reconfirm that design infiltration rates are accurate (construction activity will lead to disturbance/compaction of these areas and rates should be reconfirmed). The DEIS must explain alternative stormwater management options if the infiltration system locations are found to be nonviable for infiltration. Sands must prepare a maintenance plan for the stormwater management system that details how clogged stormwater systems will be repaired, how the systems will be checked after storm events, etc. This maintenance plan should be public and submitted to the Town of Hempstead to ensure it is followed.

The DEIS must also analyze whether the infiltration of stormwater will pass through and potentially mobilize hazardous materials contaminants, potentially causing additional impacts to potable water or migration of contaminants to offsite locations.

Second, the DEIS must disclose whether Nassau County Basin No. 537 has existing capacity to accommodate the stormwater flow from the Proposed Project. The DEIS notes that the Proposed Project would reduce the volume of stormwater directed to the Basin compared to what is currently permitted for the subject property. However, the DEIS does not compare the Basin's baseline capacity at the time the stormwater discharge allowance was issued for the subject property compared to current conditions. New stormwater discharges from surrounding properties may have constrained the capacity of the Basin such that even a reduced volume from the subject property compared to the permitted condition would create an impact and would necessitate the detention of additional water on the casino site to prevent Basin overflow.

Comment 5:

3.2 Water Resources, Section 3.2.2.2: Water Supply, P. 94-100

Although the DEIS concedes that there is not currently sufficient water supply to support the Proposed Project and such demand can only be met through the installation of a new supply well, the final location of such well, its viability and related impacts have not been identified or analyzed. The DEIS must demonstrate that the Proposed Project is viable and can be constructed without overburdening the existing water supply. While the DEIS posits one potential location, it also states that "[i]f the test well at this location determines that a public supply well at this location would not be feasible, additional well sites would be identified and investigated. Whatever the location, the process described after identification of the public supply well connection would be the same." (See page 98, FN 149.) Accordingly, the DEIS fails not only to analyze the potential impacts associated with the proposed well location, but also any other potential sites, including the likelihood of encountering contaminated groundwater and the costs and technical feasibility of treating such water such that it would be safe for human consumption.

Moreover, page 100 of the DEIS states: "The cone of depression for the well is expected to extend further north than south. Although the cone of depression would also extend south, it is expected to be no more than 0.25 to 0.5 miles from the site." This needs proper analysis because the 0.25-mile to 0.5-mile drawdown radius surrounding the proposed well at the intersection of Charles Lindbergh Boulevard and Earle Ovington Boulevard would overlap the subject property and potentially induce flow of groundwater from the subject property into the well. Because groundwater contamination on the subject property has not been fully characterized, and because potential contaminant sources on the subject property have not been ruled out, the feasibility of the selected well location – and thus the feasibility of the Proposed Project - is in question. The DEIS must demonstrate that there is an adequate water supply for the Proposed Project and what impacts will result from such pumping.

Indeed, the DEIS acknowledges the potential for the new well to produce contaminated water and the need for further investigation and impact analysis:

With regard to groundwater contamination plumes in the vicinity of the proposed public supply well, two further investigations and impact analyses must be conducted. First, available documentation must be reviewed to understand where the plume limits are currently located and their relationship to the capture zone of the proposed well. Second, there is the possibility that the new well could influence existing plume flow. Thus, an analysis of the cone of influence of the new well and modeling of existing plumes considering existing treatment capacities must be conducted with the well owners and involved regulatory agencies. This is what is required to

identify potentially significant adverse impacts to currently ongoing remediation processes and address modifications that may be required to develop mitigation, should such impacts be identified.

(Page 100.) Such analyses must be included in the DEIS.

Comment 6:

3.2 Water Resources, Section 3.2.2.2, p. 100.

The DEIS similarly fails to analyze the costs or technical feasibility of treating such contamination. The results and impact analysis of ongoing groundwater investigations must be included in the DEIS. It is not yet known whether potential impacts from multiple known contaminant plumes will render the proposed well location infeasible. And there is the potential for impacts from as yet unknown groundwater contamination, including from the subject property itself. These investigations will be critical to understanding whether alternate well locations will need to be selected, and, potentially, whether Phase 2 of the project will have sufficient water supply to be constructed.

Treatment for PFAS can be extraordinarily complicated and costly. The DEIS must demonstrate the contamination that would be encountered, the technical feasibility of treatment systems for such contamination and a full analysis of all costs associated with the well system, and all costs associated with water treatment.

Comment 7:

3.2 Water Resources, Section 3.2.2.2 Water Supply, Page 94-100

The DEIS must provide an exhibit showing which stormwater systems will remain private to be operated and maintained indefinitely by Sands (e.g., on-site structures, drywells, conveyance pipes, etc.) and which will be publicly dedicated (e.g., structures and conveyance pipes in public rights-of-ways) so that the Town of Hempstead understands its annual maintenance obligations and costs.

The DEIS must identify whether there are infiltration systems planned in land intended for public dedication, such as roads, or whether there are only conveyance systems proposed in these areas. If infiltration systems are planned in land intended for dedication to the Town, the DEIS must identify the entity responsible for the operation and maintenance of such infiltration systems.

In addition, a plan showing proposed easements for storm, sanitary, access and utilities is needed.

Comment 7a:

3.2 Water Resources, Water Supply

The DEIS does not adequately analyze the public safety risk of fire from electric vehicles (EVs) and associated chargers and therefore does not identify alternatives or analyze sufficient mitigation. The DEIS acknowledges that the EV charging areas will be serviced with higher sprinkler demand than the rest of the project and that there is sufficient flow for such demand. There is no analysis of whether sprinklers are an adequate firefighting method for EV batteries that have ignited or exploded. There is also no discussion of what would happen if an EV battery were to ignite away from the chargers, e.g. in a lower level of a structure, nor any acknowledgment that high sprinkler flow will not fully address a fire from lithium EV batteries or the chargers. Omitting any analysis of impacts, alternatives, mitigation and response plans from such catastrophic events renders the DEIS defective.

Comment 8:

3.3 Ecological Resources, Section 3.3.2.4 Proposed Off-Site Mitigation Locations, Page 137,

The DEIS acknowledges that there will be impacts to freshwater wetlands associated with the proposed off-site traffic mitigation, but fails to quantify such impacts, assess the significance thereof, identify alternatives or means to limit such impacts. The fact that a permit from the NYSDEC may be required does not absolve the lead agency of its SEQRA responsibility to take a hard look at the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Project.

Comment 9:

3.4 Land Use, Zoning and Community Character

The DEIS fails to analyze how a massive casino complex across the street from Hofstra University and Nassau Community College is consistent with the Uniondale Hamlet Vision Plan's desire to reinforce Uniondale as a "college town." (See page 165. It also fails to explain how the Proposed Project is consistent with the Uniondale Hamlet Vision Plan's desire to focus on the sustainability of residential neighborhoods and reduce crime (page 165), when the casino complex contains no residential component and is anticipated to *increase* crime, as indicated by the on-site police substation, monetary contributions to the local police department, and Sands' private security plans. (See pages47, 347, 605.)

Comment 10:

3.4 Land Use, Zoning and Community Character

The DEIS fails to analyze how the Proposed Project is consistent with the Long Island Regional Economic Development Council's ("LIREDC") Strategic Economic Development Plans for the Long Island Region. The 2016 Long Island Update outlines several strategies for growth that are not supported by the Proposed Project. Those strategies include, among other things, developing interdisciplinary facilities to support the commercialization of innovative products created at the region's research institutions and reinvigorating Long Island's manufacturing sector. (Page 167.)

Comment 11:

3.4 Land Use, Zoning and Community Character

The DEIS also fails to analyze how the Proposed Project would attract global travelers by leveraging Long Island's unique heritage and tourism assets to convey Long Island's rich contributions to American history, the arts, and culture, in accordance with the LIREDC 2016 Long Island Update. (See page 167.) Instead, it states only that the Proposed Project's celebrity chef restaurants, casino, spa, and entertainment programming would attract tourists from across the world to the site; there is no connection to Long Island's history or its artistic and cultural contributions. (See page193.)

Comment 12:

3.4 Land Use, Zoning and Community Character

The DEIS fails to analyze how the Proposed Project would "foster[] a sense of community and connectivity with its surroundings and draw[] people together" (page 180)when the site is "physically separated from existing neighboring uses" (pages 186-67) by parking lots, garages, and landscaping that effectively create walls around the property. Walls of parking garages are not complementary to or an improvement on the community aesthetic and character.

Comment 13:

3.4 Land Use, Zoning and Community Character

The DEIS contains unsubstantiated claims that the Proposed Project would provide new jobs and career opportunities for area residents and that Sands has proposed procurement processes that would provide increased opportunities for local businesses. Written plans for ensuring local employment and supply chain contributions should be provided. The only source cited – a two-year-old newspaper article (see page 193) does not constitute such a plan or commitment.

Comment 14:

3.4 Land Use, Zoning, and Community Character

The DEIS does not adequately analyze how the proposed development will promote, incorporate, or fund multi-modal transportation options in accordance with the HUB Major Investment Study (HUB MIS). In addition, the DEIS summarizes the HUB Major Investment Study from 2006, but does not include discussion or analysis of the studies that have been done since then in 2014 and 2023. For example, the DEIS offers no analysis on how to incorporate the Locally Preferred Alternative identified in these more recent studies into the Proposed Project. The Locally Preferred Alternative includes a short-term bus rapid transit ("BRT") system with the long-term goal of converting the route to a modern streetcar system. The HUB MIS shows the proposed route through the Proposed Project. The DEIS fails to provide details on how the proposed transportation system (short and long term) and route can be accommodated and incorporated into the site plan.

Comment 15:

3.4 Land Use, Zoning, and Community Character

The proposal is a massive superstructure with a staggering 25-acre footprint bordered by multi-lane roads. This singular building of immense size, bounded by parking lots and garages and multi-lane roads, is inconsistent with the goal of creating a distinct regional town center -- a goal summarized in County and local planning documents and cited multiple times by Sands' own DEIS. Regional town centers are composed of pedestrian-scale roads (typically 3 lanes or less), on-street parking, streetscapes activated by transparent outward facing first floors, and small road grid/block sizes to note a few characteristics. The Sands' concept is more like a regional shopping mall (the quintessential autocentric, automobile dependent use) with a "lifestyle complex" focusing on keeping visitors circulating inside the building. This concept is not a distinct town center with a unique and inviting network of activated streetscapes and thus is in direct conflict with duly adopted existing land use, zoning and community plans.

Comment 16:

3.4 Land Use, Zoning, and Community Character

Housing is repeatedly cited as a desired and needed use at the Hub and the Coliseum site throughout multiple planning documents. The DEIS must explain why housing is not a consideration on this site within their preferred plan, how the Proposed Project is consistent with the planning documents that focus on the need for housing, and how this significant adverse impact on land use, zoning and community character would be mitigated.

Comment 17:

3.4 Land Use, Zoning and Community Character

The DEIS fails to explain how the purposes of the proposed MF-IRD are "similar" to those outlined in the MFM Zoning District or consistent with other applicable land use plans. [DEIS 198] While much of the language in the MF-IRD is the same as what appears in the existing MFM Zoning District, the changes that have been made represent a transformation in the desired future of the district, from one that prioritizes mixed-use, "highest-quality" sustainable, community-oriented development to one that prioritizes commercialization and massive development over local residents. Specifically, the language of the proposed MF-IRD (among other things):

- Removes the phrase "highest-quality" before "sustainable development"
- Removes the phrase "mixed-use" before "buildings" in B(4) and adds "entertainment, hospitality, commercial" uses.
- Removes "public streets and roadways of new mixed-use neighborhoods" in the discussion of the promotion of the integration of pedestrian amenities and public transportation
- Adds to "permitted uses" casino/gaming, in addition to innocuous uses including movie theatre, golf entertainment, miniature golf, and bowling.
- Removes "noncommercial" before "park, recreational, or open space uses" and the addition of "including outdoor entertainment uses" in C(20).
- Allows a *significant* increase in permitted development:
  - Over 4-8x increase in height from 30 feet (60 feet if certain conditions are met) to 250 feet for nonresidential and mixed uses
  - Nearly 3x increase in hotel height from 100 to 280 feet
  - More than 2x increase in parking structure height from 40 to 95 feet
  - Over 6x increase in residential use height from 40 to 250 feet
- Completely eliminates the requirement to establish public rights-of-way and provisions for "complete streets."
- Completely eliminates the requirement for ground-floor facades to be publicly accessible and for parking structures to be located in less-visible areas.

Comment 18:

3.4 Land Use, Zoning and Community Character

The DEIS does not adequately analyze the Proposed Project's potential impacts on community character. The SEQR Handbook states that "[c]ommunity character relates not only to the built and natural environments of a community, but also to how people function within and perceive that community . . . Courts have supported reliance upon a municipality's comprehensive plan and zoning as expressions of the community's desired future state or character," and other resource-focused plans "may further articulate desired future uses within the planning area." (SEQR Handbook at 84.)[1]

None of the land use plans express a desire for a casino; they express a desire for a college town that offers opportunities to enhance local innovation and manufacturing, the need for additional housing, and the desire to have tourism that draws upon Long Island's rich history. The existing zoning envisions a community-oriented future with mixed-use development, not an insular, massive resort walled off from the community by tall

[1] https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/docs/permits_ej_operations_pdf/seqrhandbook.pdf.

parking garages. The DEIS does not analyze how the Proposed Project would fundamentally and adversely impact the existing and desired community character of the area.

Comment 19:

3.4 Land Use, Zoning and Community Character

The DEIS focuses exclusively on the changes that will occur at the Proposed Project site and in its immediate vicinity; it fails to consider the Proposed Project's impacts on the character of the broader community. (See page 207.) The Proposed Project is designed to attract visitors from the surrounding area, New York City, and the rest of the world, yet the community character analysis is focused exclusively on the fact that the site will look different when it is redeveloped and will generate a lot of money. It assumes, without support, that this is necessarily a good thing for the surrounding community. It ignores the likelihood that the Proposed Project would change the way that local college students and residents move around and perceive their neighborhood in the face of nonstop activity and the draw of gambling and alcohol consumption activities at the site. It ignores the likelihood that the Proposed Project's height, density, and proposed uses, as well as the corresponding increased traffic, changes in traffic patterns, and increased crime will adversely affect the character of surrounding municipalities and hamlets.

Comment 20:

Section 1.3.5, Transportation and Parking, p. ES-40

The DEIS states that under the 2030 Build Conditions, the Integrated Resort will generate 27 to 90 walking and/or bicycle trips, depending on the peak hour. However, the DEIS fails to provide any data or documentation to support this conclusion, including information regarding current use of walking and cycling paths to/from the subject property.

In general, the DEIS traffic analysis is substantively flawed because the basis for the number of trips generated, modal split and scope of the study are not explained or justified.

Comment 21:

Section 3.5.1, Transportation and Parking, Methodology and Data Collection

To inform the traffic analysis, a traffic data collection program was developed, including obtaining turning movement counts at 66 study intersections during the "typical (non-summer) period." The DEIS fails to explain why summer traffic at the selected intersections was not studied.

Comment 22:

Section 3.5.2.2, Transportation and Parking, Existing Conditions, Critical Peak Hours

The DEIS traffic analysis is flawed because it is founded on "common network peak hours," which is the combination of roadway peaks and Integrated Resort peaks. To accurately evaluate traffic impacts, the DEIS must evaluate traffic to/from the Integrated Resort during the roadway peaks—and separately evaluate Integrated Resort peak traffic during average roadway conditions. This methodology captures both roadway and Integrated Resort peaks, which may not always overlap.

Comment 23:

Section 3.5.3.1, Transportation and Parking, Potential Impacts, Future Conditions, No-Build (2030)

The DEIS has failed to adequately consider the no-build traffic impacts.

First, the No-Build (2030) traffic analysis incorporates projected traffic from the operation of 15 analyzed other planned developments (OPDs). However, the DEIS does not describe the *construction* traffic impacts from the OPDs, including traffic volume, patterns, and timing. Nor does the DEIS synchronize the no-build traffic, the OPD construction traffic, and the Integrated Resort construction traffic.

Second, the No-Build condition improperly excludes the proposed development at 353 Union Avenue in Westbury, NY, simply because "the Village specified that there was no current action on the application." (See Traffic Impact Study (TIS) at page 54.) The TIS does not explain what "no current action on the application means," but just because there is no current activity does not preclude future project activity and traffic, which the DEIS must evaluate.

Comment 24:

Section 3.5.3.1, Transportation and Parking, Potential Impacts, Future Conditions, Full Build (2030)

The Full Build (2030) analysis is flawed because it only considers *peak* traffic from the Integrated Resort and not *average* traffic from the Integrated Resort. If the pattern of average traffic differs from peak traffic, then it may impact different roadways that have not been analyzed in the DEIS. In addition, average traffic from the Proposed Project may cause a significant adverse impact at sensitive locations. An analysis of this potential is critical to a proper DEIS traffic analysis.

The Full Build (2030) analysis is also flawed because it does not analyze operational traffic beyond visitor traffic; for example, it fails to identify and analyze traffic related to solid waste removal, deliveries, and the like.

Comment 24a:

Section 3.5.3.2, Transportation and Parking, Potential Impacts, Traffic Operations Analysis

The DEIS has failed to identify and analyze mitigation of traffic impacts on the parkways to the south of the subject property—and failed to analyze potential impacts on local roadways due to diversions caused by parkway congestion. For example, the DEIS acknowledges that the Meadowbrook State Parkway/Southern State Parkway interchange is already a congestion bottleneck and will be worsened by the project traffic, with speeds decreasing from 53 mph to 11 mph at midday on Saturday between the No Build 2030 condition and the Build 2030 condition. (See TIS on page 108.) However, the DEIS intentionally declines to undertake a mitigation analysis of these impacts, stating that the traffic impacts are not as severe as those to the north. This is not a valid reason for omitting the required analysis of how to mitigate impacts, especially as there is a real risk that drivers will divert from the parkways and use local roads—an impact that the DEIS fails to analyze.

Comment 25:

Section 3.5.3.4, Transportation and Parking, Potential Impacts, Transportation Demand Management

To analyze operational impacts on vehicular traffic and public transit use, the DEIS (through the TIS) apportions site generated trips among the various modal factors based on an expected use percentage. For example, personal automobile use is expected to be 82-92%, ride sharing is expected to be 4-5%, and NICE bus use is expected to be 2%. (See TIS p. 61.) However, the analysis does not describe the data or information that were used to set these percentages. Thus, there is no quantitative analysis of the number of gaming tables, restaurant

seats and hotel rooms, employee count and service trips (product/materials/employees) and their respective occupancy and turnover rates. Without this analysis the traffic analysis cannot be properly calculated.

The DEIS explains that the Integrated Resort will expand on existing NICE bus service to encourage public transit use and avoid vehicular traffic impacts. However, the DEIS does not explain how the bus service will be expanded—i.e., by how much and along which routes—and therefore what traffic impacts the expanded bus service might cause.

The DEIS acknowledges that the Integrated Resort will increase LIRR ridership on the Hempstead line and that Sands will provide a shuttle from the Hempstead station to the subject property. However, the DEIS does not analyze the traffic impacts, particularly on local streets, of LIRR riders disembarking at stations before the Hempstead station and taking for-hire vehicles to the subject property.

Comment 26:

Section 3.5.4, Transportation and Parking, Proposed Mitigation

The DEIS describes a series of roadway improvement mitigation measures but fails to provide any permitting and construction schedule that would support the conclusion that the improvements are feasible. This is especially the case given the tight timeframes that Sands proposes: the completion of surface intersection mitigation measures by Phase 1 operation and completion of parkway mitigation measures by Phase 2 completion.

Comment 27:

Section 3.9.2, Socioeconomics

The DEIS socioeconomic analysis is fundamentally flawed because it relies on the unsupported assumption that 75% of Integrated Resort employees will be current residents of Nassau and Suffolk Counties and therefore will not be moving to the area. This assumption forms the basis for the DEIS analysis of area-wide economic impacts, housing pricing and availability, and school capacity—and yet there is no information or data supporting the 75% figure.

Comment 28:

Section 3.9.2, Socioeconomics

As mitigation for local impacts, Sands has promised a one-time $25 million payment to be distributed proportionally to “affected communities,” which are limited to Uniondale, East Meadow, and Hempstead. The DEIS fails to identify the impacts for which these payments are supposed to compensate—and fails to explain why these communities were selected. Most importantly, there is no analysis of what the $25 million will be spent on and what impacts result from such expenditures.

Comment 29:

Section 3.9.2 Socioeconomics

The DEIS fails to consider whether there would be any displacement of existing local businesses and residents as a result of the Proposed Project.

Comment 30:

Section 3.13.2, Use and Conservation of Energy and Utilities, page 521

The DEIS makes vague references to potential infrastructure that may be installed as part of the Proposed Project. For example, the DEIS notes that the applicant is "considering" including both a stratified chilled water thermal storage tank to shift a portion of the electrical demand of the heat pumps from the warmest part of the day and a battery storage system.

Once again, the DEIS does not identify the proposed locations of infrastructure, its effect on energy usage, or the potential environmental impacts of such infrastructure. For example, given the safety issues associated with battery fires, the precise location of any battery storage system must be identified and the risks and measures to address such risks must be clearly set forth in the DEIS.

Comment 31:

Section 3.13.2, Use and Conservation of Energy and Utilities, page 524

The DEIS fails to identify the location for the additional/expanded substation that is required to support the Proposed Project and thus does not analyze the potential environmental impacts thereof. In addition, the DEIS fails to explain what would be constructed if a feasible alternative is not identified.

Comment 32:

Section 3.13.2, Use and Conservation of Energy and Utilities, page 525

The DEIS notes that National Grid has confirmed that capacity for the Proposed Project would be reserved until December 31, 2024, and that, once an application is made, it would be extended for an additional year. However, construction of Phase 1 is not anticipated to commence until 2026. The DEIS does not explain whether the Proposed Project could be constructed as designed if there is not sufficient natural gas supply by the time the full build-out is expected to be operational.

Comment 33:

Section 3.15.2, Construction-Related Traffic and Parking

The DEIS construction-related traffic analysis is fundamentally flawed because it relies on two primary mitigation measures—prescribed truck routes and worker carpooling requirements—without explaining key underlying assumptions and how the measures will be enforced.

First, the DEIS estimates that the transport of demolition and excavation material will generate eight truck trips to and from the subject property per hour for 11 hours per day, for approximately 200 working days over a 16-month period. The only mitigation for this traffic is that the trucks will enter the subject property at designated locations and will only travel on major roadways as identified in a Construction Logistics Plan. However, the DEIS does not identify the proposed disposal locations or provide any other information that supports the identification of the preferred truck routes. Furthermore, Sands has no ability to force trucks to use the identified routes, even if there was logic to the routes. Therefore, there is no support for the DEIS argument that the trucks will be controlled and not use local secondary streets. The DEIS must identify the disposal locations, provide support for the identified truck routes, and analyze the impact of construction truck traffic on local streets.

Second, the DEIS analysis of construction material deliveries is completely insufficient. The DEIS simply states that material deliveries would not impact traffic because (1) long-haul deliveries will use the same truck routes as the

trucks transporting demolition and excavation materials (again, without providing any rationale for why this would be true and without providing any means for enforcement); (2) material deliveries will not correspond with peak commuter traffic (without providing any explanation or data for this conclusion); and (3) that material delivery traffic will be less than operational traffic from the Integrated Resort (without providing any details about the volume, traffic patterns, and timing of the anticipated material delivery traffic and how that would relate to current traffic. In addition, while the DEIS also acknowledges that local suppliers will use local roads, it fails to provide any estimate of how much traffic this would generate, at what times of day, for how long, etc.

Third, the DEIS acknowledges that 584-1838 construction workers will be commuting to/from the subject property every day, depending on the construction year, and that they will generally use local roadways. The DEIS only proposes two mitigation measures for these impacts, which rely on unsupported assumptions and lack adequate enforcement. One, Sands will require workers to carpool such that, with public transit use as well, construction worker vehicle trips will only be about half the number of workers, about 300-900 trips per day. However, Sands must develop an enforceable mechanism to ensure that the trips are managed in accordance with this assumption. Two, the DEIS states that construction workers will be commuting outside of the peak commuting times for area roadways (7:30-8:30am and 5:00-6:00pm). However, the DEIS does not describe what the current roadway conditions will be during the construction worker commuter periods and how the construction worker trips will impact those conditions; impacts may not be limited to roadway peak hours.

Comment 34:

Section 3.15.3, Hazardous Regulated Materials, p. 561

Construction and demolition ("C&D") debris, including historic fill, among other materials, are classified as solid waste and, therefore, are subject to state and local regulations. The DEIS should include a Plan for management of all such materials, not just those that exhibit petroleum impacts, staining or odors. The Plan should specify the types of excavated material to be re-used on-site and methods and equipment for converting excavated material into usable construction materials. The plan should include estimated amounts, options for disposal or re-use, and compliance with applicable regulatory requirements. The Plan should clarify whether such processing will occur on-site or off-site, and how and where such processing will take place. Truck traffic counts associated with such processing should be accounted for in traffic studies.

The Plan should also include analyses of truck routes that limit transport through residential areas/sensitive nearby properties, maximization of mapped trucking routes, and promote overall safety. The Plan should specify the recycling, re-use, or disposal destinations for each type of material. Information about each destination should include the facility registration or permit requirements and limitations for accepting such material and should include confirmation that the facilities have the capacity for accepting the amounts of material to be exported during the construction phase of the project.

The Plan should explain how exported material will be tracked so that proper disposal can be verified. There is no analysis of community acceptance of the truck routes, existing road conditions, or mechanisms to undertake and fund road improvements for construction routes to repair damage caused by construction activities.

Comment 35:

3.15.5 Dewatering, Appendix 3.15-3 Limited Asbestos Inspection Report

The discussion of dewatering and the potential environmental impacts associated therewith is entirely insufficient. Rather than making reasonable assumptions, the DEIS simply states that dewatering "[u]ntil the construction plans are finalized, it is not possible to determine the extent of dewatering that must be conducted or the required design capacity of the dewatering systems that would be required." Similarly, despite documented groundwater contamination on and surrounding the Site, the DEIS does not analyze the effect that

dewatering would have on such contamination plumes, nor does it identify the treatment and disposal requirements for such contaminated groundwater.

Moreover, Appendix 3.15-3 included a PFAS Sampling Report prepared by H2M, dated October 30, 2024, which is only discussed in the dewatering section of the DEIS (see also Comment 3 above). The PFAS Sampling Report indicates that groundwater monitoring wells installed as part of the geotechnical investigation were sampled for PFAS. The PFAS compounds PFOS and PFOA were detected above the relevant standards in groundwater samples collected from wells LB1A-01, LB1A-06, and LB1B-05.

The DEIS should include a study of potential sources of the on-site PFAS impacts, to determine whether they originate on-site or off-site. All such known and suspected locations of contamination should be catalogued and mapped. Evaluation of the proposed new supply well should also include potential impacts related to groundwater withdrawal, including the extent to which drawdown effects could influence movement of known or suspected VOC or PFAS plumes. Mitigation measures should be developed for such impacts.

Comment 36:

Section 3.15.8, Construction-Related Noise and Vibration, page 571

The DEIS notes the potential for vibration impacts to MSKCC and asserts that "measures will be implemented to ensure that the facility is not disrupted during construction". However, given no detailed analysis of the vibrations that would be experienced at MSKCC, nor any identification of potential mitigation measures and their efficacy, it is impossible to determine the extent of the impacts or whether mitigation measures can sufficiently address them.

4.0 Cumulative Impacts

Comment 37:

Chapter 4 Cumulative Impacts

The DEIS improperly limits the cumulative impact analysis to cumulative impacts with respect to water supply, sewage generation, electrical supply, air quality, and traffic. It fails to analyze the potential cumulative impacts of fifteen additional projects with respect to other areas of analysis, including construction, community character, public health, and community facilities and services.

Comment 38:

Chapter 4 Cumulative Impacts

The DEIS relies on outdated information regarding other planned developments ("OPDs") in the vicinity of the Proposed Project. The DEIS states that Freedom of Information requests were sent to seven municipalities in the vicinity as well as the Nassau County Department of Public Works and the New York State Department of Transportation regarding infrastructure/roadway projects. (See page 583.) These Freedom of Information requests were sent in August 2023. (See Attachment I of Appendix 3.5-1.) These requests must be resent and any additional OPDs (or changes to existing OPDs) must be incorporated into the FEIS.

In addition, the DEIS contains a footnote stating that the consultant included information on OPDs that were not identified in response to the Freedom of Information requests but that the consultant otherwise was aware of. (See page 583, FN 424.) As the Freedom of Information requests clearly are insufficient to capture all potential OPDs in the vicinity of the project, additional diligence should be conducted to confirm that there are no other OPDs that should be incorporated into the analysis.

Comment 39:

Section 4.6, Traffic

The DEIS provides inadequate mitigation for signal timing adjustments. A more substantive mitigation approach is required (e.g. on Old Country Road, Stewart Avenue, and Clinton Avenue).

8.0 Alternatives

Comment 40:

The DEIS fails to establish that an MFM-compliant proposal would be infeasible. (See page 672) In contrast to this statement that such an alternative would be "infeasible" in the Alternatives chapter, in the Zoning chapter, the DEIS states that the financial feasibility of MFM-compliant development proposals would be merely "questionable". (See page 196.) In the absence of an adequate showing that an MFM-compliant alternative would not be reasonable, such an alternative should be analyzed.

Comment 41:

The "no action" alternative in the DEIS fails to take into consideration the existing 42-Year Lease, which provides for a range of potential levels of activity at the Coliseum site. The "no action" alternative assumed that the Coliseum property would continue to function as it currently does, with minimal activity, or would continue to decline. (See page 617.) The existing 42-Year Lease requires that, at least for the first two years of the lease, the Coliseum will operate in a manner "reasonably consistent with past practice." As noted in Section 2.2.4 of the DEIS, the level of activity associated with "past practice" could be quite significant if the site returns to the level of activity experienced in the mid-2000s through approximately 2015. On the other hand, the 42-year Lease allows the site to "go dark" starting in year three. The DEIS is silent regarding the potential range of activities at the site in the "no action" alternative.

Comment 42:

While it is more conservative for many areas of analysis to assume a low or nonexistent level of activity at the site in the baseline condition, for others, the use of a baseline "no action" alternative that ignores the range of activities provided for in the 42-Year Lease results in an incorrect analysis of the potential impacts of the Proposed Project. For example:

- The DEIS claims that the no action alternative would not involve any demolition, construction, or redevelopment, and therefore remediation of asbestos-containing materials (ACM) and lead-based paint would not occur. (See page 618.) However, under the 42-Year Lease, the property may be renovated, so long as it does not constitute "redevelopment." Renovation likely would require the remediation of ACM and/or lead-based paint.
- The DEIS states that the no-action alternative would result in the site having an increasingly negative impact on community character and would not be consistent with existing land use plans that contemplate the site's redevelopment. (See page 619.) However, if the site is operated in accordance with the 42-Year Lease and does not "go dark" in year three, it would improve the community character of the area without causing the adverse impacts of the Proposed Project. Maintaining the existing zoning district's focus on reasonable, mixed-use development would better protect the area's community character than the commercialization-focused Proposed MF-IRD.

- The DEIS also states that economic benefits would "further decline" under the no action alternative. However, this ignores the potential increase in activity under the 42-Year Lease.

These analyses must be corrected to incorporate consideration of every scenario recently approved under the 42-Year Lease include the subdivisions and related additional uses.

Comment 43:

The DEIS acknowledges that "comments were raised regarding why the casino was being developed in Phase 1 and what would happen if only Phase 1 was developed." (See page 26.) The response is that this condition would not occur because: 1) Phase 2 overlaps with Phase 1; 2) the intersection mitigation for the Full Build would occur during Phase 1 (subject to agency approvals); and 3) and the gaming license application would include phased development that would be required to be built pursuant to that license. (Pages 26-27). This explanation is illogical and insufficient. First, the current plan to have the phases overlap speaks only to the currently anticipated timing of the two phases; it does not mean that Phase 2 is an imperative. Second, the fact that mitigation is intended for Phase 1 (if that even occurs) again speaks only to anticipated timing and does not mean that Phase 2 is required. Finally, the DEIS does not state that the phased development presented in the gaming license application (that purportedly would be required to be developed pursuant to a gaming license) would be the same as what is presented in the DEIS.

In the absence of an adequate explanation for why Phase 2 must be constructed, the EIS must evaluate a Phase 1-only alternative.

Comment 44:

Section 8.2.5, Alternative CMP, Transportation and Parking, p. 637

In evaluating the traffic impacts of the Alternative CMP, the DEIS states that due to public transit use, "a reduction of five percent was applied to each individual land use." The DEIS fails to explain what type of public transit would be used and what data is driving that conclusion. The DEIS fails to explain what the five percent is applied to: gross trips, peak trips, trips to the subject property or from it. Finally, the DEIS fails to explain the basis for the five percent figure.

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RE: SEQRA Lead Agency Comments on the "Draft Environmental Impact Statement" for the Proposed Lease between Nassau County and LVS NY Holdco 2, LLC for the Nassau Veterans Coliseum Site

I am special legal counsel to the Nassau County Legislature (the "Legislature"), which is the "lead agency," pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA" – Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law) and the SEQRA implementing regulations set forth at 6 NYCRR Part 617, with respect to the above-referenced proposed lease. Members of the Legislature have expressed the following comments, questions, and concerns with respect to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("DEIS") for the proposed lease, which DEIS was accepted as adequate for public review on November 20, 2024 and was the subject of a public hearing, before the Legislature, on December 9, 2024:

1. Among the proposed mitigations of potential traffic impacts from the proposed Sands New York Integrated Resort development of the Coliseum site appears to be a reduction, from three lanes to two, of northbound traffic on a portion of Meadowbrook Parkway, adjacent to existing northbound collector-distributor (C-D) lanes of the Parkway, north of Hempstead Turnpike (New York State 24). There is concern that such a reconfiguration of existing northbound traffic lanes may cause a bottleneck or "pinch point" in northbound traffic on the Meadowbrook Parkway resulting in traffic delays that do not currently exist. This proposed mitigation should be reconsidered.

2. There are well-documented existing traffic delays and substandard conditions on the Meadowbrook Parkway and other arterial and local roadways in the vicinity of the proposed Sands New York Integrated Resort development. These existing

traffic delays and substandard conditions should be specifically identified in a chart or table, for future reference.

3. The DEIS should explain how shuttle vehicles, buses, delivery trucks, and other commercial traffic will be required to utilize specific routes and/or roadways to arrive at and depart from the proposed Sands New York Integrated Resort. In particular, a specific route for buses and other such vehicular traffic between the Long Island Expressway and the Resort should be identified and described. How will such routing requirements be enforced?

4. Mitigation measures with regard to a potential increase in commercial truck or bus traffic from southern portions of Nassau County -- particularly Sunrise Highway and Merrick Road – to and from the Sands New York Integrated Resort should be identified and described.

5. Mitigation measures with regard to potential impacts to existing groundwater contamination plumes and adjacent water districts as a result of the Resort development (e.g., the proposed new water supply well) should be identified and described.

6. In the interest of controlling emissions and mitigating adverse climate impacts, consideration should be given to requiring that any shuttle buses traveling to and from the proposed Sands New York Integrated Resort be electric vehicles.

7. The DEIS's evaluations of proposed environmental impacts from the proposed Sands New York Integrated Resort depend upon assumptions and projections of future water demands, sewage discharge, air emissions, traffic patterns, traffic volumes, and other future conditions that are apparently based on an expectation of 10 million visitors to the Resort per year, and also assume the effectiveness of measures proposed to mitigate the environmental impacts of the Resort. What remedies exist if the foregoing assumptions, projections, and expectations turn out to be incorrect, projected environmental impacts from the Resort are worse than anticipated in the DEIS, and/or proposed mitigation measures are ineffective in reducing or eliminating projected traffic or other adverse environmental impacts?

8. What remedies exist if the new water supply well proposed to meet the water needs of the proposed Sands New York Integrated Resort either fails or does not

actually supply adequate water for the Resort and all other existing and proposed uses in the area of the Resort?

It is respectfully requested that the foregoing comments, questions, and concerns be fully addressed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement ("FEIS") for the proposed lease.

Respectfully yours,

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ncida NASSAU COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

To: Nassau County Legislature ("Lead Agency")

From: Nassau County Industrial Development Agency ("NCIDA")

Date: January 17, 2025

Re: Sands New York Integrated Resort - DEIS Review

We have reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("DEIS") for the Sands New York Integrated Resort ("Project"), submitted by LVS NY Holdco 2, LLC ("Applicant") to the Lead Agency in October 2024. The Project is proposed to be located at 1255 Hempstead Turnpike ("Coliseum Parcel") and 101 James Doolittle Boulevard ("Hotel Parcel"), Uniondale, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York (collectively, the "Site"). The DEIS was prepared for the Lead Agency's review of the Project pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"). The DEIS was accepted by the Lead Agency and released for a public comment period which closes on January 21, 2025. NCIDA is an involved agency under SEQRA and offers the following comments:

1. *Water Supply*

The DEIS explains that the current water supply is insufficient to meet the existing uses in the area surrounding and including the Project Site. The Project is within the Uniondale Water District (UWD), and obtains its potable water from public water supply wells in the UWD.[1] The current water demand within the UWD yields a peak maximum daily demand of 8.47 million gallons per day ("mgpd").[2] Conversely, the current maximum day capacity is 7.71 mgpd and "is insufficient compared to the demand . . . indicating a deficit."[3]

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[1] DEIS at 84-87.
[2] *Id.* at 91.
[3] *Id.*

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Current demand from the Coliseum Parcel and the Hotel Parcel is estimated at 230,083 gallons per day ("gpd").[4] The DEIS states that Phase 1[5] of the Project will have an insubstantial increase in water demand of approximately 12,500 gpd.[6] In terms of Phase 2[7] of the Project, total new water demand "is estimated at approximately 701,400 gpd."[8] Total new water demand of the Project would be 763,400 gpd (701,400 gpd of potable water use plus 62,000 gpd for irrigation), without taking credit for water conservation measures.[9] Accordingly, the UWD, would not be able to provide enough potable water to support the Project.

To remedy this deficit at full build, the DEIS proposes the development of a new water supply well with a capacity of 1.98 mgpd, but states that the ultimate location and feasibility of such measure is not known at this time. Given that the build out of the Project depends on the development of a new well, NCIDA recommends that this issue be more thoroughly addressed and resolved in the FEIS. Specifically, the FEIS should establish that the development of a new well with a capacity of 1.98 mgpd is feasible.

2. ***Traffic***

The roadways surrounding the Site currently experience significant traffic delays, which will be maintained at current levels or worsened by the Project. To mitigate this impact, the DEIS proposes significant roadway and highway improvements, including construction of additional lanes, exits, and roadways.

NCIDA recommends that the FEIS provide additional discussion and analysis of potential impacts from construction of such traffic mitigation (i.e. noise, light, dust, etc.), including potential receptors, duration and timing of impacts (especially during night-time when ambient noises are lower), as well as potential traffic impacts expected during construction.

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[4] *Id.* at 85.
[5] Phase 1 consists of the redevelopment of the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum with the Coliseum Casino, a parking garage, one of three parking garages, one of two central utilities plants and a parking lot. *Id.* at ES-6.
[6] *Id.* at 94.
[7] Phase 2 includes development of two additional hotels, dining, retail and performance space. *Id.* at ES-2.
[8] *Id.* at 95.
[9] *Id.*

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Dear Representative,

I am a resident of Baldwin and a member of the Baldwin Civic Association.

I am writing with my concerns about the Draft Environmental Impact Statement under consideration with the Sands Casino proposal for the current site of the Nassau Coliseum. There are several major issues that are disturbing and need to be considered with this proposed facility which is projected to operate 24 hours a day and need more resources than the current coliseum.

First is the proposal to drill a new well to our sole source aquifer, the Mogothy. Long Island's water supply only comes from this aquifer, unlike New York City which draws from reservoirs. The Mogothy supplies 90% of our water for Nassau and 50% for Suffolk. Long Island's water source is already fragile. Adding a new well will lead to more and excessive pumping from the aquifer and more salt water intrusion which can not be reversed. Nassau county does not have any plans in place to reclaim water by reusing treated waste water the way Suffolk County does. The Citizens Campaign for the Environment had also voiced concerns about the effect on nearby streams and tributaries.

Waste is another major concern. There will be construction debris and then extra garbage generated by a 24 hour operation which is expected to go to Covanta in Hempstead. The Brookhaven Landfill stopped taking construction debris on January 1 of this year, is expected to run out of room for ash from Covanta within two years and closing in 2028 because it will run out of room. Where is the garbage going?

Wastewater is another question in regards whether the current sewer systems and treatment plants will be able to handle additional waste from the Sands complex. We here in Baldwin had to deal with a major sewer line break that leaked sewage into the backyards of residents and nearby waterways and created a sink hole in the major artery of Grand Avenue. There are no plans to address the aging infrastructure. Can our aging infrastructure handle the overload of such a major facility?

One proposal is to widen the Meadowbrook Parkway from the Northern State Parkway to only Hempstead Turnpike. Why are the Southern State Parkway and south shore residents being ignored? The widening of the Meadowbrook is not going to solve problems with traffic on Hempstead Turnpike which is already overburdened with delays many times during the day. What about traffic mitigation on Hempstead Turnpike? It is likely most people traveling to the proposed project will be traveling by car since the nearest LIRR stations are two miles away.

There is also the question of the impact of this development on what is left of the Hempstead Plains. The South Shore Audobon Society has voiced concerns about the effect of this development on the 30 endangered species in the preserve that are protected by New York State law.

These are just some of the questions that need to be answered before a decision is made on this DEIS.

It is worth noting that outside of VHB, H2M and the legal counsel for Sands, the addresses of 10 of the other firms involved in the report are located in New York city. The other one is in Washington, D.C. This raises the question of how familiar they were with the area and it was not supportive of jobs and businesses in Nassau County. Is this going to be a trend with this project?

This draft impact statement should not be accepted without answering these issues.

Sincerely,

Karen Montalbano
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The proximity of a proposed Sands Casino near several colleges , schools, and residential areas is troubling. I recognize that people think this is a money-maker for the company as well as for certain individuals but the unintended consequences for our community life and our children far out-ways building a casino. There are far better and less controversial businesses that could be located there. I cast my vote as “NO” to the Sands Casino.
S. Kelly
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Do NOT gamble away the future of Nassau County for the short term construction jobs and all of the problems (congestion, crime, addiction, environmental, etc., etc.) that a casino - a MASSIVE casino - would bring with it.
Do the right thing - in your heart of hearts you must see the shortsighted rationale pushed by the Las Vegas Sands Corp and associated unions which glosses over serious problems and overstates the few positive (jobs) aspects of the project.
VOTE NO on the CASINO and sleep with a clear conscience.

Sincerely,
Sam Myers
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Garden City

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Dear Nassau County Legislators:

You know how the families and workers of oxycodone are feeling guilty and have been held responsible for the deaths of thousands due to their addicting pain killer? Please vote no casino so you can sleep at night with a clear conscience, knowing you did what you could to prevent thousands from becoming gamblers and the mental health, financial and family issues that will come along with that.

Additionally, I strongly oppose the Sands casino project at the site of the Nassau Coliseum. The Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS) clearly demonstrates that there are overwhelmingly negative environmental, societal, economic, and financial impacts that will impose destructive costs on our environment, our local economy, and our social fabric – costs that will be imposed on my community in exchange for insufficient benefits.

I urge you to protect Nassau County's future and your legacy by voting to stop this ill-conceived project, and to take a leadership role in bringing development to the Nassau Hub that you and county residents can truly be proud of.

Thank you,
Stephanie Glace
Garden City, NY

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To the Nassau County Legislature,

Attached please find comments from NYC Bird Alliance on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Sands New York Integrated Resort. Our comments focus on the risks that the proposed design poses for bird collisions with buildings.

Thank you for your consideration,
Jessica Wilson

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Comments on Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Sands New York Integrated Resort

Submitted by New York City Bird Alliance, Inc. to the Office of the Clerk of the Nassau County Legislature

Submitted via email
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Dear Members of the Nassau County Legislature:

On behalf of NYC Bird Alliance, we are writing to submit comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Sands New York Integrated Resort.

NYC Bird Alliance (formerly NYC Audubon) is a nonprofit dedicated to protecting wild birds and their habitats. Founded in 1979 as an independent chapter of National Audubon Society, we represent 10,000 members and tens of thousands of bird advocates and conservationists in the greater New York City area. We have a focus on minimizing the risks that human infrastructure including buildings pose to birds.

Our comments on the DEIS focus on two areas of concern: 1) the risks of bird collisions with windows as a direct result of glazing, which is invisible to birds; and 2) the impact of artificial light, which can both attract and disorient birds, and increase frequency of collisions.

Every spring and fall, millions of birds migrate over New York along the "Atlantic Flyway" from wintering territory in South and Central America to breeding grounds as far north as the Arctic Circle. As this huge variety of birds—from songbirds to raptors to shorebirds—repeat their ancient cycle of migration, they encounter the relatively new threat of glass windows which, according to NYC Bird Alliance's research, kills more than 1 billion birds in the US every year. This tragically high number has simple solutions: making glass in windows visible to birds so they avoid flying into it, and reducing artificial light at night which disorients nocturnally-migrating birds.

We hope these considerations will be taken into account to mitigate potential adverse effects on bird populations at the Sands site.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this project. Please feel free to contact us if you require additional information or clarification.

Sincerely,

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General Comments on DEIS

1. *Need for clarified methods to avoid collisions:* While we are pleased to see the DEIS acknowledge the risk of bird collisions at the proposed site, the proposed methods to avoid collisions are not outlined clearly enough to indicate that an effective bird-safe measure will be put in place.

   All glazed facades, especially those facing habitat (trees, bushes, etc.), should include detailed plans for bird-safe design. Specifically, all bird-safe products used should have a Threat Factor of 25 or less, as determined by the American Bird Conservancy. More detail on the measures to be taken and their specific locations is needed to ensure that the project effectively minimizes bird collisions at the site. Any glass facades adjacent to green spaces must be bird-safe, including windows, railings, and other glass features on terraced landscapes or green roofs.

2. *Need for better understanding of the role of migration on collisions:* In general, the DEIS shows a misunderstanding of the risk of collisions to birds resulting from glazed facades and artificial light at night. The majority of bird-building collisions occur during migration (March 15 to May 31, and August 15 to November 15), yet migration receives little attention in the DEIS.

   Located along the Atlantic Flyway, the proposed development site can have millions of birds flying overhead annually. For example, on the night of October 5, 2024, over 2.6 million birds crossed over Nassau County according to BirdCast, a tool that uses radar to forecast the intensity of overnight bird migration across the continental United States (data for Oct 5, 2024 here: https://dashboard.birdcast.info/region/US-NY-059?night=2024-10-05). All birds migrating within view of the light emitted from the proposed development would be at risk. The DEIS should acknowledge the level of migration near the proposed site in the ecological resources section.

3. *Acknowledgement of the impacts of artificial light at night:* The impacts of artificial light are underestimated throughout the DEIS. Light attracts and disorients birds, and it can also directly lead to collisions. The lighting plan does not address uplighting (which is the most attractive to birds) or light emitted from windows at night. We recommend incorporating a plan that reduces or eliminates ornamental lighting after 11 p.m. during migration to prevent lethal impacts on birds.

4. *Need to reference scientific research:*, the DEIS relies heavily on referencing websites rather than peer-reviewed, scientific publications. The literature available for understanding and preventing collisions is robust, and the DEIS should consider the most recent and accepted scientific research instead of relying on website references that may not be based on science research.

Specific comments on section 3.3.2.1
Page 128, in the "Birds Collision Potential" section

1. *Articulate measures that will be taken to reduce collisions with glass:* the DEIS states that the project will minimize the amount of high-risk glazed areas. Please state what measures will be taken to reduce the collision potential at any highly reflective surfaces that will be built.

   NYC Bird Alliance recommends using bird-safe products in all areas where nearby vegetation/habitat may be reflected on the glass, including glass on the lower 75 ft of the building and glass adjacent to the terraced landscapes/green roofs. The products used should have a Threat Factor of 25 or lower based on tunnel tests conducted by the American Bird Conservancy (ABC), to align with standards in nearby New York City. See ABC's glass collisions products and solutions database at https://abcbirds.org/glass-collisions/products-database/ for more information.

2. *More details on fritted glass needed:* provide more details and be specific in which fritted glass product will be used on the hotel towers, noting the spacing of the frit markers in the pattern used and which glass surface it will be applied to, both of which will impact the glasses' efficacy in minimizing collisions. As above, the product used should have a Threat Factor of 25 or lower based on tunnel tests conducted by the ABC. The spacing between the exterior opaque vertical louvers that will be installed on the towers should be specified as well.

3. *More details on mitigation measures needed:* this page states that "Exterior screens, grilles, shutters, blinds, and aesthetic and privacy options such as etching, sandblasting, or texturing would be used to help make transparent site elements more evident to birds". Provide more details on where specifically bird collision mitigation measures will be installed and what products will be used.

4. *Organization name and URL change:* this page contains several outdated references to our old organization name. Our organization's name was officially changed from NYC Audubon to NYC Bird Alliance in June 2024. Please correct the name as follows:
   - The first mention of our organization, at the top of page 128, should read "NYC Bird Alliance (formerly NYC Audubon)"
   - The second mention of our organization, in the middle of the page, should read "NYC Bird Alliance"
   - In footnote 167 on that page, change "NYC Audubon" to "NYC Bird Alliance" and change URL to "https://nycbirdalliance.org/our-work/conservation/project-safe-flight/bird-friendly-building-design"

Specific comments on section 3.11.2.5, "Proposed Lighting Concept"

1. *Non-essential artificial light at night should be dimmed or eliminated, to reduce collisions.* Birds collide with buildings, such as the proposed towers, in

the DEIS due to artificial light at night. For example, Korner et al. (2022), *"Birds and the 'Post Tower' in Bonn: A Case Study of Light Pollution,"* highlights the lethal impacts of an isolated lit tower—a scenario similar to the towers proposed in the DEIS.

2. *Uplighting proposes a high risk to birds:* On page 508, the DEIS proposes using uplighting to illuminate the towers; however, uplighting is particularly attractive and lethal to birds. Van Doren et al. (2017), *"High-Intensity Urban Light Installation Dramatically Alters Nocturnal Bird Migration,"* demonstrates how such lighting can significantly increase collision risks. To prevent attracting birds and causing fatal collisions, uplighting should be eliminated from the design.

3. *Reduce light from windows:* There is currently no effort to reduce light emitted from windows. The amount of light emitted from windows is directly linked to the frequency of nocturnal bird collisions (see Van Doren et al., 2021, *"Drivers of Fatal Bird Collisions in an Urban Center"*). To mitigate this risk, light emissions should be reduced through the use of blinds or exterior louvers.

4. *Reduce light during bird migration periods:* To reduce collisions, the lighting plan should include a reduction in ambient light during bird migration periods (spring migration from March 15-May 31, and fall migration from August 15-November 15). All non-essential lighting should be turned off after 11 p.m. during migration. These are the lighting regulations that New York City's city-owned and managed buildings follow, thanks to legislation passed by New York City Council in 2021.

Specific comments on section 9.0, References

1. *Organization name and URL change:* On page R-13, for the fourth reference listed on that page, please change "NYC Audubon" to "NYC Bird Alliance" and change URL to "https://nycbirdalliance.org/our-work/conservation/project-safe-flight/bird-friendly-building-design"

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Dear Representatives,

Happy New Year. I wanted to reach out regarding the draft Environmental Impact Statement under consideration on the Sands Casino proposal for Nassau Coliseum. I hope you will take the time to read and consider my comments.

I have been a resident of Baldwin Harbor for more than 20 years and am raising my children here. There are a few major resource issues surrounding this project that should be seriously considered, given this proposed facility is projected to operate 24 hours a day.

First and most important is the proposal to drill a new well to our sole source aquifer, the Mogothy.

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- This will also not alleviate traffic issues on the Southern State Parkway but will only make them worse. Currently the traffic conditions on the South Shore's main east-to-west highway are already extremely heavy; the proposed widening of one spot of the Meadowbrook will not relieve these issues and may exacerbate them as traffic re-merges to the original width after this short stretch ends.

There is also the question of the impact of this development on what is left of the Hempstead Plains.

- The South Shore Audobon Society has voiced concerns about the effect of this development on the 30 endangered species in the preserve that are protected by New York State law.

It is worth noting that outside of VHB, H2M and the legal counsel for Sands, the addresses of 10 of the other firms involved in the report are located in New York City. The remaining firm is located in Washington, D.C.

- This raises the question of how familiar they are with our area.
- It also calls into question whether business and residents, as well as the availability of jobs, was even looked at for Nassau County.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I urge you to please consider the above points when reviewing this proposal. While our goal is to atract new businesses to our area, we also have a responsibility to ensure that we have a thriving county that attracts and retains residents and businesses, safeguards our living environment, and raises property values while protecting our fragile ecosystem for many decades to come.

Best,
Michelle

Michelle L. Kuper

Hope is the thing with feathers
that perches in the soul,
and sings the tune without the words,
and never stops at all
Emily Dickinson

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Good afternoon,

Attached are the comments from the Uniondale Empowerment Resource Ctr.

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RE: "EAST GARDEN CITY"

To whom It May Concern:

My name is Stacey Richardson, President for the Uniondale Empowerment Resource Ctr. Upon reading the Sands Draft Environment Impact Statement report submitted to the Nassau County Legislators for approval, it has come to my attention that there is an error that must be addressed immediately. Also, information submitted by Vineyard Offshore I, II and all other subdivisions, Propel and other entities wishing to submit documents must remove any and all indications, written, maps, electronic data or applications that shows the name EAST GARDEN CITY. Entities must resubmit all information omitting the name EAST GARDEN CITY and replace it with Uniondale NY

As of today, any and all documents that have previously, currently and in the future entered in must clearly be made true and correct to clearly state the name of Uniondale.

Any and all mention of East Garden City shall be removed and replace with the true and correct address of Uniondale NY.

All agencies, corporations, nonprofit, both public and private must clearly state and identify the Hamlet of Uniondale.

I have attached copies of documentation supporting that the use of EAST GARDEN CITY, GARDEN CITY EAST etc. is not be used. The Town of Hempstead passed a resolution in 2015 rejecting EAST GARDEN CITY. There is no TOWN, Village or Hamlet known as EAST GARDEN CITY. There are no map lines, or deeded lines showing EAST GARDEN CITY. The Census also agreed that there is NO EAST GARDEN CITY. It simply does not exist.

I have attached for your convenience evidence, that states that there is no such place called East Garden City that exists in the Hamlett of Uniondale. I can be reached at the above address, if you wish to contact me

Sincerely,

Stacey Richardson
President
Uniondale Empowerment Resource Ctr

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Uniondale renews efforts to erase East Garden City designation

Community members on Saturday demonstrate outside Museum Row to highlight that the area is in Uniondale, not East Garden City. Credit: Linda Rosier

By John Asbury
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Updated May 24, 2022

SHARE

In the eyes of the federal government and the Town of Hempstead, a 3-square-mile stretch of Uniondale known as East Garden City doesn't exist.

Even after the boundaries were merged into Uniondale during the last census, residents say developers continue to mislabel their community as part of "an implicit bias" to make it more appealing to new residents while forgetting its diverse heritage.

Uniondale civic associations in the past have gathered with the school district, churches and the fire department to reemphasize Uniondale's boundaries. On Saturday, at a rally, the Greater Uniondale Area Action Coalition and residents renewed efforts to erase the East Garden City designation, highlighting landmarks such as Museum Row, Mitchel Field and the Cradle of Aviation.

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"The community is fighting this. The community coalitions have said enough. It's discriminatory to take away the identity of the community," said Pearl Jacobs, president of the Uniondale Nostrand Gardens Civic Association. "East Garden City doesn't exist. It's a fictitious location that developers used backdoor politics to make East Garden City a more desirable name than Uniondale for economic development."

Hempstead Town officials passed a resolution in 2015 rejecting East Garden City and reaffirming that the community is part of Uniondale.

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"As far as the town is concerned, this definitely is Uniondale and not East Garden City," said Senior Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby, who represents the area.

East Garden City was created in northern Uniondale, and runs from Hempstead Turnpike to Old Country Road. The area sat between the Village of Hempstead and Merrick Avenue and includes NYCB Live's Nassau Coliseum, Hofstra University, Museum Row and Nassau Community College. It has been known as East Garden City in census records dating to the 1970s, with other references dating to World War II.

The town and Rep. Kathleen Rice (D-Garden City) took the name to Google Maps and the U.S. Census Bureau, which in its 2020 census completed last year, removed East Garden City from official maps and merged it with Uniondale.

"Uniondale boasts a diverse community with the largest commercial district in Nassau County," Rice said in a statement last week. "Efforts to divide Uniondale must end and Nassau County should recognize the entirety of this vibrant community under its current borders as made official by the U.S. Census Bureau."

The boundaries of the former East Garden City and now Uniondale include places like the Nassau County Police Training Center and Roosevelt Field mall, even though they are listed under a Garden City address.

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Activists say the separate designations cause confusion for schools and first responders. Uniondale has nine ZIP codes, but less than half support the Uniondale name, said Jeannine Maynard, the coalition's co-facilitator.

Jacobs said some developers have tried to relabel certain boundaries as Garden City or other more affluent communities to build high-end condos.

"This is definitely implicit bias. They call it East Garden City to make it sound like a more attractive area to get people to move in the area," Jacobs said. "It takes away the identity of Uniondale. We want our boundaries respected. No other community in Nassau County has to fight for their identity."

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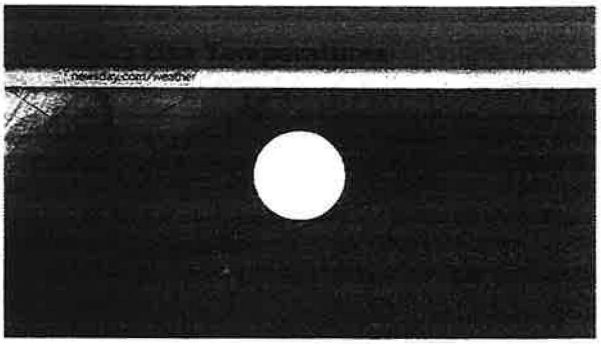

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LIPA has renamed its Stewart Avenue substation the Stewart Avenue–Uniondale Hub, after years of Uniondale activists protesting the geographic designation East Garden City, as they did at this gathering in May 2022.
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By Kelsie Radziski (mailto:kradziski@liherald.com)

The residents of northern Uniondale have been fighting long and hard to get rid of the geographic designation "East Garden City," and they recently notched a win.

The Long Island Power Authority announced that it would rename its East Garden City substation the Stewart Avenue–Uniondale Hub Substation. The official process will take a few months to complete, according to LIPA, but the new name will eventually be displayed on a new sign at the facility.

"This decision reflects LIPA's commitment to listen to our communities," Tracey Edwards, LIPA's board chair, stated in a news release, "including those serving on LIPA's Community Advisory Board and working with them to address their needs. Renaming the substation to 'Stewart Avenue–Uniondale Hub' honors the identity of Uniondale and helps rectify the issues associated with the previous name. We are proud to be part of this positive change."

The substation is one of 27 LIPA facilities across Long Island that generate power, with the electrical infrastructure "playing an important role in meeting New York State's clean energy goals," the release added.

The Greater Uniondale Area Action Coalition requested the substation name change as part of its long-running effort to eliminate the term East Garden City.

"One of our main campaigns has been unifying Uniondale," Jeannine Maynard, a co-coordinator of GUAAC, said, "and the name of that substation has been a difficulty, and LIPA has agreed to change that name because it's the right thing to do."

A small portion of northern Uniondale, between Hempstead Turnpike and Old Country Road, has been referred to as East Garden City since 2000, and local activists say it's an effort to distance the "prime real estate north of Hempstead Turnpike" from the rest of the town, as the Herald has previously reported. The use of the term in official county documents, including alerts and police reports, activists and community leaders have claimed, contributes to inaccuracies and confusion.

Anthony Lebron, chairman of the Uniondale Board of Fire Commissioners, said that the group appreciates the substation name change as a step in the right direction to create a "stronger, more inclusive relationship with Uniondale."

"The substation name change is more than just a symbolic gesture," Lebron said. "It's an important acknowledgment of Uniondale's unique identity. This change helps eliminate any confusion caused by the previous name, ensuring that our fire district is properly recognized and not marginalized."

In January, County Legislator Siela Bynoe introduced legislation that would eliminate the county's use of East Garden City in "all county documents of any kind, including but not limited to legislative enactments, maps, software, internal or external correspondence and communications, and all agency records, county department records, and all records within each branch of county government, whether in digital or printed format."

Community members gathered at a legislative session in February and, during the public comment session, demanded that the bill be added to this year's legislative calendar, and explained why the issue is so important to the people of Uniondale. The bill has not yet been voted on, and it has until December 2025 to be placed on the legislative calendar.

In 2020, local activists succeeded in getting East Garden City removed as a "census designated place," and residents of the area were officially recognized as part of Uniondale in the 2020 census.

While there is still a long way to go, Maynard said she was grateful for LIPA's acknowledgement of local concerns and effort to make the change.

"This name change is a victory for Uniondale," Maynard said. "It's about reclaiming our community's identity and pushing back against years of efforts to divide us. I am grateful to LIPA for listening to our concerns and taking this important step."

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I have additional concerns that need be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the LV Sands Casino project at the Nassau Hub. I previously sent comments to you on September 5, 2024 and I spoke at the Scoping session on September 9, 2024. Please include these comments as part of the public record.
Light Pollution: A photometric plan must be required for all areas on the LVS project which includes the measurement of light, including its intensity, distribution, and interaction with surfaces.

Light pollution, the excessive or inappropriate use of outdoor artificial light, is affecting human health, wildlife behavior, and our ability to observe stars and other celestial objects. Sky glow caused by human activities is one of the most pervasive forms of light pollution and can wreak havoc on natural body rhythms in both humans and animals. An increased amount of light at night lowers melatonin production, which results in sleep deprivation, fatigue, headaches, stress, anxiety, and other health problems. Recent studies also show a connection between reduced melatonin levels and cancer. In fact, new scientific discoveries about the health effects of artificial light have convinced the American Medical Association (AMA) to support efforts to control light pollution and conduct research on the potential risks of exposure to light at night.
Large numbers of insects, a primary food source for birds and other animals, are drawn to artificial lights and are instantly killed upon contact with light sources. Birds are also affected by this, and many cities have adopted a “Lights Out” program to turn off building lights during bird migration.
Steps must be taken to reduce the three kinds of light pollution: glare, clutter, and light trespass. Glare is excessive brightness that can cause visual discomfort (for example, when driving). Clutter is bright, confusing, and excessive groupings of light sources (for example, Times Square in Manhattan, the Las Vegas Strip). Light trespass is when light extends into an area where it is not wanted or needed (like a streetlight illuminating a nearby bedroom window). Details on the engagement of a consultant, and plan specifications for the lighting design must be included in the final plan.

Asbestos Concerns at the Coliseum & Demolition: The Coliseum was opened in 1972 and asbestos materials were used in the build. In March 2012 the Dept. of Labor and OSHA began investigations that sparked remediation at some Coliseum areas. 81 Coliseum workers filed notices of claim for asbestos injuries. Back in July 2012 Nassau County started removing asbestos from several non-public areas at the Coliseum. The Aluminum siding renovation was completed in 2017, and the asbestos in public areas was just covered up and not abated. Before any demolition takes place the asbestos at the coliseum needs to be abated. The Asbestos Control Bureau (ACB) oversees the abatement of toxic hazards associated with asbestos fiber by performing inspections during the rehabilitation, reconstruction, or demolition of buildings and other structures originally constructed with asbestos or asbestos-containing materials. The ACB also responds to complaints with regards to asbestos. As well as enforcing the New York State Labor Law and Industrial Code Rule 56. What is the plan to abate the asbestos and comply with the regulations on removal, testing, and disposal?

In addition, before the start of any demolition, the Nassau County Public Health Ordinance requires that the owner, or any person authorized by the owner, obtain a certificate issued by the Health Department stating that the premises and its buildings/structures are free of rodent infestation. A Rodent Free Certificate is given after the application fee is received and the premises has been inspected by a representative of the Health Department and deemed rodent free by an on-site visual inspection. The premises cannot be disturbed prior to the Health Department inspection; otherwise, the inspection is deemed null and void.

What is the plan to clean up and dispose of the rodentcide after the inspection is done? The rules must be followed to protect public health, wildlife populations, and habitat.

Respectfully submitted,

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The majority of nassau county residents do not want a casino in our yard, next to 2 colleges with existing congested traffic. Many people feel that the politicians will be lining their pockets with an undesirable casino. So will taxpayers be billed for more needed police because of the increased crimes? Bottom line, WE DONT NEED OR WANT A CASINO. What we desperately need and want is MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING.for every age group. College grads cant afford to rent or buy. So they are relocating and we are losing our future. . Address this issue , please. If you really care.
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I am gravely concerned by the information contained within the Sands DEIS document and supporting materials. The Nassau Hub site is particularly unsuitable for this project in numerous respects and the DEIS, despite its considerable volume, fails to show otherwise.

- Their forecast of 10 million visitors annually will create an unprecedented traffic burden that the simple extension of exit/entrance ramps on the Meadowbrook Parkway and tweaks to nearby already-overburdened roadways and intersections will not accommodate. Despite their description of their plan to “widen” the parkway, one proposed “mitigation” will *reduce* the number of northbound main-lanes from three to two! With upwards of 50,000 “trips” per day at peak times, traffic impacts will be felt for many miles around. I do not believe that the proposed mitigations will be effective, I believe that local residents’ quality of life will be profoundly negatively impacted by the traffic burden.
- The DEIS indicates that the enormous increase in vehicle traffic will not significantly impact air quality. Intuition and common sense say otherwise - are we to believe that 10 million annual visitors arriving by car and bus and the considerable service-vehicle traffic, including delivery trucks will have no significant air quality impact? Likewise, the hauling by truck of 155 tons of trash per week off-island (as the ReWorld incinerators are already at capacity) must be included in any analysis.
- Sands elected to elaborate on socio-economic impacts in their review, and their conclusions must be challenged. Despite their “guarantees” of payments to local governments and in community benefits, casinos have been shown in numerous studies to be economic drains on their communities. Sand’s executives have stated that they expect the bulk of their revenue to come from local residents. Far from bringing outside tourism dollars to Nassau County, this enterprise will extract wealth from our county. An analysis of the true costs to the community of this enterprise does not appear in the document and is essential to provide a full economic impact picture.
- Lastly, the impact of placing this operation adjacent to a college, a university, and a high-school is madness. College-age people are the fastest growing group of gamblers and online-gaming is driving gambling addiction to epidemic numbers. The safety and well-being of tens of thousands of students attending those institutions must be a priority for all of us and building an enormous casino in this close proximity is exactly counter to that.

Their projections and proposed mitigations must be scrutinized and challenged and you, as stewards of the public welfare, have the responsibility to do so.

Respectfully submitted,
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I oppose bringing a casino to Nassau County. It iswrong on so many levels,

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✓ Nassau **is awholly unsuitable to place a gambling mecca in the heart of our residential Nassau County. It belongs in a desert or on a far off island like Macau.**

✓ It will destroy our suburban way of life and turn us into a terrible version of an urban way of life

✓ It will cause the equity in our homes to crash

✓ 25,000+ cars a day will cause near permanent gridlock on Old County Road, Hempstead Turnpike, Stewart Ave and bleed over to every secondary street in our towns and villages

✓ Nassau County already has polluted air ; 25000 cars every day, 365 days a year will cause asthma and worse to triple

✓ Our water supply is limited and pulling out almost 1 million gallon a day will be catastrophic

✓ Local businesses will be destroyed by this mega monster; sucking out the lifeblood from our in town

✓ The light pollution will be terrible

✓ Drugs and gangs will follow the casino as sure as the tides come in twice a day

✓ Crime of assaults, sex trafficking, spousal abuse ,DUI and others will explode

✓ It will dramatically **increase our police , fire and other services more that 25% at a cost of millions**

✓ Nassau County will need to spend 100's of millions more on everything from waste management to road repairs; from police and fire to caring for homeless, addicted and destitute gamblers.

Any politician who supports a casino in Nassau County has abandoned the voters and opted to join in with the people who would destroy the place we call home.

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Dear Nassau County Legislators,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Sands casino project proposed at the Nassau Coliseum site. As both the Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS) and my personal concerns demonstrate, this project poses overwhelmingly negative environmental, societal, economic, and financial impacts that will irreparably harm our community in exchange for insufficient benefits.

My name is JoAnne Thacker, and I have lived in East Meadow for 10 years. I am an (almost) lifelong Nassau County resident, a mom of three young children—ages 8, 3, and 1—and I am deeply concerned about what this casino will mean for the future of our community.

When my husband and I chose to build our life here, we were drawn to East Meadow for its strong sense of community and quality of life. But if this casino is built, I fear our home will no longer be a place where we want to raise our children. I cannot allow my family's future—and the future of countless other families in Nassau County—to be sacrificed for corporate profits.

The proposed casino will average 10 million visitors annually, or approximately 27,000 daily, with an additional 5,000 employees working on-site. The lack of mass transportation to the area will exacerbate already overwhelming traffic congestion, particularly along the Meadowbrook Parkway and Hempstead Turnpike. The DEIS fails to address the long-term consequences of this increased traffic, which will not only create gridlock but also heighten air pollution in communities already overburdened by climate and environmental stressors. This is a social injustice to residents who suffer from disproportionately high asthma rates and other health concerns.

Casinos also have a well-documented history of increasing crime rates. Studies show that counties with casinos experience significant rises in property and violent crime. For Nassau County, this could mean an additional financial burden of up to $165 million annually to address these issues, costs that would inevitably fall on taxpayers. Worse yet, data from other casino locations reveals an undeniable increase in DUIs, traffic fatalities, and other crimes—directly threatening the safety of families like mine as we go about our daily lives.

This project will not only harm our community's safety but also its economy. A casino diverts disposable income away from locally owned restaurants, shops, and businesses, jeopardizing the livelihoods of countless residents. The DEIS fails to analyze the full socioeconomic impact of this $2 billion diversion into gambling losses, the potential loss of home values near the site, or the harm to nearby institutions like Hofstra University and local businesses.

Moreover, the proposal to draw up to 2 million gallons of water per day from the Magothy aquifer is deeply troubling. This aquifer is already overutilized and stressed by contamination. Additional pumping could harm the aquifer, threaten surrounding water supplies, and negatively impact vital ecosystems like the Meadow Brook. Similarly, the estimated 120,000 tons of CO_2 emissions this casino will produce annually pose a grave threat to our environment and quality of life.

Finally, this project sends the wrong message to the next generation. I want my children to aspire to careers that reward their creativity and intellect, not be surrounded by low-paying service jobs that stifle innovation. A casino in the heart of Nassau County undermines the bright future we should be striving to create for our families and young professionals.

This site deserves a project that uplifts our community and enhances our quality of life, not one that imposes long-term harm. For example, NYU Langone's proposed $3 billion hospital and healthcare center is a development that will save lives and serve Nassau County far better than this casino ever could. Let's aim for a vision that reflects the creativity and resilience of our community.

In summary, I urge you to protect Nassau County's future and vote to stop this ill-conceived project. The Sands casino will forever alter the character of our community, leaving us with irreparable harm. I ask you to prioritize the voices of families like mine over corporate interests and envision a development that truly benefits Nassau County.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
JoAnne Thacker
East Meadow, NY

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1) daily traffic would be ridiculous.

2) there would be more home burglaries and theft and car robberies.

3) thousands of people would become gambling addicts. Families would be torn apart and ruined.

4) thousands of Nassau County residents would be moving out of state to North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida.

5) Increased pollution due to thousands of more buses and cars.

6) gamblers leaving the casino at 2:00 am may be urinating on Nassau citizens lawns. Blakeman and Clavin and Muscarella: do you really want gamblers urinating on your lawns in the early morning hours!

Dave

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Hi -

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed development of a casino at the Nassau Coliseum site. While I understand the desire to revitalize the area, I believe introducing a casino poses significant risks that will negatively impact our community.

Casinos are frequently associated with an uptick in crime rates, including theft, fraud, and other offenses that can compromise the safety of our neighborhoods. Moreover, the proximity of such an establishment is likely to lead to an increase in DUI incidents, jeopardizing the lives of residents and visitors alike.

Additionally, the presence of a casino could foster gambling addiction, especially among our youth, who may be particularly vulnerable to its influence. Gambling addiction not only affects individuals but also places undue strain on families, mental health services, and other social support systems.

The Nassau Coliseum has been a centerpiece of our community for years, hosting events that brought people together in a positive and uplifting manner. Transforming it into a casino would fundamentally alter the character of the area, prioritizing profit over the well-being of Nassau County residents.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal and explore alternative developments that will enhance the community without compromising its safety and integrity.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. I look forward to hearing how the County plans to address these concerns.

Sincerely,
Ryan Hook
128 Chestnut Street
Garden City, NY 11530

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Dear Nassau County Legislators:

I strongly oppose the Sands casino project at the site of the Nassau Coliseum.
1) **The most critical assumption underlying the entire DEIS is the projected 10 million annual visitors.** This is a key assumption that underlies every aspect of the DEIS. Sands must be fully transparent with all of its assumptions and provide support for how it arrived at this number including but not limited to a) how many visitors will be from Long Island vs outside of Long Island; and b) what is the projected daily attendance on

weekdays (Monday to Thursday), weekends (Friday to Sunday), and holidays. Without the ability to verify this most critical assumption, the County cannot and should not move forward with any FEIS. For example, if the actual number of annual visitors is 15 million, all of the assumptions on water usage and pollution emissions will be materially understated.

2) **One of the most critical issues that was omitted from the DEIS is the clear and obvious risk of increased DWI fatalities by casino patrons driving from the casino under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.** The DEIS should model out the expected lives that will be lost and people who will be injured over the 10 year period commencing on completion of the second phase when annual visitors are assumed to approximate 10 million per year. This modeling should specifically address the risks to those students who attend the two colleges and Catholic high school adjacent to the casino. The DEIS must then address what mitigation measures could possibly be taken with respect to this enormous risk.

3) **Another major omission from the DEIS was the lack of support for the effectiveness of any of the measures sighted to address problem gambling.** Sands must provide supporting studies that demonstrate that the policies they propose to implement to combat problem gambling have been effective at the other casinos they operatie. If Sands' management is not evaluating the operating effectiveness of their own policies, the DEIS should state that the mitigations proposed by Sands cannot be substantiated as having ever been effective at any Sands casino. I suspect there have never been any studies undertaken because problem gamblers make up a large portion of the revenues and profits of casino operators.

4) **Another gross deficiency of the DEIS is the socioeconomic analysis.** The analysis was biased and incomplete as it ignored any costs and potential offsets to tax revenues. Some studies have estimated that there are $3 of social costs for every $1 of revenues from a casino. More specifically, the report did not analyze:

- a) the impact on our locally owned restaurants and businesses from the diversion of $2 billion of disposable income into gambling losses and the resultant job losses;
- b) the lost sales tax revenue from the diversion of dollars into gambling losses and the impact on the Roosevelt Field shopping district from increased traffic during construction and after;
- c) the potential economic loss to homeowners near the casino from lower home values;
- d) the economic losses to Hofstra University and other local businesses;
- e) the increased social costs to our County, Town of Hempstead and local villages due to increases in traffic, crime and gambling addiction;
- f) the loss of potential economic activity from companies who will not want to expand in Nassau County due to the increase in traffic and other casino impacts; and
- g) the potential harm to our local tourism industry from the increase in traffic that will discourage visits to current destinations like the Hamptons/North Fork.
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The County should convene a task force of finance professionals and independent consultants to conduct a comprehensive economic analysis.

The County government has lost the trust of its residents because of its reckless and rushed casino process from day one. **While 51% of Nassau County residents oppose the casino based on a recent Newsday/Siena poll, 18 of the 19 County Legislators**

have consistently voted in favor of the casino. It's time for the Legislators to stop listening to their political bosses and start listening to the residents who elected them to represent them.

The County needs to immediately halt the SEQR process and hold town hall meetings with Nassau County residents to have an open and honest dialogue as well as send mailings to residents explaining what is being proposed at the Hub.

Rich Catalano, Garden City

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Dear Members of the Nassau County Legislature,

Attached, please find comments submitted on behalf of The Long Island Conservancy.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Best,

Frank

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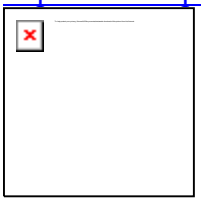

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Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Sands New York

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Dear Members of the Nassau County Legislature,

I am writing on behalf of The Long Island Conservancy regarding the significant adverse environmental impacts of the proposed Sands New York Integrated Resort ("Applicant" or "Application"). While the Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("DEIS") is comprehensive in the sense that the relevant environmental topics were discussed, the Long Island Conservancy is concerned about the Applicant's mischaracterization of the East Meadow Brook as a mere stormwater "drainage channel" that does not need to be further studied or conserved.

As the Lead Agency charged with the administration of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") for the project, it is incumbent upon the County Legislature to act as "stewards of the air, water, land and living resources"[1] by identifying all of the "significant environmental impacts" of the application and to avoid or minimize those impacts to the "maximum extent practicable."[2] Especially given the sheer size and scope of the proposed development, and the extraordinary public interest in the project, the County must proceed with caution and ensure that the DEIS provides "the public and involved agencies with the necessary information to evaluate project impacts and mitigation measures."[3] As such, we are submitting these comments to: 1. provide some relevant background on the East Meadow Brook and the surrounding watershed, 2. elucidate unstudied significant environmental impacts of the Application, and 3. recommend ways to mitigate these impacts to the "maximum extent practicable":

1. **The East Meadow Brook has a rich natural history and must be conserved.**

    a. **Background:** The East Meadow Brook has its headwaters in the Hempstead Plains prairie which historically covered an area of around 40,000 acres.[4] Deposited by the glacial meltwater, the soils of Hempstead Plains are remarkable in that they are comprised of fine sand, gravel and clay that allow water to infiltrate, while at the same time slowing down its movement through the shallow groundwater.[5] This shallow-subsurface flow ultimately discharges into the valleys and topographic low points, including the East Meadow Brook.[6]

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[1] 6 CRR-NY 617.1 (b)
[2] 6 CRR-NY 611 (d)(5)
[3] 6 CRR-NY 617.9 (a)(2)
[4] *See* Paul D. van Wie et al., The Natural and Human History of Hempstead Plains (2021).
[5] *Id.*
[6] *Id.*

Historically, these soil characteristics led to extremely pure water, and an incredibly diverse and productive Brook that flowed from just South of the present-day Nassau Community College all the way to Freeport.[7] The ecotone (i.e., transitional area) between the East Meadow Brook and the Hempstead plains is particularly unique in that it may be the only place on Long Island where a forested wetland intersects with a tall-grass prairie, creating a diverse array of fish and wildlife habitats. Notably, small and highly historical patches of the East Meadow Brook's forested wetlands still exist today. This beautiful example of the once vast ecosystem deserves to be better studied and conserved.

b. The East Meadow Brook is more than just a drainage ditch: The East Meadow Brook has historically been characterized by intermittent and seasonal pulses of water; in 1873, Brainard noted that, "[flows in the East Meadow Brook] appear shortly after heavy rains and disappear during protracted droughts…."[8] This is because the East Meadow Brook, like many of Long Island's waters, is simply an above-ground expression of the groundwater or "base/sheet flow." The soil borings provided by the Applicant demonstrate the geological mechanism driving the hydrology of the East Meadow Brook.[9] The watershed of the East Meadow Brook is characterized by sandy and gravely soils underlaid by a relatively thin confining layer of clay; during the times of the year when the sand and gravel above the clay is supersaturated (e.g., late winter/early spring), rain is recharged into the shallow groundwater and ultimately discharged through the soils into the stream channel. Unfortunately, development pressure and the pumping of the aquifer for potable water has had a deleterious impact on the ecological structure and function of the East Meadow Brook.

As early as 1918, scholars lamented the impact of the clearing of the vegetation of the East Meadow Brook and noted that reaches of the Brook ran dry more often than remembered prior to development.[10] Unfortunately, the East Meadow Brook has continued to be degraded by the construction of sanitary sewers, storm sewers, and the continued pumping of the aquifer for potable water. For example, a water-budget analysis published in 1997 estimated that base flow has declined 65-70% from predevelopment levels, with direct discharge of stormwater to the stream having increased 250% in that same time period.[11]

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[7] *Id.*

[8] George B. Brainard, The Water Works of Brooklyn: A Historical and Descriptive Account of the Construction of the Works, and the Quantity, Quality, and Cost of the Supply (1873).

[9] *See* DEIS Appendix 3.1-2 (describing the layers of sand as wet and noting the existence of clay layers).

[10] Ronald M. Harper, The Vegetation of the Hempstead Plains, *Memoirs of the Torrey Botanical Club* (1918).

[11] Michael P. Scorca, Urbanization and Recharge in the Vicinity of the East Meadow Brook, Nassau County, New York, USGS Water Resources Investigations Report (1997).

Although the impacts of human land use on the health of the East Meadow Brook have been fairly well documented, the Applicant relied solely on representations made by another consultant and four site visits to conclude that the East Meadow Brook is only a "…highly compromised…" "…freshwater drainage channel…," and that any further degradation of the East Meadow Brook does not constitute a significant adverse environmental impact. Such a finding is not supported by the clear weight of evidence

I visited the East Meadow Brook on March 14, 2024, December 8, 2024, and January 8, 2025, with the December 8th visit being during a protracted drought. On each visit I observed a robust surface water flow, particularly in the reach of the East Meadow Brook directly north of Hempstead Turnpike. ***See* Appendix 1.** These waters were remarkably clear, and the stream bed was comprised of gravel and sand without the typical sedimentation which typically characterizes stormwater channels. ***See* Appendix 2.** Moreover, I observed two aquatic plants, greater duckweed (*Spirodela polyrhiza*) and pond water-starwort (*Callitriche stagnalis*), which demonstrate the permanence of the flow.

Although there is one portion of the historical channel of the East Meadow Brook that was wet but was not flowing, this does not reflect a lacking groundwater influence. Rather, the drier reach of the East Meadow Brook is due to three upstream dams that impede the free flow of water. **See Appendix 3**. Remarkably, despite a myriad of human impacts to the East Meadow Brook, the ecosystem is still largely intact and cannot be dismissed as a mere drainage ditch.

c. Unstudied significant adverse environmental impacts to the East Meadow Brook:

i. Potable Water Demand: The application calls for the drilling of a well that would have the capacity to draw 1.98 million gallons per day. Such a high demand on the groundwater will create a local cone of depression, lowering the base flood elevation and further degrading the health of the East Meadow Brook.[12] This significant adverse environmental impact needs to be studied and mitigated to the maximum extent practicable.

ii. Stormwater Management: The application provides for the construction of a network of drywells and leaching galleys, with overflow to the Nassau County Basin No. 537. This basin, in turn, overflows directly into the East Meadow Brook. The Applicant noted that according to

[12] Paul Barlow and Stanley A. Leake, Streamflow Depletion by Wells—Understanding and Managing the Effects of Groundwater Pumping on Streamflow, USDOI/USGS Groundwater Resources Report (2012).

unspecified information provided by the Nassau County Department of Public Works, the stormwater basin was designed to handle the runoff of a 5" storm. Accordingly, basic volumetric calculations provided by the Applicant suggest that the stormwater basin has the capacity to meet applicable stormwater design standards. Yet, these calculations assume that the recharge basin is draining and "recharging" the aquifer. Multiple site visits and a review of aerial photographs going back 11 years (32 total aerial photos taken at different times of the year) reveal that the basin is ponded and not draining as designed. As such, much of the stormwater generated on the site will end up discharging directly into the East Meadow Brook without further stormwater management. Such a significant adverse environmental impact needs to be studied and mitigated to the maximum extent practicable.

d. **Mitigating significant adverse environmental impacts to the East Meadow Brook:** Given the demonstrated importance of the East Meadow Brook and the Hempstead Plains Ecosystem, it is incumbent on the Applicant to mitigate these impacts "to the maximum extent practicable". Please consider the following list of recommendations for mitigation measures:
    i. Move away from "drainage" and towards "on-site retention" of stormwater. Look for opportunities to utilize green spaces for above-ground stormwater swales that can receive stormwater from adjacent parking lots or built structures, with overflow to the planned conveyance system. Such redundant infrastructure will make the overall stormwater system more efficient and provide opportunities to enhance baseflow to the currently dry reach of the stream.
    ii. Use appropriate native vegetation within swales that mimic communities found in the forested wetlands adjacent to the East Meadow Brook;
    iii. While constructing Parkway Enhancements, consider adding vegetated swales to capture and infiltrate stormwater from the Meadowbrook Parkway with overflow back to the parkway and associated drainage infrastructure.
    iv. Remove large patches of invasive vines and shrubs adjacent to the East Meadow Brook and restore the historic forested wetland that existed prior to development. These forests have been demonstrated to exhibit hydraulic lift that locally enhances above-ground expression of the groundwater;
    v. Explore ways to promote a healthy stream flow by removing dams wherever possible; and
    vi. Support efforts to restore and steward the Hempstead Plains.

This project could be a model of best practices for large-scale development on Long Island and, perhaps, engender an effort to restore the entire East Meadow Brook watershed. In this way, we can plant a legacy that embraces Long Island's unique character and preserves and honors our rich natural history.

On behalf of The Long Island Conservancy, thank you for your kind consideration of the foregoing. Please feel free to contact the undersigned with any further questions or concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,

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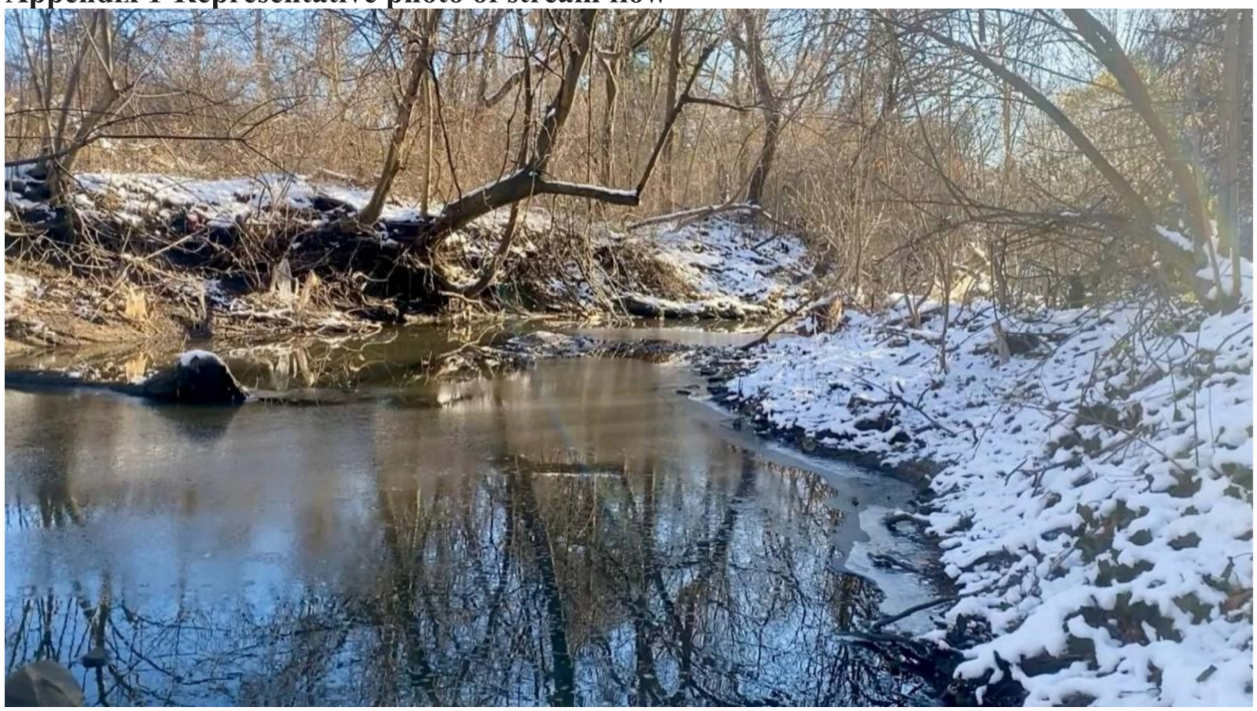
Appendix 1-Representative photo of stream flow



Appendix 2—Representative photo of the gravelly bottom and crystal-clear waters of the East Meadow Brook

Appendix 3—One of the three dams impeding the free flow of water of the East Meadow Brook. Two of the dams are constructed of steel and stone, whereas one of the dams is constructed with rip rap/stone.

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A project of this magnitude would create additional strain to our water resources. Considering, the poor water quality in long Island in general, this would only get worse. High water demand will put stress on our aquifers.
In addition, there would be an increase of Wastewater. The least our community needs is to hear the town increasing the taxes to facilitate infrastructures upgrades.

Traffic is another major concern, specially to Uniondale residents.
There have been an increase in Uniondale population leading to more traffic, limiting local street parking among other adverse effects. A project of this magnitude would increase traffic significantly.

I look forward to my public leaders to articulate these and many more issues that could rise with the development of this project.

Thank you, for the opportunity to voiced my opinion.

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Beyond that, I'm extremely concerned about the strain this project would put on our infrastructure, our already limited water resources, and the likelihood of increased crime, as well as the added pressure on emergency response services.
I strongly urge you to reconsider supporting this project. Please stand with the residents who oppose it and make decisions that prioritize the well-being of Nassau County.
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I have lived in Hempstead, Freeport and East Meadow for 50+ years. I don't see how a 1,600 room hotel and gambling hall can be environmentally sound on a crowded island with limited space and resources.

My house sits on a 60 x 100 foot plot of land. Every year I receive a notice from the Town of Hempstead Water Department instructing me to limit my outdoor water use to every other day, and only during certain hours. Will the Sands be restricting their water use? Certainly Sands will use a lot more water than us. There is already salt water seeping into our water supply. They talk of building a new well. Will that lift our restrictions? **Why is it OK for the Sands to use millions of gallons of water daily, and life-long residents are required to conserve water for environmental reasons?**

Similarly, the electric company sends annual notices urging us to conserve electricity, and will soon be charging extra for usage during peak hours. **Why are residents asked to limit electricity use and it's OK for the Sands to light up the second largest casino in the country?**

I know construction tradesmen are excited about the job potential, but construction jobs are TEMPORARY. After the buildings are up, lower-paying service jobs will take over. **Where are these lower-paid people going to be able to afford to live?** There's a well-known affordable housing shortage in Nassau County. Many people already rent out illegal (and potentially unsafe) apartments in their homes. Standing on one corner in my East Meadow neighborhood, without moving, I can point out 10 illegal accessory apartments in an area zoned for one-family homes. There are many, many more in the surrounding blocks and neighborhoods. The streets are already filled with extra cars from renters. **Sanitation workers are already picking up tons of extra trash from these additional people.** Drive down an East Meadow street on trash day and it's easy to pick out who has extra people living in their homes. What will happen when all these lower paying jobs open? **More people will come looking for housing, which will encourage more illegal apartments, adding to the carbon emissions, extra trash and over-crowding. This is in addition to the trash and carbon emissions created by casino patrons.**

Eisenhower Park and nature preserves are close to the Nassau hub. The noise, extra exhaust fumes and light pollution will **endanger the birds, small animals and trees** in the area. There is too little natural space in the county already.

The Sands also wants to widen Meadowbrook Parkway to allow more cars. How can that be environmentally sound? And in doing so, they will likely destroy the historic, beautiful stone overpass bridges that are unique to this area.

Why not have a community vote and let the residents decide if a casino is good for our neighborhood???

I must add one comment on gambling. We are being asked to believe the Sands is "investing $6 billion on Long Island." Obviously, the **Sands fully expects to recoup their $6 billion, plus profits, from the pockets of Long Island residents.**

Build something better: Encourage expansion of medical services similar to the nearby Sloan Kettering Facility. Build realistically priced smaller scale housing for young people, seniors or singles. The Town/County would earn tax money that way.

A place like Hudson Yards is a more appropriate location for a casino. It's just a train ride away for Long Islanders who want to partake. A place like the race track where they already have gambling is also more appropriate than a limited space surrounded by people's homes.

I am opposed to the building of a casino in Nassau County for many reasons and not limited to those listed above.

Thank you,

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To: Nassau County Legislature; Elected Officials,

The Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) of the Incorporated Village of Garden City opposes the proposed Sands casino project. It is extremely concerned about the adverse impacts of the proposed casino on the Village and its 23,000 residents.

First, the EAB is concerned about the lack of information to properly assess the environmental effects. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) admits there isn't enough water or electricity available. Even though it mentions the need for new water supply wells and a substation, it fails to specify where they would be located or analyze the potential environmental impacts of building them.

Additionally, the DEIS does not adequately address the cumulative impacts on local infrastructure, such as increased traffic, demand upon utilities, and increased pressure on municipal services, such as fire and police, which would burden Garden City and nearby areas.

The traffic analysis in the DEIS is seriously flawed. It combines peak traffic times in a way that overlooks the actual impacts of the project and ignores non-peak traffic, which could still cause significant congestion. The DEIS lacks important data on how to mitigate traffic issues and does not adequately address the potential traffic from construction activities.

The EAB is particularly worried that many construction and delivery trucks will use Village roads, leading to safety concerns and increased maintenance needs, along with negative effects on air quality and noise.

In summary, the DEIS does not provide sufficient confirmation for a proper review analysis of the shortcomings, which are significant. It is imperative that these failings are addressed.

Regards,

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I have additional concerns that need be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the LV Sands Casino project at the Nassau Hub. Please include these comments as part of the public record.
The DEIS report downplays the issue of environmental impacts to disadvantaged communities. The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, signed into law in 2019, states that disadvantaged communities shall not be further burdened with actions that would exacerbate environmental issues affecting these communities. Several communities surrounding the Nassau Hub have already been designated by the NYS DEC as overburdened

from the impacts of air pollution and climate change. In particular the Uniondale Community would be severely impacted: The asthma rates (for example) are already out of proportion to surrounding communities. Despite their projection of 10 million annual visitors, most arriving by motor vehicles, the Sands DEIS indicates that air quality will not be significantly impacted, a statement that defies common sense and credulity.

Both during construction and post-build operation, this project will burden local communities with increased emissions of carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, smog-causing volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxides, formaldehyde, benzene, and micro-particulates. Imposing more traffic-generated pollution on communities with high asthma rates would be a social injustice.

Additionally, no accounting is found of anticipated truck traffic into and out of the facility. The document indicates that 155 tons of trash/week will be generated and trucked to the nearby ReWorld facility. As all ReWorld incinerators are at-capacity, this trash must be trucked off-island, and the emissions of this garbage-truck fleet must be accounted for in the DEIS.

The impact of the additional traffic burden on local cancer rates must be analyzed and included in the DEIS. As reported in MedPageToday on October 30, 2024: Converging- Evidence of Link Between Air Pollution and Breast Cancer. "A large cohort study showed cancer risk increased with exposure to fine particulate matter. Breast cancer incidence did increase significantly among females living within 500 meters of major roads, prompting a new investigation focusing on gaseous pollutants from traffic emissions. Breast cancer risk increased by 28% with increasing exposure to fine particulate matter. The association was similar across racial/ethnic groups and irrespective of hormone receptor status. A meta-analysis of this and 10 other prospective cohorts showed a trend toward increased breast cancer risk with greater exposure. In one study participants were followed from 1993-2018. During that time, 3,524 invasive breast cancers were detected among the participants. African Americans and Latinos accounted for 70% of the breast cancers." Nassau County is already a cancer "hot-spot" and this project will add to that burden on the population.

If the County were to perform a more comprehensive economic analysis, it would be clear that the casino's many harmful impacts heavily outweigh any potential benefits. The Sands submission on Socio-economic impact describes only what Sands will spend, there is not one word about the costs to the community, either directly or indirectly. There is no accounting of the negative impact to businesses that will need to compete for staff and patrons with the Sands 3,300 seats of food-and-beverage services. There is no mention of the costs related to gambling addiction; no mention of negative impacts to Nassau Community College or Hofstra University recruitment once a giant casino (and the attendant social ills that accompany such places) is built across the street. These costs must be accounted for.

In summary, I urge you to protect Nassau County's future and your legacy by voting to stop this ill-conceived project, and to take a leadership role in bringing smart development to the Nassau Hub that you and our county residents can truly be proud of.

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I have additional concerns that need be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the LV Sands Casino project at the Nassau Hub. Please include these comments as part of the public record.

A recent survey shows that expanding roads doesn't fix traffic. Why is the Sands recommending this harmful Meadowbrook expansion project since this proposal will not mitigate the environmental problems identified in the DEIS?

Nassau County motorists are accustomed to clogged highways and local roadways heading east or west or north or south at all hours. The high volume of traffic presents significant quality-of-life issues for Nassau County residents during all times of the day when motorists seek alternatives to jammed highways. No Commercial Vehicles, No Tractor Trailers on New York State's Parkways — it's the law so what's the plan for this--there is no plan!!

A recent study commissioned by Smart Growth America, America Walks, and the Natural Resources Defense Council shows the reality that wider roads cause more congestion. Two thirds of survey respondents strongly or somewhat agreed that "expanding highways takes years, causes delays, and costs billions of dollars" and "widening highways attracts more people to drive, which creates more traffic in the long run." The Meadowbrook Expansion shows how out of step this project is with our reality. This project has been sold with promises of reduced congestion and justified by the idea that we want more roads. The survey found that this idea isn't true.

The superficial logic behind roadway expansions is that there are too many cars in too little space, so making more space should help. There are a few problems here:

More Lanes = More Traffic. More lanes are added in response to congestion. At first new lanes improve traffic. Over time, congestion returns as people drive more frequently...and traffic congestion returns. Additional lanes are added...and traffic congestion returns.

The True Cost of a Highway Air and noise pollution cause severe health problems. Expansion destroys homes & businesses. Emissions contribute to climate change and environmental injustice. Let's face it the communities surrounding the hub have been surrounded by highways with the deliberate goal of destroying these communities. In addition to leading to more driving and carbon emissions, road expansions come with unacceptable human costs. Those residents who remain in these neighborhoods are exposed to pollution that leads to elevated rates of asthma, heart disease, cancer, and other life-threatening medical conditions.

The lesson from this survey is clear to me. The Sands relies on outdated assumptions about travel and has ignored meaningful community input. Expanding the Meadowbrook and other surrounding roads will not sufficiently accommodate the 10 million visitors Sands expects per year who will overwhelm our already inadequate traffic infrastructure. After years of inconvenience during road construction, traffic will remain just as bad if not worse. Our congested roads are simply not designed to handle an additional 20,000+ vehicles per day, much less the anticipated 50k/day at peak times. This choice will mean the difference between making progress on sustainable transportation goals or exacerbating the status quo. Highway expansions are bad for people and bad for the environment. Nassau residents are against the Meadowbrook expansion and this Casino project because we envision that there is a better path forward. There is no way to mitigate the environmental concerns we have with this DEIS and our residents will have our lives cut short if you- the Legislatures- don't say--- NO CASINO IN NASSAU COUNTY!

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Charter Buses, Construction Vehicles & Eisenhower Park

In their 28,000 page submission the LV Sands managed to omit some important details regarding their project. These items and any attempt at mitigation should be included. Nassau County residents should know what they will be facing, should this ill-advised project go forward:

- Construction vehicles - volume, schedule and routes: Mention is made that construction vehicles will not traverse roads through residential communities, but anyone with a

passing knowledge of our county's geography knows that this claim is ludicrous. It is virtually impossible to find a route between The Hub and either the Long Island Expressway or Sunrise Highway that does not pass through residential areas. Indeed the number of north/south routes that are open to commercial traffic in our county is already severely limited. The additional construction vehicle traffic should be quantified and schedules shown.

- Charter Buses - volume, schedule, and routes: As above, there are limited routes between The Hub and either the LIE or Sunrise Highway. Glen Cove Road is already overburdened with traffic during peak times - the thought of adding charter-buses to that road and the intersections they would cross is daunting at best. The DEIS makes no mention of the number of anticipated buses nor the routes that they would traverse. These details must be included in this report to provide a true reflection of this project's impact on our environment.

- Eisenhower Park: Lastly, as a tax-paying resident of Nassau County who regularly uses facilities at Eisenhower Park, I strongly object to any notion, as suggested by a Sands spokesperson early in their community lobbying efforts, that Eisenhower Park be used as a parking or staging area for charter buses or any casino/resort-related vehicles, traffic, or other activities. The park is public property and residents' use of it should not be impinged in any way by any company for their own private gain. As it stands, even if LV Sands were restricted from using park property for any purpose, the enormous additional traffic burden that would result from this project will have profound and lasting impacts on traffic around and through the park, adversely affecting residents' use and enjoyment of this resource.

I strongly urge that you do your job as a steward of the common good and "say no" to this casino project.

Sincerely,

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Dear Nassau County Legislators:

I strongly oppose the Sands casino project at the site of the Nassau Coliseum. The Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS) clearly demonstrates that there are overwhelmingly negative environmental, societal, economic, and financial impacts that will impose destructive costs on our environment, our local economy, and our social fabric – costs that will be imposed on my community in exchange for insufficient benefits.

I have concerns about many of the issues identified in the DEIS report. However, below I've listed 5 issues that will negatively affect the quality of life and community for those of us living on Long Island, especially in the towns and villages adjacent to the proposed Sands project. These issues deal with the depletion of valuable and limited resources that cannot be replaced and for which no amount of money can provide relief. **For these issues, there is no benefit to be gained.**

1. **Traffic and congestion**: Nassau County already has severe traffic problems, especially during rush hours and not just on the highways. Local streets are clogged with cars and trucks that it often takes 20 to 30 minutes to travel, for example, on Stewart Avenue from one end of Garden City to the other—a span of just 5 miles. Now add even 1/2 of the 27,000 anticipated visitors/day and we're into gridlock! In addition, the site is not near public transportation & busses cannot travel on the parkways surrounding the project. Sooo, more cars will be needed to transport visitors to the site and those cars will be going through our towns & villages. Nassau County was not in favor of the NYC congestion pricing legislation but it seems if the Sands project comes to Nassau County, we will want our own congestion pricing program to unclog our streets & roadways.
2. **Water, water everywhere but not a drop to drink!**: Long Island sits upon an aquifer that is already stressed from overuse. We can't drink the ocean water. We depend on our ground water supply and, for decades, Long Islanders have been urged to conserve water as we have a limited supply of fresh water at our disposal. The idea of allowing an additional 2 million gallons of water to be pumped solely for the Sands project is unfathomable. What will happen to the public water supply? Will Nassau County be the "new" desert community that the Sands is used to being surrounded by in Las Vegas?
3. **Garbage**: Remember Frank Jones of Islip Town and the Garbage Barge that was national headline news as well as a grim reminder that Long Island was running out of space to dump our garbage? That was in the 1980's! Long Island now has at least several hundred thousand more residents and businesses since then. Under the Sands project, just how many more TONS of garbage is projected to be generated EACH & EVERY DAY to be disposed of…and WHERE? Will the Sands also create a "garbage armada" to dispose of the excessive waste generated by their project?
4. **Fire Safety**: Long Island relies on volunteer fire departments for all fire emergencies. These fire departments are designed & staffed to address primarily residential fires. But many of the local fire departments are short staffed. For example, New Hyde Park, for example, displays a large sign on Marcus Avenue calling for more fire department volunteers. Other fire departments also need experienced volunteers because the current staff of volunteers is aging out. Will the Sands have its own fire department? Who will staff it? Would the surrounding communities be expected to help fight a fire at the Sands project? If the Sands has its own fire department (volunteer staffed?) would the Sands fire department lend staff and equipment to assist other local department emergencies?
5. **Energy**: Long Island has a limited amount of renewable energy resources and Nassau County is already at full capacity. Where will the Sands project get its energy without diminishing the supply already committed to current residents and businesses? Who will provide the service for this energy usage? During severe storms, Long Island often suffers energy/power outages. Who and how many more service workers will be required to address the outages? And at what cost to the current Long Island consumers?

Once the project is started, once the resources required to support the project are diminished, once the traffic and congestion begin, they cannot be reversed. I urge all the legislators to vote against the proposed Sands project. This is a project of diminishing returns and diminishing prospects for Long Island.

Sincerely,
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Dear Nassau

I am a resident of Baldwin. I am writing with my concerns about the Draft Environmental Impact Statement under consideration with the Sands Casino proposal for the current site of the Nassau Coliseum. There are several major issues that disturbing and need to be considered with this proposed facility which is projected to operate 24 hours a day and need more resources than the current coliseum.

First is the proposal to drill a new well to our sole source aquifer, the Mogothy. Long Island's water supply only comes from this aquifer, unlike New York City which draws from reservoirs. The Mogothy supplies 90% of our water for Nassau and 50% for Suffolk. Long Island's water source is already fragile. Adding a new well will lead to more and excessive pumping from the aquifer and more salt waterintrus ion which can not be reversed. Nassau county does not have any plans in place to reclaim water by reusing treated waste water the way Suffolk County does. The Citizens Campaign for the Environment had also voiced concerns about the effect on nearby streams and tributaries.

Waste is another major concern. There will be construction debris and then extra garbage generated by a 24 hour operation which is expected to go to Covanta in Hempstead. The Brookhaven Landfill stopped taking construction debris on January 1 of this year, is expected to run out of room for ash from Covanta within two years and closing in 2028 because it will run out of room. Where is the garbage going?

Wastewater is another question in regards whether the current sewer systems and treatment plants will be able to handle additional waste from the Sands complex. We here in Baldwin had to deal with a major sewer line break that leaked sewage into the backyards of residents and nearby waterways and created a sink hole in the major artery of Grand Avenue. There are no plans to address the aging

infrastructure. Can our aging infrastructure handle the overload of such a major facility?

One proposal is to widen the Meadowbrook Parkway from the Northern State Parkway to only Hempstead Turnpike. Why are the Southern State Parkway and south shore residents being ignored? The widening of the Meadowbrook is not going to solve problems with traffic on Hempstead Turnpike which is already overburdened with delays many times during the day. What about traffic mitigation on Hempstead Turnpike? It is likely most people traveling to the proposed project will be traveling by car since the nearest LIRR stations are two miles away.

There is also the question of the impact of this development on what is left of the Hempstead Plains. The South Shore Audobon Society has voiced concerns about the effect of this development on the 30 endangered species in the preserve that are protected by New York State law.

These are just some of the questions that need to be answered before a decision is made on this DEIS. It is worth noting that outside of VHB, H2M and the legal counsel for Sands, the addresses of 10 of the other firms involved in the report are located in New York city. The other one is in Washington, D.C. This raises the question of how familiar they were with the area and it was not supportive of jobs and businesses in Nassau County.

Sincerely....

Colette Bedard

Kindness is the noblest weapon to conquer with."—Thomas Fuller

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Dear Nassau County Legislators:

We emphatically oppose the Sands Casino project at the site of the Nassau Coliseum.

We moved out of New York City forty years ago to get away from traffic and pollution. The anticipated 25,000 people a day coming to the Sands Casino will **CLOG** our already crowded roads. The pollution from all of these cars, buses and trains will endanger the residents, especially the children, the chronically ill and the elderly.

The Sands Casino proposes to install a new supply well with the capacity to pump two million gallons of water per day from the Magothy aquifer which is the sole source of drinking water for central Nassau County. We don't believe that Nassau County can spare 760,000 gallons of water per day for the humongous proposed casino site.

Furthermore, drinking water is at risk in parts of Long Island according to the New York Times from **SALTWATER INTRUSION**. It is the result of decades of pumping fresh water out of wells for homes. This creates space for saltwater from the ocean to seep into the underground aquifers. (New York Times, August 23, 2024)

Nassau County has a serious drug problem, epecially from Fentanyl which worries us. We're deeply concerned that the Sands Casino will bring more even drugs to surrounding communities.

The impact on the wildlife at the Hempstead Plains which is adjacent to the casino site will threaten birds, such as the Sandpiper, the Grasshopper Sparrow, the Eastern Meadowlark and other wildlife. (Newsday, January 12, 2025)

Respectfully,
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Dear Nassau County Legislators:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS CASINO. As someone who used to visit Atlantic City regularly years ago I know that so many promises that casinos there made to the surrounding community were broken. I remember taking a short cruise along the shore from one of the Marina hotels. I saw the beauty and glitter of the strip there but also saw the blight in the local neighborhoods that were supposed to be helped by the new income stream of the casinos. Anyone who drives through those areas also sees the poor conditions of the neighborhoods just a few blocks from the vast wealth of the casinos. I am very concerned about having that type of development so close to me and I don't think we will benefit just as the regular people in Atlantic City did not benefit from the development there.

This project could have very negative impacts in our local communities. I am very concerned about the increase in traffic at all hours of the day and night so close to residential areas and schools. All of this could have very negative impacts on the property values in the local neighborhoods due to increased pollution, crime and traffic. The disruptions that will be caused by expanding the local highways will make it harder to do business and work in the area while the construction is going on. There was strong opposition to the earlier Lighthouse project for similar reasons and this will be a much larger development than that was. I always hear from my neighbors that they don't want Nassau County to end up like Queens. This project would make that area closer to being like the Aqueduct casino area in Queens! This development is way too close to several schools and universities. Gambling is addictive and putting this temptation so close to so many people will likely lead to a greater number of gambling addictions in our local communities and increased crime and drunk driving. Some of its clientele will be people you would not want near your children yet this project will put them a short distance from so many local schools from grade schools to colleges. All of that traffic will create way more air pollution. And our aquifers have enough strain and pollution with our current population without adding this development. I doubt that the current plan accounts for the cost of all of the social harm this project could potentially cause. And seeing how local

businesses didn't seem to benefit much from the Cricket matches last year I don't expect any better benefit in the local area from this casino development.

Also I am incredibly concerned that the wildlife in the Hempstead Plains preserve will be negatively affected. It is the last remaining untouched land in Nassau County. It is precious and it should be protected for all time. Having this type of development on its border will have incredible negative effects on air quality and water quality that will harm the native species that thrive in that specific environment. The towers will be so big they will harm a huge number of rare and common birds that are not able to recognize and evade mirrored buildings like the ones being proposed. They will be bigger than anything Lighthouse proposed and that was defeated. In my opinion any development in that area should be a much smaller scale that gives more buffer space to the preserve. That will also be better to preserve the quality of life of the communities around the area. The negatives of this project heavily outweigh the positives in my opinion. If you want Nassau county to retail its charm and character (and NOT be like Queens) this is a terrible project. Please reject it or scale it back considerably for the good of the local communities and preservation of local wildlife.

Thank you,

Mary Barbera
North Bellmore, NY

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January 21, 2025

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Re: Sands New York Integrated Resort
1255 Hempstead Turnpike (Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum) and 101 James Doolittle Boulevard (Marriott Hotel), Uniondale, Town of Hempstead – Nassau County Tax Map Section 44, Block F, Lots 351, 411, 412 and 415; and Section 44, Block F, Lots 326, 401 and 402

Dear Mr. Pulitzer:

This correspondence is submitted on behalf of the Town of Hempstead (the "Town") in regard to the above-referenced Proposed Action. Nelson + Pope and Nelson, Pope & Voorhis, LLC (collectively "N+P/NPV") are providing technical assistance to the Town in the review of the Proposed Action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and other applicable regulatory provisions.

As you are aware, in accordance with a decision by the Nassau County Supreme Court, the Nassau County Legislature (the "County") has assumed the role of SEQRA lead agency for the Proposed Action. The County's approval authority involves the granting of a lease to the Applicant for the County-owned property on which construction of the Integrated Resort is proposed. In its role as the lead agency, the County reviewed a Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("DEIS") prepared by the Applicant in the Proposed Action and, by resolution on November 20, 2024, determined that the DEIS was adequate for public review and subsequently made the DEIS available to commence this review process.

The Hempstead Town Board has discretionary approval authority with respect to the zoning amendment which is needed to allow the Proposed Action to proceed, in addition to approval of a conceptual master plan ("CMP") under the proposed zoning and subsequent site plan approval. Accordingly, the Town Board is an involved agency under SEQRA and ultimately will be required to adopt its own environmental findings statement at the conclusion of the SEQRA process. Given this responsibility, the Town Board is keenly interested in ensuring that the information in the forthcoming Final EIS ("FEIS") provides all appropriate clarification, elaboration and additional details to facilitate a comprehensive understanding of the Proposed Action, including its potential impacts and the Applicant's mitigation commitments, which are necessary to support proper decision-making. With this in mind, the following comments and questions are offered to identify issues regarding the content of the DEIS which we believe should be addressed by suitable responses in the FEIS.

Description of the Proposed Action

1. In order to avoid potential confusion, it is suggested that certain elaboration or clarification would be helpful regarding the description of the Proposed Action. The DEIS uses the word "potentially" to describe whether the Applicant's proposed lease with the County would include the Marriott Hotel parcel. While this may be true with specific regard to the Applicant's interest in the Marriott parcel, the lease is only one component of the overall Proposed Action, which also includes substantial approvals from the Hempstead Town Board for amendment of the Building Zone Ordinance ("BZO") to create the new Mitchel Field-Integrated Resort District ("MF-IRD"), rezoning of the subject property to MF-IRD and approval of a CMP for development of the subject property under the new MF-IRD. Therefore, it is important to re-emphasize that the Marriot parcel is incorporated into in the overall Proposed Action, since it would be rezoned to MF-IRD and is an integral component of the CMP; this is true regardless of whether the Applicant procures a lease for that portion of the subject property, or the current lessee continues its control of the parcel, or the lease is conveyed to another entity. As described and analyzed in the DEIS, the proposed CMP specifies that development activities on the Marriott parcel would be limited to upgrades to the hotel's room and food/beverage quality, with no expansion of facility operations or current uses, as well as improvements to the hotel's surface parking areas. In the absence of this constraint on the Marriott parcel, we believe that the DEIS analysis would have been obligated to address the impacts associated with potential development of this parcel permissible under the proposed MF-IRD zoning (i.e., a reasonable scenario of full buildout).

2. The projected annual visitation of 10 million persons is explained as being based on market research that accounted for various factors related to the proposed Integrated Resort and its location. In order to substantiate and better understand the basis of this estimate, which is a critical input datum for essentially all of the quantitative analyses presented in the DEIS, it is recommended that the FEIS identify and explain the specific factors that were included in the referenced market analysis which led to the estimate of 10 million annual visitors.

3. It is recommended that details be provided regarding the calculation of the Applicant's $5 billion investment for the proposed Integrated Resort, to better substantiate this important economic benefit of the Proposed Action.

4. The DEIS (page 6) indicates that, "Populous [the project architect] prepared the architectural plans associated with the proposed Integrated Resort…" However, these plans were not included in the DEIS. Although, at the Town's request, the Applicant provided the Town with architectural floor plans via correspondence dated January 15, 2025 (see Attachment B), these drawings do not depict all levels of the proposed structures. Therefore, in order to assist in better understanding the functional and operational design and layout of the proposed facility, including both the occupied spaces and the parking layout/capacity in the garages, it is requested that the FEIS provide a complete set of architectural floor plans.

5. The DEIS (pages 15-16) states that the FGEIS (February 2011) prepared in connection with the Lighthouse at Long Island proposal significantly reduced the development potential at and around the subject property as compared to what was presented in the DGEIS (June 2009) for that application. For proper context, since the current DEIS details the development program presented in the Lighthouse DGEIS (in terms of uses, floor areas, hotel rooms, residential units, etc.), which was superseded, similar quantification should be provided for the revised development scenario presented in the February 2011 FGEIS which was the basis of the subsequent (June 2011) findings statement for the MFM zoning that ultimately was adopted and remains in effect today.

6. The DEIS (page 21) states that development of the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center ("MSKCC") facility adjoining the subject property required "some level of zoning relaxation" from the current MFM zoning standards. In order to better substantiate the conclusion that development under the MFM is not feasible, the magnitude of relief that was granted for the MSKCC facility should be detailed. A statement earlier in the DEIS (page 16) points to a variance that was granted for the height of the MSKCC parking garage but does not specify the magnitude of this variance or whether this is the only relief that has been needed.

7. The proposed Integrated Resort is described as including a large eastern plaza (page 24). The conceptual site plan submitted with the DEIS (Appendix 2-2) shows features in this plaza that are not identified or defined. A more detailed description should be provided regarding the features that are planned or intended to be included in this plaza, understanding that there may be changes as the review process progresses.

8. It is requested that a more detailed description be provided regarding current concept for the features and activities included in the proposed Integrated Resort's "public attraction space," based on the Applicant's existing facilities as applicable.

9. Besides repurposing the Coliseum building for casino use, the first phase of the proposed development includes Garage A, utilities, internal roadway improvements, and associated site modifications to be completed by the end of construction Year 2; while the bulk of the Integrated Resort would be constructed during the second phase of the project to be completed by the end of Year 5. Based on the Description of the Proposed Action in Section 2.4 of the DEIS, it is not clear whether the intent is for all Phase 2 facilities to be opened concurrently or for these facilities to become operational sequentially as construction is completed. It is noted, however, that the discussion in the Construction section of the DEIS (Section 3.15.1, page 554) seems to describe two subphases, with the South Casino, Hotel Tower 1, CUP 2 and Garage C becoming operational by the end of Year 4 (which could be identified as Subphase 2A); and the remainder of the Integrated Resort becoming operational by the end of Year 5, including Hotel Tower 2, meeting and conference space, and Parking Garage B (Subphase 2B).

    a. The FEIS should confirm, update or clarify the inferred sub-phasing information in Section 3.15.1 of the DEIS summarized above.

    b. Any sub-phasing of Phase 2 construction could have implications with respect to the timeliness of certain mitigation measures that are identified for completion by the end of Phase 2 (e.g., activation of the new water supply well, modifications to Meadowbrook State Parkway and associated transportation facilities, etc.). Concerns would arise regarding potential impacts that are not addressed in the DEIS if significant Phase 2 development becomes operational before the requisite mitigation measures are activated.

10. The DEIS (page 37) likens use of the central plaza at the proposed Integrated Resort to the western lawn at Bryant Park in Manhattan. However, the latter facility is a public park, whose programming is under public/governmental control. It would be helpful to have additional details regarding the intended programming of the central plaza, perhaps based on the use of analogous spaces at the Applicant's existing facilities.

11. The DEIS (page 38) notes that the proposed Integrated Resort includes "60,000 SF of space for high-quality experiential attraction" indicating that details for this project component would be developed at a future date. In order to better understand the intended purpose of this space, it would be helpful if examples were provided regarding similar "experiential attractions" at the

Applicant's existing facilities, understanding that the proposed space may be subject to site/project-specific variations.

12. The DEIS (page 47) identifies "Uniondale" and "East Meadow" as being the recipients of $10 million each for community benefits upon the Applicant's receipt of a commercial gaming license. However, these communities are unincorporated hamlets in the Town of Hempstead, which have no independent, formal organizational structure. The mechanism that would be established to effectively administer these funds, which does not entail the involvement of Town government, should be explained.

13. The list of Permits, Approvals, Funding and Review identified for the Proposed Action in Table 4 of the DEIS identifies a "potential" subdivision approval. This raises questions regarding:

    a. The meaning of the word "potential" in this context

    b. Factors that would determine whether or not a subdivision approval is pursued

    c. The specific nature of the subdivision if it is pursued (i.e., as identified with a subdivision parcel sketch and/or description).

14. The proposed Integrated Resort is described as including both green roofs/terraced landscaping and rooftop photovoltaic ("PV") panels.

    a. The Applicant has provided the Town with a sketch plan showing discrete areas of green roofs/terraced landscaping and rooftop PV panels, which it is recommended be included and discussed in the FEIS

    b. The total roof area proposed to be dedicated to each measure should also be specified.

15. Appendix 2-5 of the DEIS provides the draft lease agreement between the Applicant and the County. However, this lease is in the process of being revised/finalized. Since this agreement is a fundamental component of the Proposed Action and is the basis for the County's lead agency status, specifying requirements governing the permissible use of the subject property and operations thereon, among other provisions that are relevant to the impact analysis and, ultimately, agency findings under SEQRA, it is recommended that the FEIS present the updated lease.

<u>General Comment – Impact Analyses</u>

16. The FEIS should provide updated information for all investigations and consultations that were unfinished or in progress at the time of completion of the DEIS.

<u>Soils and Topography</u>

17. The DEIS (page 66) indicates that the presence of historic fill on the Coliseum parcel may require the implementation of soil handling and management procedures during site redevelopment. It appears that all investigations prior to the commencement of site redevelopment have been completed (i.e., no further such investigations are planned at this time), in which case it is not clear what additional factors would determine whether or not soil handling and management procedures would be required; and even if the available data do not indicate the presence of residual contamination requiring remediation or special handling, excavation and grading during construction may encounter previously unknown impact conditions requiring such action. On this basis, it would be helpful for the FEIS to include a preliminary soil and materials management plan to outline the measures that would be implemented for the proper handling of impacted soils and

related conditions (including underground storage tanks and other subsurface features) requiring removal from the site during construction.

18. The DEIS (page 69) indicates that soil vapor testing for the subject property reported petroleum-related and chlorinated volatile organic compounds ("VOCs"), as shown in the Phase II ESI (excerpt in Appendix 3.1-4a**)**. The "Environmental Considerations Memorandum" (Appendix 3.1-5) states that the petroleum-related and chlorinated VOCs detected in soil vapor are not at concentrations likely indicative of an on-site release and recommends no further action associated with soil vapor prior to or during construction. It would be helpful if clarification were provided in the FEIS regarding the magnitude of impact identified in soil vapor samples and the justification for concluding that the soil vapor testing results are not likely indicative of an on-site release such that no further action is necessary.

19. The DEIS (page 74) states:

> *The site-specific geotechnical investigations noted the presence of soils exhibiting good leaching properties beneath the upper levels. Drainage structures would involve excavation of materials to install drywells that would be backfilled with clean material around these structures. This would provide capacity within the leaching structure and good percolation through the side walls and bottom of these systems.*

Percolation tests should be undertaken to confirm this assumption. If this testing has already been performed, the results should be presented and discussed in the FEIS; if not, the anticipated timing and procedures for this testing should be discussed.

20. Table 6 provides cut and fill estimates for the proposed development. In order to substantiate the estimates, indicating a net cut volume of 660,000± cubic yards, the technical analysis on which these quantities were based should be presented (e.g., cut-and-fill plan with elevation/grade change contours).

21. The DEIS (page 76) indicates that a Construction Health and Safety Plan ("CHASP") would be prepared to identify known and potential on-site contaminants and outline procedures and guidelines to be followed to mitigate exposure risks and protect the health of on-site workers during construction. However, the DEIS does not appear to discuss whether similar measures, such as a Community Air Monitoring Program ("CAMP"), would be implemented during project construction for the protection of residents in the surrounding community. It is recommended that this issue be addressed in the FEIS.

22. The DEIS does not indicate whether the subject property contains underground injection wells that would require decommissioning under the program administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("USEPA") in conjunction with the Nassau County Department of Health ("NCDH"). If underground injection wells are present on the site, the process for their decommissioning should be outlined.

23. With regard to the preliminary Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan ("SWPPP", Appendix 3.2-6):

    a. The FEIS should include a copy of the draft Notice of Intent

    b. Per Part III.B.1.e of the General Permit, the SWPPP should include a schedule that identifies the timing of initial placement or implementation of each erosion and sediment control practice, as well as the minimum timeframes that each practice should remain in place or be implemented

c. The SWPPP should include a definition of "final stabilization" per Appendix A of the General Permit, and include a detailed temporary and permanent soil stabilization plan per Part III.B.1.f of the General Permit

d. Operation and maintenance requirements for all erosion and sediment control practices should be detailed in the SWPPP (Part III.B.1.h)

e. A construction phasing plan should be provided in the SWPPP, including erosion controls for each phase of the proposed project

f. The Erosion and Sediment Control Plan should include a detail for dust control, and should identify the location and design of a concrete washout station

g. A Stormwater Modeling and Analysis Report is required, which includes:

- Map(s) showing pre-development conditions, including watershed/ subcatchments boundaries, flow paths/routing, and design points
- Map(s) showing post-development conditions, including watershed/ subcatchments boundaries, flow paths/routing, and design points and post-construction stormwater management practices
- Results of stormwater modeling (i.e. hydrology and hydraulic analysis) for the required storm events, along with supporting calculations (model runs), methodology, and a summary table that compares pre- and post-development runoff rates and volumes for the different storm events
- Summary table, with supporting calculations, which demonstrates that each post-construction stormwater management practice has been designed in conformance with the *sizing criteria* in the Design Manual
- Identification of any *sizing criteria* that are not required based on the requirements included in Part I.C. of the permit
- Identification of any elements of the design that are not in conformance with the performance criteria in the Design Manual, along with the reason(s) for the deviation or alternative design and information to demonstrate that the deviation or alternative design is equivalent to the Design Manual
- Detail as to how the water quality treatment objective shall be achieved per Part I.C.2.c of the General Permit.

Although it is understood that the SWPPP presented in Appendix 3.2-6 of the DEIS is a preliminary document and that a final SWPPP would be prepared for review and approval by the Town at a later stage in the process, prior to the issuance of building permits, it is respectfully requested that appropriate revisions or responses addressing the foregoing comments be provided in the FEIS for the purposes of SEQRA to ensure that potential project-related impacts with respect to stormwater generation are properly mitigated.

<u>Water Supply</u>

24. Regarding the central rainwater capture and reuse (also called rainwater harvesting) system:

a. The DEIS provides imprecise information concerning the inclusion of this system in the Proposed Action to mitigate project-related water use, including:

- Page 95 – "Sands is evaluating the use of captured stormwater runoff from roof areas…"

- Page 97 – "Sands proposes the use of a central rainwater capture and reuse system…"
- Page 109 – "Sands is also planning for rainwater harvesting and re-use for irrigation purposes…"

The degree to which the Applicant will implement rainwater harvesting for the proposed development should be stated more definitively.

b. In order to more clearly understand the mitigative value of rainwater harvesting under the Proposed Action, it is recommended that the following information be provided:

(1) Estimated percentage of non-domestic water consumption to be served by rainwater harvesting, with appropriate supporting documentation

(2) Identification/description of the storage location(s) for harvested rainwater

(3) Description of the type(s) of filtration/treatment to be provided

(4) Status of the Applicant's evaluation of this measure, including any consultation that has occurred with NCDH to confirm its feasibility.

25. The DEIS (page 88) specifies that the fire flow for the proposed development would be 3,500 gallons/minute ("gpm") for three hours, or 0.63 million gallons/day ("MGD"). The basis of this calculation should be specified (i.e., whether it is required by Code, conforms to standard engineering design, etc.).

26. The DEIS (page 95) indicates that the use of high-efficiency plumbing fixtures is expected to reduce domestic water demand by a minimum of 25 percent compared to the projected water use compared to the County's design factors. The basis of this estimated water savings should be explained.

27. The DEIS (page 97) indicates that the Applicant's water conservation program includes real-time monitoring of water consumption to provide data that can be used to identify measures for improving efficiency and performance. Comprehension of this mitigation measure would be enhanced with specific examples of how it has worked at the Applicant's existing facilities and/or similar supporting details.

28. The DEIS (page 39) states that the existing water supply infrastructure on the subject property is expected to be sufficient to accommodate the 12,500± gpd water demand projected for Phase 1 of the proposed development. However, the DEIS acknowledges that Uniondale Water District ("UWD") is operating under a theoretical deficit of 760,000 gpd (for maximum-day plus fire-flow demand). Further information should be provided to explain how exacerbating this existing deficit condition, probably for at least several years until the new supply well is activated subsequent to the completion of Phase 1 construction, would not be problematic.

29. The following information would provide an enhanced understanding of the new water supply well:

    a. A map delineating the parcel that is actively being investigated for this well

    b. Acreage of the prospective well location, along with the minimum acreage that is necessary to accommodate all the facilities contemplated (i.e., pumphouse, treatment facilities[1] and other appurtenances, etc.), with sufficient area for possible expansion in the future

    c. Updated discussion of the engineering investigation in progress for the selected site

    d. Steps and timeline for completion of the engineering investigation, design, review and permitting process, based on the experience for similar recent well installations if possible

    e. Detailed analysis of the compliance of the proposed well with all applicable regulatory siting requirements including, but not limited to, setbacks

    f. Meaningful discussion and analysis to clearly demonstrate the viability of the proposed well if regulatory approval/confirmation of this conclusion is not available at the time of the issuance of the FEIS, including evaluation of the impacts of the new well on existing water supply wells and groundwater contamination plumes in the area of the subject property

    g. Mechanism for funding the long-term operation and maintenance of the new well, including possible additional remediation that may become necessary in the future beyond what is included in the initial construction.

30. The proposed site plan includes large surface parking areas in the northeast, southeast and southwest corners of the site, which seems like a less-than-optimal use of these areas on a valuable tract of public land.

    a. It is recommended that serious consideration be given to examining the feasibility of shifting what is currently proposed as grade-level parking into the three proposed parking garages in order to provide expanded areas of open space on the redeveloped site. Although the DEIS indicates that the proposed CMP would increase the vegetated area on the subject property by 7.4± acres, this mostly would comprise disjointed landscaping throughout the site; and the suggested consolidation of parking would create the opportunity for a significant contiguous area of usable public open space and/or Hempstead Plains habitat restoration. This is consistent with the *Long Island Regional Economic Development Council: A Strategic Economic Development Plan for The Long Island Region* (2011) which, according to the DEIS (page 166), specifies that "…it is critical to develop parking garages within the Hub to provide more productive use of space in the area. "

    b. To the degree it is determined that significant areas of surface parking are necessary or desirable for the proposed development, this should be explained in the FEIS.

31. The DEIS indicates that cost-sharing may be employed for the proposed new water supply well "if significant additional users are identified." To better understand the intent of this statement, the meaning of "significant additional users" should be clarified and the mechanism by which such cost-sharing would be implemented should be explained.

[1] The DEIS (page 100) indicates it is anticipated that the proposed well would include ion exchange for nitrate removal, air stripping for VOC removal, advanced oxidation for 1,4-dioxane removal, granular activated carbon for filtering of potentially harmful chemicals, and PFAS treatment.

32. The DEIS does not appear to account for water usage associated with swimming pools in the proposed Integrated Resort.

Wastewater Disposal

33. The DEIS notes that the effluent from the South Shore Water Reclamation Facility ("SSWRF", formerly Bay Park Sewage Treatment Plant), which currently discharges an average of 50 MGD of treated effluent into Reynolds Channel, will be diverted to the ocean outfall pipe for the Cedar Creek Water Pollution Control Plant ("WPCP"). However, the DEIS does not appear to address the potential cumulative impact of the additional flow from the Proposed Action and other proposed projects, in addition to the diverted flow from the SSWRF, with respect to the question of whether the capacity of the Cedar Creek WPCP outfall pipe is adequate to handle the total anticipated flow.

34. The May 10, 2024 letter from Nassau County Department of Public Works ("NCDPW") confirming sanitary sewer availability for the proposed project (Appendix 3.2-5) indicates that an industrial waste permit may be needed. The FEIS should discuss the regulatory provisions which dictate whether this permit is required; and if it is determined to be potentially applicable to the Proposed Action, the implications of constructing a facility subject to an industrial waste permit should also be discussed.

Stormwater Management

35. The DEIS indicates that the drainage system for the proposed Integrated Resort would accommodate the runoff from a five-inch storm event. However, the Nassau County standard for drainage system design is an eight-inch storm event. The procedures for relief from the County's eight-inch standard should be explained.

36. The DEIS (page 107) indicates that the Applicant would perform regular monitoring and maintenance of the stormwater management system, including water quality testing, flow monitoring, and equipment maintenance. In order to better understand the mitigative value of this program, additional details should be provided, including the types and frequency of water quality testing, location and frequency of flow monitoring, specific maintenance protocols to be followed, and provisions for oversight to ensure follow-through on implementation.

37. The April 3, 2024 letter from NCDPW regarding the drainage system for the proposed development states that the Applicant may be required "…as part of its SWPPP preparation, to implement additional measures in order to reduce pollutants from entering the MS4" (Appendix 3.2-7). The FEIS should address whether this requirement applies to the proposed project and, if so, what the implications are with respect to the need for treatment capabilities for the proposed drainage system.

38. The analysis of stormwater management impacts under the Proposed Action should clarify whether off-site conditions were accounted for and potential impacts properly addressed, particularly with respect to stormwater runoff generation in areas where project mitigation includes expansion of roadway pavement or other impervious surfaces (i.e., to confirm that adequate stormwater management would be provided in off-site areas where project-related development would increase runoff volumes).

39. Further information is requested regarding the proposal for stormwater management on the Marriott parcel.

    a. The Grading and Drainage Plan (Appendix 2-2) shows some new drainage infrastructure in the north and south surface parking lots. However, the existing storage and proposed new

capacities are not clear, or whether the combined volume would provide storage for the five-inch rainfall event.

b. No new drainage infrastructure is identified around the hotel building, and the capacity of the existing system in this area is not clear.

Ecological Resources

40. The DEIS (page 524) states:

> *Preliminary review by PSEG Long Island has indicated that in order to support this ultimate capacity, power would be provided from a combination of existing capacity at the 69kV Lindbergh Substation, as well as the construction of an additional substation/expanded substation in the general vicinity of this existing substation (alternative locations are currently being explored).*

The Lindbergh Substation is located directly west of the remnants of the Hempstead Plains. The potential ecological impacts related to any expansion of the existing substation or construction of a new substation in vicinity of the existing location should be appropriately analyzed, including the effect on any rare, threatened or endangered species that may utilize the habitat adjacent to the plains (i.e., the disturbance of vegetated areas within the substation expansion/construction footprint), as well as indirect effects such as stormwater runoff during construction (which are expected to be addressed through implementation of the SWPPP).

41. Section 3.3.2.1 of the DEIS references herbaceous plants including, but not limited to, purple cone flower (*Echinacea pallida*), prairie blazing star (*Liatris Pycnostachya*), Northern prairie dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepsis*), and bloodtwig dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea*), all of which are incorrectly identified as "native" to the project location. It is recommended that the meadow species identified in the proposed planting plan be re-assessed and that only Long Island ecotypes of native plants consistent with the Hempstead Plains grasslands be utilized, as they are the most appropriate given the sensitive nature of the nearby properties. It is also recommended that the remainder of the species in the Landscape Plan be re-evaluated to replace non-native species.

42. It is recommended that the proposed Landscape Plan be amended to specify Hempstead Plains species and ecotypes. As noted in DEIS Section 3.3.2.1, seed dispersal to off-site vegetated areas may potentially occur and the proposed landscape should be conducive to the continuance of the ecotypes encountered in the remnant Hempstead Plains.

43. In order to ensure that the ecological objectives of the proposed planting plan are sustained over the long term, it is recommended that measures be identified to monitor for invasive species intrusion, since disturbed or newly created areas can be vulnerable to non-native species.

44. The Proposed Action would significantly increase human presence at the subject property, which has the potential to exacerbate an existing problem with unauthorized/after-hours access to the adjacent Purcell Preserve. Any measures that the Applicant would implement to assist in addressing this issue should be discussed (e.g., funding for programs intended to increase public awareness and enjoyment of the Hempstead Plains).

45. The vegetation and habitats within a short distance around the subject property have a significant rank community of "Hempstead Plains." In fact, only 13 acres remain from the original 50 square miles of this habitat, and this 13-acre remnant is the last portion of the easternmost prairie in the United States. Effective conservation efforts on the subject property will be essential to protecting the integrity of this unique community from potential impacts of invasive species, genetic diffusion

of non-ecotype plantings in the vicinity, and plant inclusions that may be regionally native but not native to the Hempstead Plains. The location of this unique habitat in reference to the subject property poses the potential for impacts from the proposed development due to the proximity of pollinators, wind dispersal, and other environmental factors.

In Section 3.3.2.1, the DEIS indicates that the proposed 15.7± acres of new vegetation on the redeveloped site would have a high species diversity, including meadow habitats planted with native herbaceous plants and grasses. However, the proposed Landscape Plan (Appendix 2-2) includes only 47 species, which does not appear to provide a highly diverse species richness for 15+ acres of multiple communities represented. Utilizing so few species on such a large property increases the potential for loss through disease, drought, and other factors. Accordingly, it is recommended that the site landscaping be upgraded with a more robust and diverse planting schedule.

In addition to having a limited species diversity, it is noted that only 22 of the 47 species (47 percent) in the proposed Landscape Plan are native to Long Island and few are truly native to the Hempstead Plains. The proposed meadow has only 12 species, of which only 5 are native to Long Island, with only 3 Hempstead Plains species. The species richness and abundance of Hempstead Plains plants could be greatly improved. Therefore, it also is recommended that the plantings in the proposed development be upgraded to conform to the Hempstead Plains ecotype and respond to the highly sensitive setting of the subject property; native plants will interact to the remnant prairie as it is so close. More specifically, to the degree practicable, it is recommended that all plants should not only be native, but Long Island-collected to prevent any continued erosion of Hempstead Plains genetics for these species. While it would be acceptable for some native species other than those from the Hempstead Plains to be considered, the use of Hempstead Plains species should be prioritized so as not to impact the last remaining remnant of this important habitat.

46. It is recommended that consideration be given to incorporating into the proposed development plan Green Innovative solutions, such as rain gardens and tree trenches, as feasible.

Land Use, Zoning and Community Character

47. Appendix 2-7 of the DEIS presents the Applicant's proposed zoning legislation for the MF-IRD. Review of this document suggests that it used the existing MFM District in §146.1, Article XIII, of the BZO as a starting point, with additions, deletions, and other modifications for the purposes of the proposed development. The current and proposed zoning were compared, and the following substantive changes have been identified for the MF-IRD in relation to the existing provisions for the MFM District, with references to existing BZO sections provided where applicable. It would be helpful to the Town's review of the proposed zoning amendment if the FEIS discussed the reasons and/or justifications for the proposed revisions identified below:

    a. Signs –

        - REVISED – The current provision specifying that signs are required to comply with the Town's existing sign ordinance in Article XXIV of the BZO would be superseded by new provisions specific to the MF-IRD. *§146.1.E*

          A primary concern with the proposed new provisions pertains to the potential aesthetic impacts associated with the allowance for a 45-foot-tall pylon sign along each frontage, where 15 feet is the maximum height of signs currently permitted under Article XXIV of

the BZO (for detached and mobile signs – pylon signs are not currently defined in the BZO).

b. Floor area ratio (FAR): *§146.1.F*

- DELETED – Provision that excludes public ROWs from the FAR calculation

  As discussed elsewhere in this correspondence, this proposed provision may complicate an understanding of the density of the proposed development because FAR comparisons would not be on an "apples-to-apples" basis for the MF-IRD versus the MFM District. It is not clear why this revision is being proposed.

c. **Exceptions to FAR calculation:** §146.1.G

- REVISED – The entire area of parking garages would be excluded from the FAR calculation; whereas, only the grade level portion of garages currently is excluded in the MFM District.

  As with the revision discussed above regarding public ROWs, this proposed provision may complicate an understanding of the density of the proposed development because FAR comparisons would not be on an "apples-to-apples" basis for the MF-IRD versus the MFM District. Again, it is not clear why this revision is being proposed.

- DELETED – The portion of this provision indicated as follows: An arcade, covered plaza or atrium ~~that is not used for any purpose other than pedestrian traffic~~.

  The primary concern is that the proposed revision may allow these areas to be used for purposes other than pedestrian traffic (e.g., sales kiosks and similar facilities) which typically are included in FAR calculations.

d. Rear yards: *§146.1.J*

- DELETED – Provision requiring additional 5-foot rear yard setback for each 10-foot increase (or part thereof) in nonresidential or mixed-use building height above 40 feet.

  This proposal would set the rear yard requirement in the MF-IRD at 10 feet, which applies to much shorter buildings (maximum 60-foot height) in the MFM District. In this way, very tall buildings could be placed along the perimeter of the site with minimal setbacks, thereby magnifying the apparent bulk of the development as compared to the current standard requiring increased setbacks for taller buildings. Although the current 5:10 ratio between increase in rear yard versus increase in building height may not be appropriate, there appears to be merit to the concept of providing a greater setback for buildings of the height contemplated under the Proposed Action. It is noted that Table 28 in the DEIS indicates that the proposed development would provide a minimum 65.5-foot rear yard, which suggests that the 10-foot proposed standard could be increased substantially while still maintaining compliance.

e. Required yards for building height exceeding 60 feet: *§146.1.K*

- DELETED – Provision requiring a minimum yard depth along street frontages of 20 feet for the first 60 feet of building height, and an additional 1-foot setback for each 3 feet of building height over 60 feet.

  This issue is similar to what is discussed above regarding rear yards.

f. Parking for nonresidential uses: *§146.1.L*

- REVISED – The current provision applying the general parking standards in §319 of the BZO to all nonresidential uses would be replaced by district-specific requirements for

certain uses (i.e., casino/gaming, conference center, support areas, and central utility plant/mechanical spaces). All other nonresidential uses would continue to be governed by the parking standards in §319. *§146.1.L(1)*

It should be demonstrated that the specified standards are appropriate for the given uses, based on suitable technical analysis.

- REVISED – A new provision proposed for the MF-IRD would require surface parking lots to contain either raised islands or a screening buffer along public roadway frontages, which would replace the current provision applying the general standards for landscaped islands in §319 of the BZO specifying that:

  > *…raised landscaped islands shall be provided for the purpose of preventing the diagonal movement of vehicles, alleviating the visual impact of large expanses of paved areas and otherwise improving traffic and pedestrian safety. Such landscaped islands shall be located: at the ends of each parking bay containing 10 or more spaces, and separating opposing rows of parking spaces at least every third parking bay. The minimum width of landscaped islands shall be five feet where located at the ends of parking bays and eight feet where separating opposing rows of parking spaces or adjacent to circulation aisles. §146.1.L(1)*

  Deleting the requirement for raised landscaped islands would contravene the stated purposes of §146.1.L(1) to restrict the diagonal movement of vehicles within parking lots, improve traffic and pedestrian safety and reduce large expanses of pavement, while also decreasing the heat island effect resulting from large areas of pavement. It is not clear why this revision is being proposed.

- DELETED – Requirement for 15-foot setback from property lines for surface parking for nonresidential uses, with suitable landscaping in the buffer area. *§146.1.L(6)*

  It appears that this revision would allow surface parking lots to extend to the property line without setback, which would increase the potential for visual impacts at adjacent off-site locations.

g. Requirements for residential uses: *§146.1.N*

   - DELETED – Maximum building area of 35%. *§146.1.N(3)*
   - INCREASED – Maximum height of residential buildings to 250 feet, from 40 feet. *§146.1.N(4)*
   - DELETED – Parking requirement of 4 spaces for every 3 residential units; it does not appear that a residential parking standard is specified in the draft legislation. *§146.1.N(9)*
   - DELETED – Open space requirement of 1,000 square feet per dwelling unit for residential buildings and 500 square feet per dwelling unit for mixed-use buildings. *§146.1.N(10)*
   - ADDED – Provision excluding internal ROWs from requirements for front, rear and side yard setbacks.

     Concerns regarding these proposed Code revisions for residential uses parallel the issues discussed above with respect to nonresidential uses.

h. Supplementary regulations: *§146.1.O*

   - DELETED – Provision excluding stormwater basins and public ROWs from requirement for 3% of the area in the district to be set aside as public open space (while retaining the

current exclusions for required building setbacks, parking areas and driveways). *§146.1.O(2)*

The inclusion of stormwater basins and public ROWs as "open space" does not appear to be consistent with generally accepted definitions of this term, especially with respect to the ROWs. An explanation should be provided to justify this proposed revision.

i. Design guidelines *§146.1.P*

- DELETED – Requirement for transparent windows and/or entrances to comprise 25% of residential first-floor façade and 50% of nonresidential first-floor façade. *§146.1.P(1)(d)[3][b] and §146.1.P(1)(d)[3][c]*
- DELETED – Maximum 50-foot blank walls on building exteriors. *§146.1.P(1)(d)[3][3][d]*
- DELETED – Provision specifying that visibility of parking structures from first-floor and street-level areas of activities should be reduced. *§146.1.P(1)(i)[1]*

The intent of these existing provisions of the MFM District is to minimize visual impacts and optimize the aesthetic appeal of site development, so it is not clear why they should be eliminated. Explanation should be provided to justify these proposed revisions.

j. New section of the BZO establishing a Design Review Board for development applications in the MF-IRD – The Town Board ultimately will determine the merit of this provision, giving due consideration to the degree of discretion it wishes to reserve for itself over future decisions for development of the subject property.

48. It is reasonable to consider that the applicable dimensional and other standards should be differentiated to a certain degree for the two scenarios presented by the Applicant for redevelopment of the subject property – (a) the Proposed Action, which includes a casino and associated facilities for the Integrated Resort; and (b) the alternative plan without a casino, which consists of a dissimilar mix of uses including a residential component that would not be provided in the Integrated Resort. However, the draft MF-IRD zoning legislation does not make such a distinction; and as presented in the DEIS, a single set of standards would apply to both development scenarios despite their fundamental differences. In order to address this issue, it is recommended that alternate zoning mechanisms be explored that would achieve the desired objectives while eliminating the potential drawbacks of trying to devise a single set of standards that may not be fitting for both development scenarios. Consideration could be given to limiting the applicability of the proposed MF-IRD zoning to the casino development scenario comprising the Proposed Action presented in the DEIS, perhaps as an overlay district, with the non-casino alternative remaining subject to the underlying MFM District which has applied to the various previous proposals for development of the subject property; or a new base zoning district could be created for the non-casino alternative, with the MF-IRD zoning as an overlay district for the casino development scenario. Other available mechanisms may also merit evaluation.

49. The following questions arise regarding the floor area ratio ("FAR") information in Table 28 (Compliance of Proposed Action with MF-IRD), which also touch upon issues pertaining to the proposed MF-IRD legislation provided in DEIS Appendix 2-7 as discussed above:

    a. The current standard in the MFM District for maximum permitted FAR is retained at 1.6 for the MF-IRD, which appears to be excessive given that the FAR of the proposed development would be only 1.0.

    b. Relatedly, it is noted that the proposed MF-IRD legislation revises the calculation of FAR as compared to the MFM District by excluding roadway rights-of-way and parking garages. It seems that the proposed development density would be more easily understood if the current FAR definition for the MFM District were retained. An explanation would help in understanding the intent of the proposed revisions for calculating FAR.

    c. It is indicated that the proposed development contains 147,952 square feet of open space, comprising 3.9% percent of the site, in compliance with the 3.0 percent requirement in the proposed MF-IRD. A sketch plan showing the location of the areas of the site included in this open space acreage, similar to the graphic provided in Figure 20 for the MFM-compliant plan, would be helpful.

    d. The label for the Maximum Non-Residential/Mixed-Use Building Height in this table has an asterisk which should be defined if, for example, it is intended to point to a note that has been omitted.

<u>Transportation and Parking</u>

50. In order to better substantiate the trip generation volumes used in the Traffic Impact Study ("TIS"), which were a critical input to the capacity analysis modeling, it is recommended that the following factors be more clearly explained:

    a. For visitors to the proposed facility:
        - peak visitations for each month
        - daily visitations on an hourly basis for a typical weekend and a typical weekday
        - any holiday or seasonal fluctuations for a typical weekend and typical weekday.

    b. For employees of the proposed facility, information on staffing similar to what is requested above for visitors (e.g., number of employees during each shift, and holiday and seasonal fluctuations in staffing); with a breakdown of this staffing information for the different uses (casino, hotels, retail, special events, etc.).

    c. The TIS indicates that staffing data were derived from the Sands facility in Singapore. How is this facility and its operations comparable to the proposed facility?

    d. Regarding the methodology utilized in determining trip generation for the casino and associated uses:

        (1) The TIS indicates that the 24-hour distribution of casino visitors was based on Jakes 58 Long Island Hotel & Casino in Islandia, which does not appear to be an analogous facility. What is the basis of this aspect of the methodology?

        (2) Explanation would be helpful to provide guidance through the process of estimating the casino trip generation using the peak monthly, peak daily and peak hourly data found in TIS Attachment J. The TIS uses data from 2013 and 2016, which appear to be outdated. Also, it is indicated that these data were from casinos in the NY City Metro

Area but does not identify the casinos or their locations. Which specific casinos were included in the analysis and how were those data (for an urban area) converted to the proposed Integrated Resort (in a suburban setting)? Supporting data should be provided. The Applicant has indicated to the Town that it has conducted traffic volume counts at an analogous facility, the Hard Rock resort in Hollywood Florida. These data should be presented and analyzed in the FEIS.

(3) Explanation should be provided regarding the rationale behind utilizing the daily distribution for Recreational Homes to determine the total daily trips for the proposed hotel towers. What was the reason for not collecting data from comparable locations? Supporting data should be provided.

(4) Clarification should be provided regarding the reasoning for assuming that all Food and Beverage (restaurant) uses associated with food courts, coffee shops, fast-food outlets, bars and lounges, and private gaming food services would not generate external trips. Are there any data from existing resorts that substantiate the assumption that these services would be used solely by resort patrons without generating external traffic?

(5) Explanation should be provided regarding the trip generation methodology for the Meetings and Conference space, Public Attraction space, Arena/Live Performance Venue and Employees.

(6) Explanation should be provided regarding the methodology and assumptions used for the credits related to travel mode, vehicle occupancy, and internal capture trips. Supporting data should be provided.

51. **Intersection Impact Evaluation Summary** – N+P conducted a comprehensive review of each study intersection, analyzing both existing and future traffic operations. Based on this review, the study intersections have been categorized into two distinct groups, as outlined below, according to the level of impact and proposed mitigation measures.

a. **Category 1**: Intersections with Proposed Mitigation Measures – This category comprises intersections where certain turning movements operate at a Level of Service (LOS) F under existing and 2030 No-Build conditions. With the addition of project-generated traffic, delays would increase further. Despite proposed mitigation measures, some movements will continue to experience operating conditions at or near LOS F. It is recommended that further mitigation options be reviewed to assess the feasibility of improving the performance of LOS F movements. Intersections in this category include:

2. Hempstead Tpke at Glen Curtiss Blvd/Nassau Coliseum Access
5. Hempstead Tpke at Earle Ovington Blvd/Uniondale Ave
15. Hempstead Tpke at Park Blvd/East Meadow Ave
17. Hempstead Tpke at California Ave/Hofstra Blvd
18. Hempstead Tpke at Oak St/Hofstra Blvd
24. Fulton Ave at N Franklin St
25. Stewart Ave at Franklin Ave
55. Merrick Ave at Corporate Dr
57. Jericho Tpke at Post Ave/Post Rd

b. **Category 2**: Intersections with LOS F and substantial project-generated traffic impact, with no mitigation proposed – These intersections already operate at LOS F under existing and 2030 No-Build conditions. The addition of project-generated traffic would increase these delays.

Since no mitigation measures are proposed, it is recommended that further mitigation options be reviewed to minimize the impact of project-generated traffic and improve overall performance. Intersections in this category include:

26. Old Country Rd at Franklin Ave/Mineola Blvd
29. Old Country Rd at Merrick Ave/Post Ave
30. Merrick Ave at Stewart Ave/Park Blvd

52. Based on N+P's review of the Traffic Analysis section of the TIS, it is recommended that the analysis for the following locations be revisited to further review the mitigation options in order to determine whether it is feasible to provide enhanced intersection operations in the Project Build condition:

a. Saturday Midday Peak Hour – For Location 108A (Meadowbrook State Parkway SB Mainline South of Zeckendorf Boulevard), the combined trip assignment volumes and 2030 No-Build traffic volumes for the eastbound through movement do not sum correctly. The figure should be updated and it should be ensured that site-generated traffic volumes are properly incorporated into the No-Build traffic for all peak periods to develop accurate 2030 future traffic volumes.

b. 2030 Full Build Analysis –

(1) **AM Peak Hour Analysis**:

- **Location 4 (Hempstead Turnpike at Memorial Sloan Kettering [MSKCC] Entrance)**: The eastbound left-turn approach would experience a delay resulting in LOS E under the Build-with-Mitigation scenario, with higher delays and queue lengths compared to the 2030 No-Build condition.
- **Location 17 (Hempstead Tpke at California Ave/Hofstra Blvd)**: The eastbound left-turn approach would operate at LOS F under the Build-with-Mitigation scenario, with increased delays and longer queues, compared to the 2030 No-Build condition.
- **Locations 45 & 46 (Hempstead Tpke at Carman Ave/3rd St; Hempstead Tpke at Newbridge Rd)**: All approach movements at these intersections would operate at LOS F under No-Build conditions. Adding site traffic would increase delays.
- **Location 57 (Jericho Tpke at Post Ave/Post Rd)**: The eastbound, westbound, and northbound left-turns, as well as the southbound through movements, would operate at LOS F under existing and No-Build conditions. Adding site traffic would increase delays.
- **Location 79 (Hempstead Tpke at Franklin Ave/Perimeter E/Hospital St)**: All approach movements at this intersection would operate at LOS F under No-Build conditions. Adding site traffic would increase delays.

(2) **PM Peak Hour Analysis**:

- **Location 2 (Hempstead Tpke at Glen Curtiss Blvd/Nassau Coliseum Access)**: The northbound through-right movement is projected to operate at LOS D in the 2030 No-Build Condition. However, after implementing the proposed mitigation measures, this approach is expected to degrade to LOS F, with a substantial increase in delay and nearly double the queue length compared to the No-Build scenario. Similarly, the southbound left-turn movement is projected to operate at LOS E in the 2030 No-Build

Condition but will also degrade to LOS F under the proposed mitigation, with substantial delays and nearly double the queue length.

- **Location 4 (Hempstead Turnpike at Memorial Sloan Kettering [MSKCC] Entrance)**: 2030 Build-with-Mitigation analysis shows degradation of the eastbound left-turn from LOS D to LOS E, compared to the No-Build scenario.
- **Location 15 (Hempstead Tpke at Park Blvd/East Meadow Ave)**: The mitigation analysis shows increased delays (LOS F) for the eastbound left-turn, westbound left-turn, and northbound approaches compared to the 2030 No-Build condition.
- **Location 25 (Stewart Ave at Franklin Ave)**: The mitigation analysis indicates that the eastbound through-right movement would experience substantial delays (LOS F), with the overall intersection also at LOS F under the 2030 Build-with-Mitigation scenario.
- **Location 31 (Stewart Ave at Endo Blvd/Merchants Concourse)**: The eastbound left-turn approach would operate at LOS F with increased delays in the 2030 Build analysis.
- **Location 33 (Stewart Ave at Clinton Rd)**: All approaches would operate at LOS F with substantial delays under existing conditions. Adding site traffic would increase delays, and no mitigation measures are provided.
- **Location 46 (Hempstead Tpke at Newbridge Rd)**: Similar to Location 33, all approaches would operate at LOS F with substantial delays under existing conditions. Adding site traffic would increase delays, yet no mitigation measures are proposed.
- **Location 57 (Jericho Tpke at Post Ave/Post Rd)**: The intersection would continue to operate at LOS F across all approaches in the 2030 Build-with-Mitigation scenario.

(3) **Friday Evening Analysis**:

- **Location 2 (Hempstead Tpke at Glen Curtiss Blvd/Nassau Coliseum Access):** With the proposed mitigation, the northbound approach at this intersection is projected to degrade to LOS F, compared to LOS E under the 2030 No-Build condition, reflecting a substantial increase in delay.
- **Location 5 (Hempstead Tpke at Earle Ovington Blvd/Uniondale Ave):** The proposed mitigation results in the eastbound left-turn approach operating at LOS D, with an increase in delay compared to the No-Build condition.
- **Location 33 (Stewart Ave at Clinton Rd)**: The southbound through approach is anticipated to operate at LOS F, with an increase in delay compared to the No-Build condition.
- **Location 55 (Merrick Ave at Corporate Dr)**: The southbound through approach is expected to operate at LOS F under the Build condition, with increased delays compared to the No-Build scenario. The addition of site traffic would substantially increase delays.

(4) **Saturday Midday Peak Hour Analysis:**

- **Location 27 (Old Country Rd at Clinton Rd/Glen Cove Rd):** The southbound left-turn approach is anticipated to operate at LOS F, with an increase in delay compared to No-Build conditions.

- **Location 45 (Hempstead Tpke at Carman Ave/3rd St):** The westbound through approach is anticipated to operate at LOS F, with an increase in delay compared to No-Build conditions.
- **Location 53 (Old Country Rd at Roosevelt Field Entrance):** The eastbound through approach is anticipated to operate at LOS F, with an increase in delay, thereby increasing the 95th percentile queue length compared to the No-Build scenario. The addition of site traffic would substantially increase delays.

(5) **Saturday Evening Peak Hour Analysis:**

- **Location 4 (Hempstead Turnpike at Memorial Sloan Kettering [MSKCC] Entrance)**: Under the Build-with-Mitigation scenario, the eastbound left-turn approach would experience a delay resulting in LOS E, from LOS D, with increased delays and queue lengths, compared to the 2030 No-Build condition.

(6) **Weekday PM Peak Hour Analysis – Holiday:**

- **Location 29 & 33 (Old Country Rd at Merrick Ave/Post Ave; Stewart Ave at Clinton Rd):** The approach movements that would operate at LOS F under both the No-Build and Build scenarios would continue to experience deteriorated conditions in the 2030 Build-with-Mitigation scenario, showing only marginal reduction in delay.

(7) **Saturday Midday Peak Hour – Holiday:**

- **Location 53 (Old Country Rd at Roosevelt Field Entrance):** The approach movements that would operate at LOS F under both the no-build and build scenarios would continue to experience LOS F in the 2030 Build-with-Mitigation scenario, showing only marginal improvements in delay.

53. Regarding the proposed mitigation measures:

a. The DEIS proposal for a lane reduction on the mainline of Meadowbrook State Parkway ("MSP") northbound, from three to two lanes to permit a two-lane entrance from the adjacent northbound CD Road, appears to be problematic. In response to specific concerns raised by the Town, the Applicant has agreed to retain three continuous travel lanes on northbound MSP to merge with the proposed two-lane CD Road (expanded from a single existing lane), as set forth in correspondence dated January 15, 2025 (see Attachment B). This modification of the Proposed Action should be presented and appropriately analyzed in the FEIS.

b. Further discussion would be helpful to explain why all the proposed work on MSP would occur between Hempstead Turnpike and Northern State Parkway ("NSP"), with no improvements to the south of Hempstead Turnpike. Development under the Alternative CMP (Without a Casino) is proposed for the subject property if the casino is not approved. In this case, the development would not have the regional attraction of a casino and is believed to be more akin to the Lighthouse Project which provided $50 million for improvements to Meadowbrook Parkway south of Hempstead Turnpike.

c. Figure D (Charles Lindbergh Blvd and Earle Ovington Blvd/NCCC entrance/exit) –

(1) The methodology used to calculate the traffic volumes for the single left turn lane out of NCCC exit should be explained.

(2) The existing configuration for this intersection provides two westbound right turn lanes and two northbound through lanes into the NCCC entrance. It should be explained whether these lanes would no longer be necessary under the Proposed Action.

54. In order to enhance public safety:

a. The Town has requested that consideration be given to installing a pedestrian overpass across Hempstead Turnpike connecting to the proposed Integrated Resort. The provision of this amenity would be consistent with the Applicant's representations that the proposed Integrated Resort contemplates, and is actively promoting, a workforce which draws significantly from the local community, including the residential area to the immediate south and people who may arrive by bus along Hempstead Turnpike. Furthermore, this would be consistent with the *Long Island on the Rise: A Region Reaching for New Heights of Innovation and Inclusion: The Strategic Economic Development Plan for Long Island* (2016) which according to the DEIS (page 166), specifies that the County "…would like to build three pedestrian bridges to the Hub over busy thoroughfares to cut down on the number of cars at the Coliseum and bio-medical facilities, as well as nearby museums and parks." In correspondence dated January 15, 2025 (see Attachment B), the Applicant indicates it is in the process of studying the feasibility of this measure.

b. The feasibility of appropriate barriers along the southerly edge of the proposed development to prevent mid-block pedestrian crossings should also be examined.

55. Since the Proposed Action includes replacement of the Old Country Road overpass on Meadowbrook State Parkway and related ramp improvements to accommodate project-generated traffic, the Town has requested that consideration be given to determining whether this work presents an opportunity for more global improvements to the interchange to address other constraints/deficiencies. In correspondence dated January 15, 2025 (see Attachment B), the Applicant indicates it will provide reasonable additional improvements at this interchange to facilitate the movement of traffic exiting MSP onto Old Country Road. The specific proposal for this work should be presented and appropriately analyzed in the FEIS.

56. The DEIS indicates the Applicant's intent to direct project-generated rideshare traffic to/from Hempstead station. However, it is possible that other railroad stations may be preferred by visitors to the proposed Integrated Resort and the question arises regarding the measures that can/would be implemented to effectively direct this traffic to Hempstead station as planned, particularly given that other stations are the same distance or only slightly further from the site, per the information in Section 3.5.2.5:

- Hempstead station – 2 miles
- Westbury station – 2 miles
- Carle Place station – 2 miles
- Garden City station: 2.5 miles
- Mineola station – 3 miles.

In response to this specific concern raised by the Town, the Applicant, in correspondence dated January 15, 2025 (see Attachment B), has confirmed that:

> *…the only shuttle to be provided between the Long Island Rail Road and the proposed Integrated Resort will be at the Hempstead Rail Road Station. This shuttle will be free. An indoor waiting area will also be provided by the Applicant at the Hempstead Rail Road Station*

for ride-share patrons and shuttle patrons. The Applicant will not endorse patron utilization of other Long Island Rail Road stations, and transportation information provided by the Integrated Resort will only identify the Hempstead Rail Road Station.

The foregoing commitment should be discussed in the FEIS.

57. The DEIS indicates (page 233) that bus rapid transit ("BRT") system is being planned and refers to the full TIS in Appendix 3.5-1 for additional information. However, while the TIS states that "[t]he developer of the Integrated Resort is committed to working with Nassau County on the BRT implementation to better serve the project site and the general area with convenient public transit to reduce the need for private vehicles trips and provide additional viable travel options…" there does not appear to be any indication that outreach to the County has occurred to obtain additional information on the timing of the activation of this system or to coordinate for its integration into the transportation planning for the proposed Integrated Resort.

58. The DEIS states (page 269) that "Sands would work with the Town of Hempstead during site plan review to potentially landbank surface parking areas along Hempstead Turnpike…" It is recommended that a specific landbanking proposal be presented in the FEIS based on the parking surplus that is anticipated with respect to the actual peak parking demand for the proposed development, including delineating the landbanked area and describing the plantings that would be installed at this location.

59. The DEIS (page 609) states that the Proposed Action "…would, in various circumstances, help to improve existing roadway conditions that contribute to current delays and congestion." It would be helpful for considering the balance of impacts and benefits in decision-making for the Proposed Action if the specific improvements to be undertaken by the Applicant falling into this category, beyond measures designed to offset the impacts of project-generated traffic, were identified. It has been further requested by the Town that the list of roadway improvements under the Proposed Action directed at improving existing conditions outside of what is necessary for project-related mitigation be revisited and augmented to the degree practicable. In response to this request from the Town, the Applicant has identified some proposed traffic improvements (e.g., modifications to the MSP interchange at Old Country Road and widening of Charles Lindbergh Boulevard) in correspondence dated January 15, 2025. These measures should be finalized for inclusion in the FEIS.

60. The prior Lighthouse proposal included a mitigation program for area roadways that was more extensive than is included in the instant Proposed Action. It would be helpful in understanding the current mitigation proposal if a comparative analysis was presented in the FEIS to explain the reasons for the differences between the two mitigation plans.

61. The FEIS should discuss the anticipated arrangement for implementation of the proposed improvements to State and County roadways – i.e., whether it is expected that the involved agencies would undertake these improvements with funding from the Applicant or whether the Applicant would retain a contractor(s) for the work.

62. The FEIS should discuss whether and to what degree there would be a fee for parking on the redeveloped site; and if a fee were to be applied, the potential impacts resulting from off-site, project-generated traffic by those wishing to avoid the fees should be addressed.

63. The following comments pertain to the viability of the proposed CMP with respect to certain transportation components:

    a. The proposed plan shows several areas within the proposed development where sidewalks extend directly adjacent to or along an internal site right-of-way where no pedestrian crossings are provided, which is a cause for pedestrian/traffic safety concerns.

    b. The existing pedestrian crosswalk from the Marriott parcel to the Coliseum parcel is shown as being removed and not replaced with an alternate crossing. A safe pedestrian route between the two parcels should be specified.

    c. The information provided in the DEIS does not clearly demonstrate that Code-required parking would be maintained on the Marriott parcel under the Proposed Action.

    d. It is not clear that the proposed CMP complies with §319.D(5) of the BZO requiring one three-inch caliper shade tree for each ten parking spaces in surface parking lots on the redeveloped site; and this standard may be difficult to meet considering that these three proposed surface parking lots are shown without landscaped islands between rows of parking spaces.

Air Quality

64. The DEIS includes a cumulative air quality impact analysis for the disadvantaged community consisting of Hempstead, New Cassell, Roosevelt, Uniondale, Westbury. However, it is not specified whether an air quality permit from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYSDEC") is required for the project. If such a permit is required, existing provisions of the New York State Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act of 2019 ("CLCPA", effective January 1,2020) would be applicable, including NYSDEC technical and procedural requirements for permit review, including notifications and hearings a Disproportionate Burden Analysis, and an Enhanced Public Participation Plan. The findings of the analysis in the DEIS may show that a NYSDEC air quality permit is not required and the provisions of the CLCPA are not applicable for the proposed development; however there does not appear to be any specific conclusion to this effect, nor is it indicated that consultation has occurred with NYSDEC to confirm non-jurisdiction in this case. It is recommended that this issue be resolved in the FEIS.

65. See Attachment A for the separate memorandum by Azar Design prepared on behalf of the Town of Hempstead with additional comments on the topic of air quality.

Noise and Vibration

66. The DEIS (page 334) indicates that the proposed noise mitigation includes a vegetated berm along the south side on the subject property, fronting on Hempstead Turnpike. In order to better understand this mitigation measure, the linear extent, height and width of the berm should be specified and the plantings described.

67. Discussion is presented on page 335 regarding the provision of the Town Code, §144-3.G, limiting the permissible hours of construction to 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. on weekdays, noting that construction outside of these hours would require Town permission. Other portions of the DEIS appear to indicate that construction of the proposed development would be strictly limited to the hours specified in §144-3.G. In particular, the 5th bullet on page 343 in the proposed noise mitigation section states "The performance of construction activities would adhere to the Town of Hempstead Noise Ordinance (Chapter 144), which restricts construction in the more sensitive overnight hours" (see also 2nd-to-last ¶ on page 554, 2nd ¶ on page 557, and last bullet on page 580). Clarification is requested; and if the intent is to potentially accommodate construction outside of the permissible

window specified in the Code, the circumstances under which work may be expected to occur between 6 p.m. – 7 a.m. should be specified and associated impacts assessed.

68. The first paragraph on page 338 acknowledges that there may be a cumulative noise impact from multiple pieces of construction equipment operating concurrently. This appears to suggest that the DEIS analysis results based on noise levels for individual pieces of equipment may underestimate actual noise levels if two or more pieces of equipment are operated concurrently in proximity to one another during construction. Clarification should be provided to more specifically explain the implications of such a scenario of multiple noise sources, which appears to represent a worst-case scenario.

69. The DEIS (page 339) states that "MSKCC may contain vibration-sensitive equipment in its facility. Therefore, to minimize vibration impacts across the site, including areas near MSKCC, non-vibratory pile driving is proposed on the site." A few questions arise in this regard:

    a. It is recommended that the Applicant contact MSKCC to determine what types of vibration-sensitive equipment may be present in that facility and what types of potential impacts may be associated with construction of the proposed Integrated Resort so that appropriate mitigation can be identified as necessary.

    b. The specific type of non-vibratory pile driving to be employed for the proposed development should be identified, along with a discussion of how this would mitigate potential vibration impacts during construction with respect to the specific equipment at MSKCC that may be susceptible to such impacts.

70. See Attachment A for the separate memorandum by Azar Design prepared on behalf of the Town of Hempstead with additional comments on the topic of noise.

<u>Public Health and Safety</u>

71. Nassau Community College is a Hurricane Evacuation Center for south shore communities. Evacuation routes include the Meadowbrook Parkway, Charles Lindbergh Boulevard, Earle Ovington Boulevard, Hempstead Turnpike, Peninsula Boulevard, and Baldwin Road/Henry Street. The Mitchel Field Administration Building is a designated Heating/Cooling Center. It should be demonstrated that access to these facilities and evacuation routes would not be compromised by construction of the proposed facility.

72. Consistent with the Applicant's letter to the Nassau County Legislature, dated December 12, 2024 (see Attachment C), it would be appropriate for the EIS to address the potential for the proposed casino to prompt or enable societal problems associated with an increase in excessive alcohol consumption and the local incidence of crime. The commentary from the surrounding community has persistently expressed significant concerns regarding these issues, which would adversely affect public health and safety, as well as community character; and the nature of these issues does not appear to be substantially different from problem gambling which is addressed in the DEIS.

    In deciding to omit discussion of alcohol and crime issues from the DEIS, even though these topics were prominent in the commentary during public review of the Draft Scope (which carried through to the public commentary during the DEIS hearing), the Final Scope cites the following statement on page 114 of *The SEQR Handbook*:

    > *Some social factors may be considered arbitrary, discriminatory, or speculative, and consequently are inappropriate for inclusion in an EIS. Such factors may include, but are not limited to, potential for crime, drug problems, or psychological stress. These kinds of social*

concerns may be raised by the public during the comment period or hearing on an EIS. In such cases, they may be acknowledged, but given limited weight, when SEQR findings are developed during the agency's final decision making.

With the use of the word **may** in this explanation in the Handbook, it is submitted that the DEIS was not precluded from discussing these issues and that they reasonably could be addressed as part of the SEQRA record for the purpose of findings and decision-making. It seems that the only explanation offered for this omission is an assertion, based on an interpretation of the guidance in *The SEQR Handbook*, that addressing these issues is not mandatory. Absent their inclusion in the EIS, however, it is not clear how they can be given any consideration, much less "limited weight," by involved agencies.

As noted above, the Applicant has submitted a letter to the Nassau County Legislature (see Attachment C), which includes an analysis of the foregoing issues and shows that the Applicant has in place well developed strategies to provide mitigation with regard to same, so the purpose to be served by neglecting to meaningfully address them in the EIS is not evident. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that said correspondence be included and discussed in the FEIS.

Socioeconomics

73. It would be helpful if additional details were provided regarding the methodology for the IMPLAN analysis, including model input, sectors utilized, dollar year and data year used for construction and operations. This comment also applies to the analysis for the Alternative CMP (Without a Casino) in Section 8.2 of the DEIS.

74. Table 88 indicates that the facilities on the Coliseum parcel currently are fully tax-exempt. A written description of the existing tax situation, including what exemptions the site currently receives and identifying any tax revenues generated by existing operations (e.g., sales tax, payroll, corporate, entertainment taxes, etc.) would be helpful in understanding this aspect of the present economic situation.

75. The basis of the estimate in the DEIS (page 372 and other locations) that approximately 246 employees of the proposed Integrated Resort are expected to relocate to Nassau County from out of the area is not clear.

76. The DEIS (page 381) indicates that NCDPW would receive a projected $8.75 million fee for the GML §239-f review of the subject application. It should also be noted that fees, yet to be quantified, would be due to the Town of Hempstead for site plan review and building permits.

Community Services and Facilities

77. It is stated on page 398 that "Upon site plan submission, design meetings would be held to discuss, among other issues that may arise, how Sands' design conforms to the requirements of the New Building Code, Fire Code, Plumbing Code, Electrical Code, Life Safety and other applicable requirements of New York State, Nassau County and the Town of Hempstead." Since the Town has received a site plan submission for the proposed development, it appears that the specified meetings can proceed, and any substantive issues that arise from these discussions should be addressed in the FEIS.

78. The DEIS (page 408) discusses an Advisory Committee that would be established for distribution of community benefit funds provided in connection with the proposed development. This committee – which will include representation selected by the Town Supervisor and Town Board, as well as the County Executive, County Legislature and Applicant – will serve only in an

advisory capacity, indicating that the actual allocation of funds will be determined by an agreement executed between the County and the Applicant. However, the Town will have a more direct role in substantive decisions regarding this funding.

79. In consideration of concerns expressed by the Town regarding broader benefits for the Town's communities beyond Uniondale, East Meadow and Hempstead, the Final Scope included the following statement:

> *The Town of Hempstead, through its consultant, issued a comment regarding potential community benefits for the Town of Hempstead, in addition to those identified above, including the annual minimum guaranteed tax revenue. If impacts are identified through the SEQR process that warrant additional mitigation funding directly to the Town of Hempstead, Sands would address same.*

Notwithstanding the community benefits that may be identified during the ongoing SEQRA process being conducted by the County for the Proposed Action, it is important to recognize that the Town independently will fully assess and completely address community benefits for the residents of the entire Town during the zoning review process, which will include the Town Board's adoption of its own SEQRA findings statement prior to any decision on the application.

80. The DEIS (page 409) discusses meetings the Applicant held with the Nassau County Fire Marshal's Office, Uniondale Fire Department and other local fire departments. It would be helpful if any substantive input received or agreements/understandings that were reached in these meetings were summarized.

81. Regarding the DEIS's discussion of solid waste management for the proposed Integrated Resort:

    a. Page 421 notes that the Applicant is in the process of identifying recycling contractors. Any further progress that has been made in more fully defining the recycling program for the proposed development should be discussed in the FEIS. It would be helpful to better understand this mitigation approach if more specific plans for the management of project-generated recyclables were provided.

    b. Page 422 acknowledges that the proposed Integrated Resort is identified on the New York State list of designated food scrap generators and would be subject to the State's Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Law. This law requires that any designated food scrap generator must recycle all remaining food scraps if it is located within 25 miles of an organics recycler (composting facility, anaerobic digester, etc.) that has available capacity. Therefore, at a minimum it is requested that the FEIS identify and discuss any such facilities within the specified radius distance of the subject property and any outreach the Applicant has conducted to plan for food scrap recycling.

82. The DEIS (page 427) indicates that in addition to a 1,500±-square foot police substation, an adjacent fire/EMT substation would be constructed in the proposed Integrated Resort.

    a. Previously (page 411) the DEIS notes that the Applicant's staff would include on-site EMTs. However, it is not discussed whether these personnel would be the only EMT presence on-site or how the fire response aspect of this facility would be staffed and would function.

    b. The anticipated size of the fire/EMT substation and whether the Applicant would fund/undertake the construction of this facility should be specified.

83. Table 26 (Required Relief for Proposed Integrated Resort Pursuant to MFM Zoning District) seems to indicate that the internal roadways for the proposed development would not be publicly dedicated. Clarification should be provided regarding the proposed ownership of these roadways and responsibility for their maintenance.

Aesthetic Resources

84. Regarding the photosimulations in Appendix 3.11-3 :

    a. The photosimulations include some images that represent "evening" conditions (e.g., #2, 12, 13 and 16). However, these graphics show twilight conditions. This analysis would benefit from a true nighttime perspective(s).

    b. Although the photosimulations, combined with the renderings in Appendix 3.11-5, serve a useful purpose in depicting the overall visual/aesthetic characteristics of the proposed development, they portray views at significant distances from the site and do not fully provide a sense of visual conditions that would be experienced along the adjacent roadways. In particular, while Parking Garage C appears in Photosimulation #12 in Appendix 3.11-3, the viewing distance is roughly 200 feet and the façade treatment is not clear. Therefore, it would be helpful if a suitable, close-up graphic image were provided to illustrate the face of this garage in a view of the project frontage along Hempstead Turnpike.

85. Regarding the architectural renderings in Appendix 3.11-5:

    a. The view direction should be specified for each image.

    b. The second and third renderings appear to depict the same perspective of the proposed development; and although the former rendering seems to show a twilight condition, it is not clear that the two images are substantially different. As with the photosimulations discussed above, the rendering analysis would benefit from a true nighttime scenario(s).

    c. It is requested that an additional rendering be provided, depicting a view of the frontage of the proposed development from the south, along Hempstead Turnpike, which would be the primary viewpoint of the project from the community's perspective.

86. The DEIS (page 507) points to the Lighting Plans in Appendix 3.11-4.

    a. These plans only specify alphanumeric code labels for the proposed lighting fixtures. Enhanced understanding of the Applicant's lighting concept would be facilitated if an image of each type of fixture were provided.

    b. It should be indicated whether the proposed lighting has been designed in accordance with industry-accepted dark-sky compliance standards.

    c. It should be indicated whether site illumination for the proposed development would be dimmed to any degree during the overnight period or whether illumination levels would be retained at full strength during all hours of darkness to support 24-hour activities at the site.

87. The DEIS (page 507) includes four photographs/renderings which are not captioned and it is not clear how they relate to the proposed Integrated Resort – e.g., whether they depict specific elements of the proposed development or are general representations of the type of lighting that would be employed.

88. The DEIS (page 508) indicates that the proposed Integrated Resort would "feature visible dynamic or media-based lighting sources (e.g., illuminated signs/LED boards), which would be selectively deployed for wayfinding or informational purposes at primary entries or within architectural surfaces that are inwardfacing…" It would be helpful if a more detailed analysis were provided regarding the aesthetic effect of proposed project signage. Even if specific signage design has not been completed and will not be available until a later stage in the review process, it would be beneficial if the FEIS included signage templates to illustrate standards (with respect to size, location, illumination and other relevant factors) that would be followed when the detailed signage plan is subsequently submitted for review so that this information can be accounted for under SEQRA.

Cultural Resources

89. The DEIS assessment on this topic is limited to review of the Cultural Resources Information System ("CRIS") database and a 2008 *Phase 1a Literature Search and Archaeological Sensitivity Assessment* performed for the prior Lighthouse application for the subject property. For the FEIS analysis, it is recommended that the conclusions in the DEIS be confirmed via direct consultation with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation/State Historic Preservation Office ("OPRHP/SHPO"), including a determination as to whether there is any potential for impacts to off-site historical resources associated with development of the proposed Integrated Resort. Typically, such consultation is required for completion of the SWPPP.

Climate Change and Sustainability

90. Section 3.13.1 (Use and Conservation of Energy and Utilities: Existing Conditions) indicates that the Marriott Hotel is served by PSEG, which is independent from the Nassau Energy Corporation (Engie) service provided to the Coliseum. This is not consistent with the statement in Section 3.13.1 (Use and Conservation of Energy and Utilities: Potential Impacts) that "[t]he Engie facility would continue to serve the Marriott Hotel." Clarification should be provided regarding the existing and proposed electrical service for the Marriott Hotel.

91. The last bullet on page 521 of the DEIS indicates that the installation of a battery storage system is being considered for the proposed development. On page 527, this system is described as being "large-scale" and "proposed" rather than under consideration. The FEIS should clarify the Applicant's intent regarding the installation of a battery system in the proposed development, including its anticipated location, size, capacity, safety provisions, etc. The FEIS should also explain how the proposed MF-IRD zoning legislation would accommodate this use.

92. Pages 524-525 of the DEIS discuss that the Proposed Action requires the construction of an additional/expanded electrical substation in the general vicinity of the existing substation.

    a. It is stated that alternative locations are currently being explored. The FEIS should provide updated information regarding this investigation, as well as appropriate analysis of the associated impacts and proposed mitigation.

    b. It is stated that the Applicant "…would participate in funding the required substation expansion/new substation associated with its energy demand." On page 381 it is stated that "Sands has made other commitments/contributions, including… Construction or expansion of PSEG Long Island substation…"

        (1) In order to more clearly discern the mitigative value of this measure, the Applicant's funding commitment should be stated more definitively.

(2) Similar to the proposed water supply well, it is stated that cost-sharing may be employed "if significant additional users are identified." Again, to better understand the intent of this statement, the meaning of "significant additional users" should be clarified and the mechanism by which such cost-sharing would be implemented should be explained.

93. The DEIS (page 525) states that "The proposed project is striving to reach 60 percent renewable energy use by 2030, and 100 percent by 2050, following the Climate Group's RE100 renewable energy guidelines." It would be helpful in understanding this phase-in plan if additional details were provided on the specific measures that would be implemented to increase renewable energy use from 60 to 100 percent in 20 years following project completion, including any available relevant information regarding the Applicant's existing facilities, as well the contingency plan that would apply if these goals are not met.

94. To provide a better understanding the Applicant's commitment to LEED certification, it would be helpful if the FEIS explained the process for obtaining this certification (e.g., scorecard, application, review, revision, and issuance of certification) and the distinction between the various levels of certification (certified, silver, gold, and platinum).

95. The introduction to Section 3.14.2.2 indicates that indirect GHG emissions addressed in the analysis "…include emissions related to the operations of the proposed building(s), the patrons and employee vehicle emissions, and the emissions related to the solid waste produced on site." From this description, it is not clear whether the analysis also accounts for truck traffic to be generated by the operation of the proposed Integrated Resort and, if not, whether this component would represent a significant portion of the overall indirect emissions that should be addressed.

96. The Final Scope specifies that "[t]he total GHG [greenhouse gas] emissions in the CO2e will be compared to the emissions of the Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, Long Island and New York State, as applicable, to assess the scale of impact from the proposed project." It does not appear that the requisite comparisons to the Town and County are provided in the DEIS.

<u>Construction Impacts</u>

97. Regarding the discussion of dewatering in the DEIS:

    a. The need for dewatering is not consistently discussed in the DEIS. Page 602 states that dewatering "may be required for excavations over portions of the site" while page 602 specifies more definitively that "[a]s groundwater is expected to be encountered during some excavation activities, dewatering would be performed to enable construction." Clarification is requested to resolve this apparent ambiguity.

    b. Page 562 indicates that groundwater treatment would be necessary during construction of the proposed development and that "the disposition of dewatered groundwater would be managed in accordance with applicable local and regional regulations." It would be helpful if a brief discussion were provided regarding the nature of this treatment (e.g., method of treatment, facilities to be constructed, disposition of recovered PFOA/PFOS, etc.) to assure that the surrounding community would not be impacted.

98. The Construction Logistics Plan (Appendix 3.15-1) shows construction delivery vehicles utilizing the same access driveway as patients and staff for the MSKCC facility, creating the potential for conflicts between the two different traffic streams. It is recommended that construction vehicles be diverted to another site access location, if possible.

Alternatives

99. No Action Alternative – The DEIS (page 619) states that this alternative "…would not include any improvements that would address some of the existing deficiencies in the existing transportation network nor other bicycle and pedestrian connections included in the proposed action." In order to better understand this contrast between the No Action Alternative and the Proposed Action, it would be helpful if a list were provided of the specific components of the Proposed Action that would ameliorate existing deficiencies or enhance bicycle/pedestrian connections.

100. Alternative CMP (Without a Casino) –

    a. The DEIS (page 622) states that this alternative "…may include workforce housing…" However, as a point of clarification, it should be noted that a minimum of 20 percent of the housing units in such a development scenario would be required to meet the applicable workforce housing criteria.

    b. The DEIS (page 629) states that unlike the proposed Integrated Resort, dewatering is not anticipated for this alternative due to the depths of the proposed excavations. Clarification is requested regarding the maximum depth of excavations under both development scenarios, including the portion(s) of the project that would require such excavations, in reference to the depth to groundwater.

    c. The DEIS indicates that vehicular trip distribution for this alternative would be directed more to the area street network, as compared to Meadowbrook State Parkway and other highways under the Proposed Action. This would result in a much greater need under the alternative for physical modifications to intersections, including roadway widenings to accommodate additional lanes. The DEIS does not examine the degree to which such roadway widenings can be contained within existing rights-of-way or, more generally, whether they are feasible. This comment applies on a more limited basis to the Proposed Action, which would require physical modifications to intersections at fewer locations.

    d. The DEIS does not indicate whether this alternative would seek LEED certification as is the case for the Proposed Action.

101. MFM-Compliant Plan (Alternative 3) – It is indicated that this development scenario is not feasible for the Applicant, due to the substantially lower building square footage that can be achieved as compared to the proposed Integrated Resort and "[g]iven the substantial non-recoverable investments that Sands has made, including the $241 million paid for the private lease…" On this basis, the DEIS (page 672) asserts that "…an MFM-Compliant Plan Alternative is not feasible for Sands to pursue, and given that this alternative is not feasible, no further analysis is required." A number of comments arise:

    a. It is not clear whether the $241 million lease fee presumes that development of the subject property would occur at a density that is significantly greater than what is permitted under the MFM zoning and whether the lease fee would be substantially lower if it were assumed that the development plan would be in conformance with current zoning requirements.

    b. The DEIS (page 670) states that "Based on comments received during the scoping process, the Final Scope required that an MFM-Compliant Plan be included as part of the analysis of alternatives." It seems difficult to rationalize that the scoping document was revised in this manner merely to dismiss that such an alternative is infeasible; this explanation could directly have been provided in the Final Scope. Furthermore, this approach to addressing a

zoning-compliant alternative is not consistent with the June 2009 DGEIS that was prepared for the Lighthouse proposal, which presented a detailed impact analysis of alternative development under the single-family residential zoning that was in place at that time for the subject property, even though the DGEIS specifically recognized that this development scenario was infeasible for the project sponsor.

The manner in which *The SEQR Handbook* addresses the inclusion of a zoning-compliant alternative in a DEIS supports the provision of meaningful impact analysis, without considering whether or not such a development is feasible for the applicant, as follows (NYSDEC, 4th Edition, 2020, page 119):

> *When is it appropriate to include a discussion of alternative uses or types of actions in an EIS?*
>
> *Consideration of an entirely different use or action may be reasonable in the following circumstances:*
>
> - *The proposed action does not conform to the current zoning of the site, in which case comparison to the use allowed under the existing zoning may be informative…*

In consideration of the foregoing, it is believed that an expanded discussion of the MFM-Compliant Alternative is warranted to examine impacts in a similar manner as presented in the DEIS for the No Action Alternative and Alternative CMP (without a casino) and as was addressed in the Lighthouse DGEIS. As suggested by *The SEQR Handbook*, such detail would be "informative" in that it would provide a useful frame of reference for evaluating the magnitude of development associated with the zoning revision that is under consideration, while still allowing the Applicant to make the case for rejecting this alternative as being infeasible for implementation.

Your attention to this important matter is greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing these comments suitably addressed in the FEIS.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: A – 1/13/2025 Memorandum prepared by Azar Design
B – 1/15/2025 Correspondence from Greenberg Traurig to Town of Hempstead
C – 12/12/2024 Correspondence from Greenberg Traurig to Nassau County Legislature

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Draft Review of SEQR Noise and Mobile Air Quality Sections
Proposed Sands New York Integrated Resort
Uniondale, New York

p. 279, 3rd item	Either the emissions from all the parking facilities should be calculated to address the potential cumulative air quality impacts on receptors, or an explanation provided on why evaluating the air quality at just Garage A is sufficient and the calculation of emissions from all the parking facilities for a cumulative impact is not necessary.
p. 300, Table 50	The incremental increases of the pollutants are substantially below the "de minimis" thresholds. To highlight that there is no potential for substantial adverse impacts on air quality, it is suggested that the de minimis thresholds be included in the table for ease of comparison.
p. 304, 1st para	The location of the "virtual point source" exhaust vent receptor should be stated for completeness.
p. 319, 2nd para	Since the source for the NYSDOT impact criteria was cited, the source for the FHWA 10-dB increase impact criteria should also be cited.
p. 319, last para	The FHWA construction noise impact criteria for residential areas is an hourly L_{eq} of 90 dBA and 80 dBA (daytime and nighttime hours) or a $L_{eq(8\text{-}hr)}$ of 80 dBA and 70 dBA (daytime and nighttime). For very high noise level urban areas (L_{dn} > 65 dBA), the L_{dn} is not to exceed ambient plus 10 dB. NYSDOT states that a construction noise impact will not normally occur at noise levels under a $L_{eq(1\text{-}hr)}$ of 80 dBA. (TEM 4.4.18.7.4 March 2023) For completeness, all the FHWA noise construction impact criteria should be presented.
P. 322, 1st para	General comment: The descriptions of the monitoring locations would be significantly enhanced if they include the approximate distances of the monitoring locations to the primary noise contributors and to the nearest sensitive receptors. From Figure 46, Location 6 (approximately 50' from the centerline of the nearest traffic lane) was intended to represent the high school's athletic fields and residences south of Hempstead Turnpike. However, the nearest residence, on Walton Avenue, is approximately 90' from the centerline of the

nearest traffic lane. The nearest residences on Gilroy and Cunningham Avenues are approximately 125' from the centerline of the nearest travel lane on Hempstead Turnpike. Consequently, the noise levels for the nearest residences south of Hempstead Turnpike are likely 2 to 6 dBA lower than the noise level presented, with residences further south having even lower traffic noise levels. This should be noted.

Location 7 (approximately 200' from Earle Ovington Boulevard and 150' from the northwest corner of MSKCC) is intended to represent the MSKCC, but representing the MSKCC appears problematic with just one location. Future potential sources of noise that needs to be addressed include induced traffic on Hempstead Turnpike (approximately 100' south to the nearest travel lane) and Earle Ovington Blvd. (approximately 320' to the west), Garage C (approximately 290' to the east), Garage B (approximately 300' to the north), and CUP P2 (approximately 300' to the northeast). While noise levels captured at Location 7 can be adjusted to address noise from Garage B and possibly CUP P2 (which can also be addressed by presenting the potential attenuating effects of MSKCC's parking garage), addressing potential noise from Garage C and traffic on Hempstead Turnpike appears problematic without a supplemental monitoring location near the southeast corner of MSKCC building.

p. 323

General comment: The terms average daytime and nighttime L_{eq} is a bit confusing. Does this refer to L_d and L_n? If so, the use of L_d and L_n may be less confusing. When referring to the highest or lowest L_{eq}, it should be made clear that the report refers to an hourly L_{eq} ($L_{eq(1\text{-}hr)}$).

p. 326, 1st para

Residences are located substantially further away from the traffic on Hempstead Turnpike than Monitoring Location 6. Because the area has been identified as a Potential Environmental Justic Area, the accuracy of the ambient Existing noise level and projected Future noise levels would be subject to heightened scrutiny. Please clarify how having noise levels 3 dBA or more lower than the noise levels present would or would not bear on the noise impact criteria for these residences.

NYSDOT/FHWA noise impact criteria use the hourly L_{eq} metric while HUD noise impact criteria uses L_{dn} metric. For clarity, when noise levels are presented, they should clearly indicate metric used. While the HUD criteria was mentioned, the L_{dn} for Location 6 was not presented.

p. 326, 4th para

The text here should clarify that the study utilizes the criteria and guidelines from FHWA, NYSDOT, and NY SEQR. Separately, the project utilizes the PCE methodology from NYC's CEQR Technical Manual to estimate the noise levels. While perfectly valid for non-highway projects, the PCE methodology

	is not a FHWA or NYSDOT-accepted methodology for estimating traffic noise. While clarified several paragraphs later, stating that the sound levels were "calculated following the procedures and guidance of the FHWA, NYSDOT and CEQR Technical Manual" potentially invites misunderstanding and unnecessary public comments.
p. 327, 1st para	From the text, "If an event is being considered that would exceed such criteria, Town permission would be sought." It is unclear how it will be determined that an event could potentially exceed the Town noise ordinance. There is insufficient information to independently validate stationary noise sources. While the distance attenuation is provided, the distances from the source to the receptors were not presented in the text or in Appendix 3.7-1, Attachment D. Also absent is whether other attenuations, such as the edge of the roof, were considered.
p. 331 3rd para	Stationary source noise levels can utilize many different noise metrics (e.g., hourly L_{eq}, L_d, L_n, L_{dn}, L_{90}, etc.). The metric utilized should be indicated for clarity.
Tables 66-69	Rather than use the term "Average", the use of L_d and L_n would avoid misunderstandings. The reason for why the L_d and L_n metrics were used instead of the highest or lowest hourly L_{eq} (commonly utilized metrics) should be addressed.
p. 334, 5th para	The last sentence states that the proposed berm "would provide" additional noise attenuation. While the berms would provide sound degree of attenuation for ground level sources, it is uncertain whether the berm would provide some attenuation for above ground noise sources. Unless this attenuation is demonstrated and presented, a more accurate term would be "could provide". On a related note, is the Project committed to constructing a vegetated berm as a noise and visual barrier regardless of a finding of no noise impact? It so, it should be explicitly stated.
p. 337-338	Insufficient details were provided to validate estimated noise levels without the distances from the source to the receptor location and type, quantity, and usage factors of the equipment used for the worst-case scenario was not presented. For completeness, the description of the worst-case scenario should include the above information. Please briefly explain why the construction activity associated with the proposed building components

would be louder than other construction activities (such as landscaping) much closer.

Is the Project committing to limiting construction work to the hours of 7 AM to 6 PM? If not, then it would be prudent to state that should work be required outside of these hours, the Project will apply for a variance/permit from the Town and commit to meeting Town conditions to mitigate construction noise, if required.

p. 340 1st para — Typo in 2nd sentence. Please clarify.

p. 341 — The addition of traffic lanes onto the Meadowbrook State Parkway makes the project a Type I Action as per FHWA/NYSDOT policy. Consequently, potential traffic noise impacts must utilize the FHWA and NYSDOT methodologies and criteria. As per FHWA/NYDOT policies, traffic noise levels can only be modelled using the FHWA/NYSDOT-approved TNM noise model and the results assessed against both FHWA/NYSDOT the relative noise level increase criteria and the NAC criteria for the highway related portions of the project.

p. 555, 1st para — While the projected stationary noise levels do not add to the Future Build traffic noise level, the cumulative effects of stationery and mobiles noise sources should be addressed and presented in this section for completeness.

ATTACHMENT B

1/15/2025 Correspondence from Greenberg Traurig to Town of Hempstead

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January 15, 2025

VIA EMAIL
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Re: Proposed Sands New York Integrated Resort

Dear Judge:

In accordance with our on-going meetings, and in response to various requests made by the Town and its consultants, on behalf of LVS NY HOLDCO 2, LLC (the "Applicant"), I am transmitting a copy of the requested floor plans for the proposed Integrated Resort.

In addition, we offer the following information regarding the requests made by the Town as to traffic improvements:

- The Applicant will eliminate the proposed traffic improvement whereby the collector-distributor road at the northbound Meadowbrook State Parkway is widened to two lanes and the existing northbound Meadowbrook State Parkway mainline travel line is dropped prior to the collector-distributor road merge

- The Applicant hereby confirms that no light rail or trolley system is proposed by or for the proposed Integrated Resort

- The Applicant confirms that the only shuttle to be provided between the Long Island Rail Road and the proposed Integrated Resort will be at the Hempstead Rail Road Station. This shuttle will be free. An indoor waiting area will also be provided by the Applicant at the Hempstead Rail Road Station for ride-share patrons and shuttle patrons. The Applicant will not endorse patron utilization of other Long Island Rail Road stations, and transportation information provided by the Integrated Resort will only identify the Hempstead Rail Road Station

- As part of the replacement of the Old Country Road bridge, the Applicant will include reasonable improvements to facilitate the movement of traffic exiting the Meadowbrook State Parkway onto Old Country Road

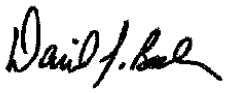
- The Applicant agrees to widen Charles Lindbergh Boulevard

- The Applicant will provide graphics detailing the routing of construction and commercial traffic during construction and operation of the Integrated Resort. In addition, the Applicant will require that construction and commercial vehicles destined to and from the Integrated Resort commit to using only those routes. Construction and commercial vehicle operators will also be advised that those destined to the proposed Integrated Resort are prohibited from traveling on Clinton Road in Garden City

- With respect to the pedestrian bridge over Hempstead Turnpike, the Applicant is in the process of studying the feasibility

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Very truly yours,



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enc. (architectural floor plans)

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FLOOR PLANS

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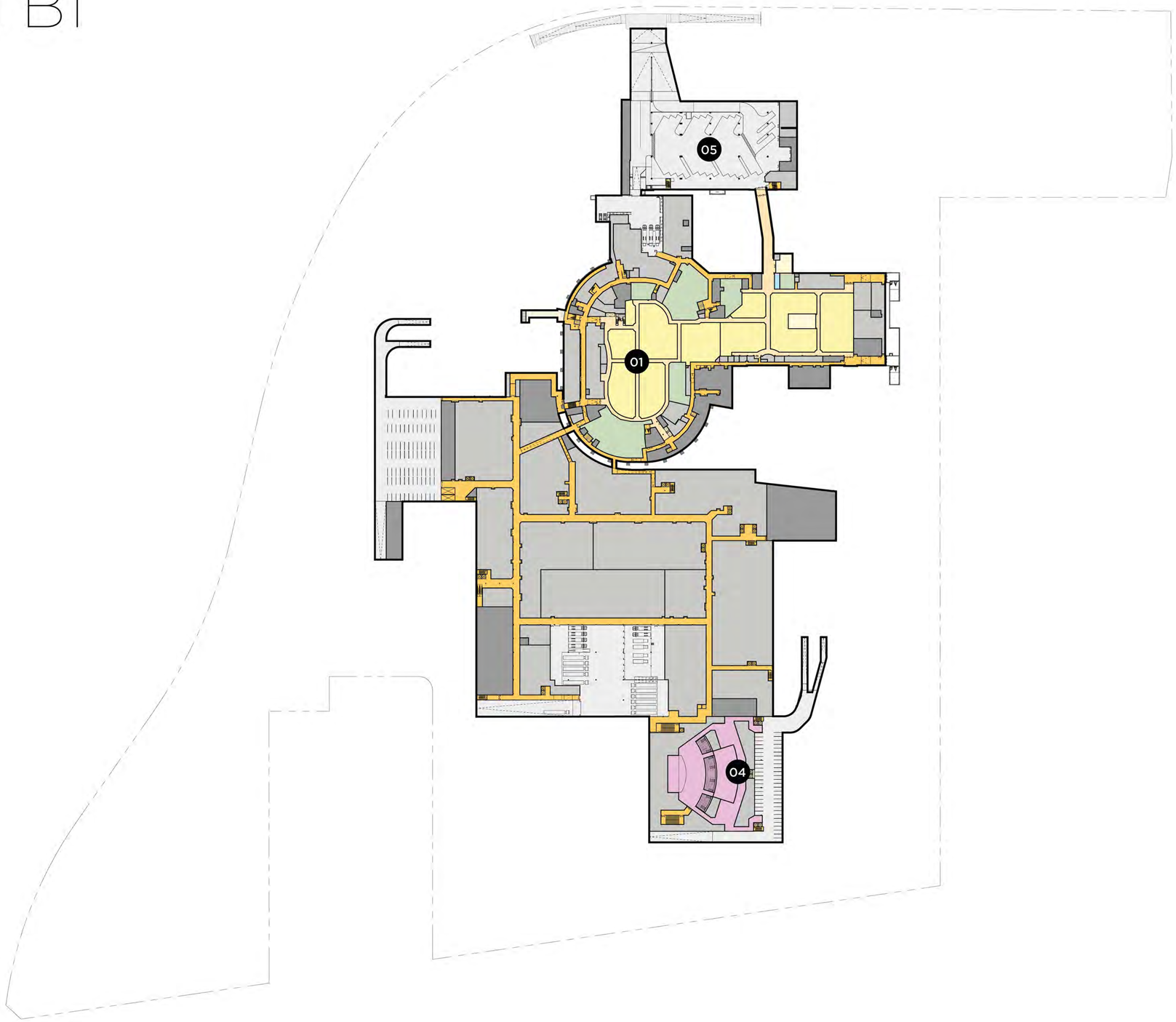

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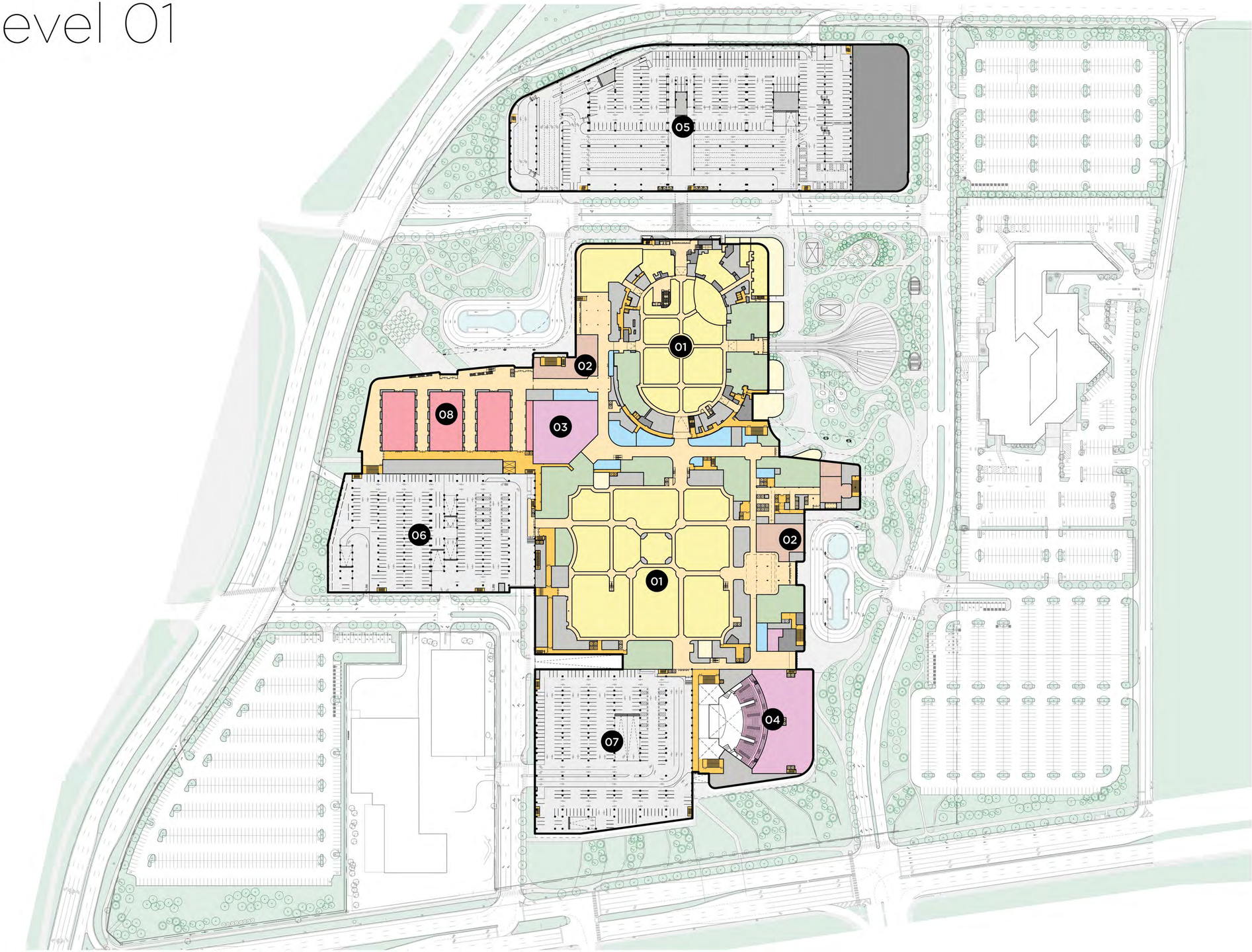

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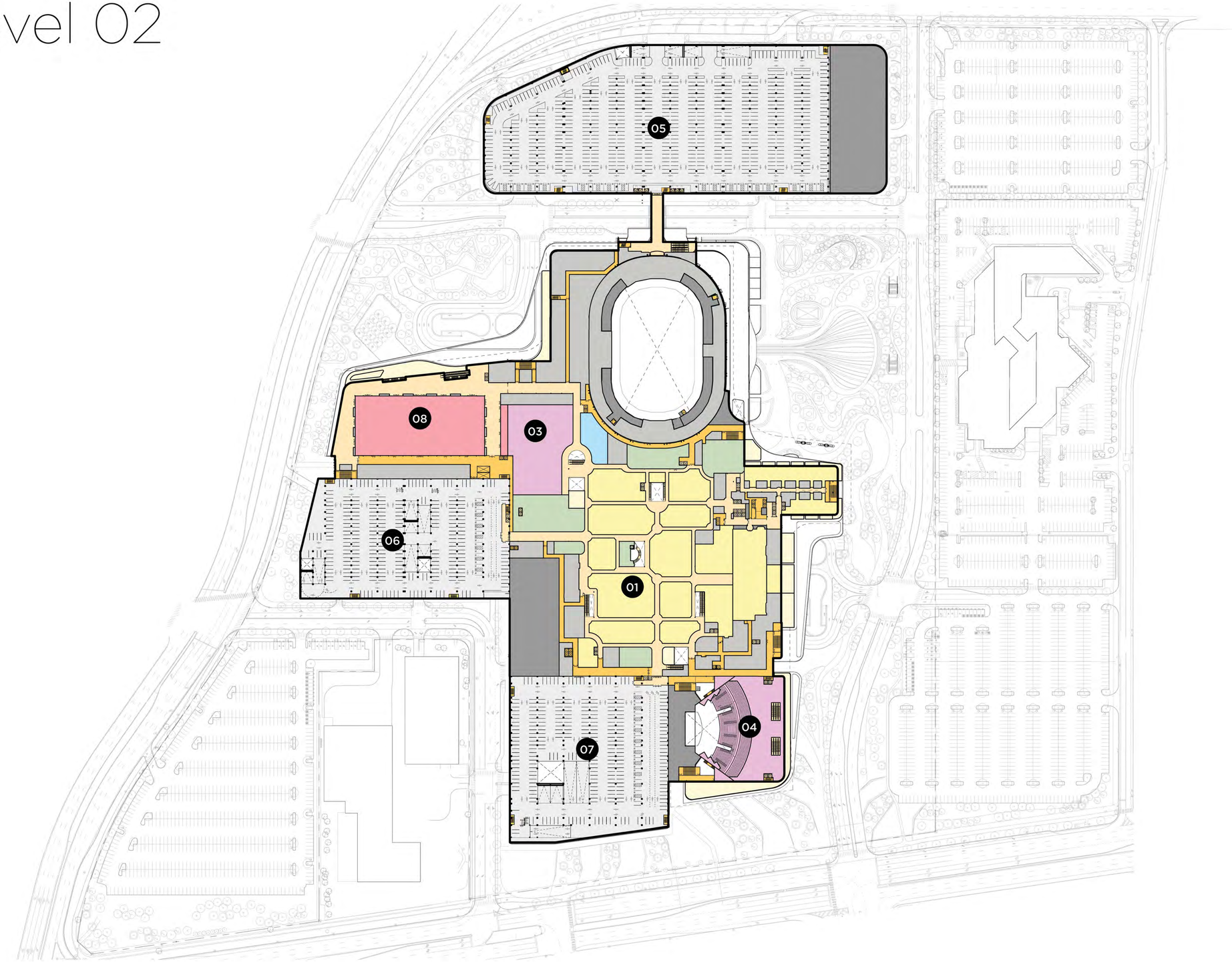

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ATTACHMENT C

12/12/2024 Correspondence from Greenberg Traurig to Nassau County Legislature

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VIA UPS OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

The Honorable Howard J. Kopel, Presiding Officer
and Members of the Nassau County Legislature
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Mineola, New York 11501

Attn: Michael C. Pulitzer, Clerk of the Nassau County Legislature

Re: Sands New York Integrated Resort

Dear Presiding Officer Kopel and Honorable Members of the Nassau County Legislature:

We represent LVS NY Holdco 2, LLC (Sands) and have been requested to submit this correspondence, which provides salient information to address various comments regarding the potential for the proposed Integrated Resort to affect various quality-of-life and legal compliance issues, including increases in crime, human trafficking, money laundering and others.

As the Nassau County Legislature correctly indicated in the section of its Final Scope, entitled *Issues Considered in the Review of the Environmental Assessment Form and/or Raise during Scoping and Determined to be Neither Relevant Nor Environmentally Significant and the Reasons Why Those Issues Were Not Including in This Final Scope*, such issues are not appropriate for review pursuant to the implementing regulations of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act at 6 NYCRR Part 617. In fact, The *SEQR Handbook* (NYSDEC, Fourth Edition, 2020) explains that:

> *Some social factors may be considered arbitrary, discriminatory, or speculative, and consequently are inappropriate for inclusion in an EIS. Such factors may include, but are not limited to, potential for crime, drug problems, or psychological stress. These kinds of social concerns may be raised by the public during the comment period or hearing on an EIS. In such cases, they may be acknowledged, but given limited weight, when SEQR findings are developed during the agency's final decision making. (Page 114)*

The Final Scope specifically notes that while these issues are inappropriate for inclusion in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), the Nassau County Legislature would consider all comments relating to these factors in its deliberations regarding the lease for the Integrated Resort. Accordingly, on behalf of Sands, we are hereby submitting relevant information for the Legislature's consideration.

According to Sands' Code of Business Conduct & Ethics, Effective April 2023 (annexed hereto as Exhibit A),

> *At Sands, we are committed to our core values of excellence in business performance, impeccable service, innovation, sustainability, and fairness and honesty in all that we do…The Code sets forth our guiding principles and explains how to translate those principles into our everyday work. We are committed to operating with integrity while maintaining a sharp focus on respecting our guests and Team Members, actively engaging with the communities we serve, and always doing business the right way.*

Relevant topics addressed in Code of Business Conduct & Ethics include: safety of properties; preventing discrimination and harassment; stopping human trafficking; protecting Guest and Team Member privacy; preventing bribery and corruption; preventing money laundering; complying with gaming laws and regulations; promoting responsible gaming; adhering to global trade laws; maintaining accurate books and records; treating vendors and suppliers fairly; and complying with securities trading laws, among many others.

In addition to the Code of Business Conduct & Ethics (Exhibit A), Sands has additional relevant policies, as set forth below.

Anti-Corruption Policy

Sands Anti-Corruption Policy, last dated November 2024 (annexed hereto as Exhibit B) specifically states:

> *…[Sands and all its subsidiaries and affiliates] are committed to complying with all applicable anti-corruption laws, regulations, and policies and will not tolerate any form of bribery or corruption. To this end, this Anti-Corruption Policy sets forth the basic definitions and principles of the Company's Anti-Corruption Program. Neither the Company, nor anyone affiliated with the Company, shall pay, offer to pay, receive or solicit any bribe, kickback, or other form of corrupt payment, whether directly or indirectly through third parties.*

The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) is the U.S. Anti-corruption law that serves as the basis for much of Sands' anti-corruption program. All persons who are covered by the Policy must comply with the letter and the spirit of the Policy and applicable anti-corruption laws. The requirements of the policy address a number of issues/actions, including: 1) the prohibition against bribing government officials (including measures regarding political contributions, provision of anything of value, charitable contributions, lobbying activities, comps, etc.); 2) prohibition against commercial bribes and kickbacks; and 3) prohibition against facilitation payments in all but the narrowest of circumstances.

Human Trafficking Prevention Policy

Exhibit C, annexed hereto, contains Sands Human Trafficking Prevention Policy, last dated October 2024. Sands is "committed to integrity and social responsibility" and "refuses to tolerate human rights abuse in any facet of our business." This includes "Human Trafficking in any form, including Sex Trafficking, Forced Labor, and Child Labor, in its operations and global supply chain." This Policy aligns with international standards and laws in the jurisdictions in which Sands operates, including the U.N. Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as well as the Modern Slavery Act of 2015.

2023 Modern Slavery Statement

Sands' 2023 Modern Slavery Statement (annexed hereto as Exhibit D), indicates that:

> *Beginning with our core values of excellence in business performance, impeccable service, innovation, sustainability, and fairness and honesty in all that we do, our policies instill all Sands Team Members with the duty to prevent, detect and report any acts that could signal potential human rights violations.*

The 2023 Modern Slavery Statement notes that Sands has adopted a Human Rights Statement that respects and supports:

> *internationally recognized human rights including the prohibition against child and forced labor, freedom of association, and protection from any form of illegal discrimination, among other things. In our statement, we demonstrate clear commitment to upholding the highest legal and ethical standards and ensuring our operations satisfy international human rights principles.*

The 2023 Modern Slavery Statement is to be read and applied in conjunction with Sands' other policies, including, but not limited to, the Code of Business Conduct & Ethics, the Human Trafficking Prevention Policy, the Supplier Code of Conduct and the Reporting and Non-Retaliation Policy.

With respect to the comments regarding alcohol use, Sands has procedures to assist casino employees in identifying whether a person is in a state of intoxication and to handling situations where a person appears intoxicated. While casino employees are not trained mental health professionals, they are trained to look for signs of intoxication, such as the smell of alcohol, lack of judgment, noticeable change in behavior, slurred speech, among others.

Sands also has specific protocols that are to be followed in dealing with intoxicated persons who are attempting to enter the casino or who are already within the casino. In either circumstance, the casino employee must inform a supervisor/manager, contact security personnel and, potentially, the Responsible Gambling Ambassador (RGA) within the casino. If a person attempting to enter the casino is assessed to be in a state of intoxication, that person will be refused entry into the casino by security officers. If a patron within the casino is assessed to be in a state

of intoxication, the casino employee (and security, if and as necessary) will immediately cease all gambling activity and service of alcohol. All casino employees are trained to refuse gaming activities to any patron who is in a state of intoxication, and all food and beverage personnel are trained to refuse entry to those who appear intoxicated and to refuse alcohol service to patrons already within the casino who appear intoxicated. These measures are designed to minimize the potential for intoxicated persons to enter the casino, and for those already in the casino from engaging in excessive levels of alcohol consumption.

Criminal Activity

With respect to crime, Greenberg Traurig, LLP ("GT") analyzed the crime rates of the closest Long Island casino to the proposed Integrated Resort, Jake's 58 Long Island Hotel & Casino ("Jake's 58"). Jake's 58, located at 3653 Express Drive North, Islandia, has been fully operational since May 2017 and is located approximately 23.5 miles east of the proposed Integrated Resort. It provides 1,000 video lottery terminal ("VLT") gaming machines to its patrons and is currently undergoing a $210 million expansion to double the number of VLT gaming machines, as well as adding new restaurants and parking spaces.[1]

GT submitted a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request to the Suffolk County Police Department for all prosecuted cases from January 1, 2022, through March 21, 2024, where the location of the criminal act was Jake's 58. A copy of the FOIL results is annexed hereto as Exhibit E.

Over the 27-month period set forth in the FOIL request, only fourteen (14) arrests occurred. Furthermore, on two separate occasions, the perpetrator was assigned two arrest numbers for crimes committed during the same incident.[2] Accordingly, there were only twelve (12) people arrested for incidents that occurred at Jake's 58 during the 27-month period. Stated differently, an arrest occurred once every 10 weeks.

The types of crimes committed at Jake's 58 over the 27-month period are generally considered "lower-level crimes" - ranging from violations (non-criminal offenses) to Class A Misdemeanors. Additionally, there were only two (2) arrests for violation of Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1192 (driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs). Please note, the FOIL results do not provide the criminal charge at time of arraignment (which may have been reduced by the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office).

The FBI provides statistics for all crime committed in the United States. The FBI's "Offenses Known to Law Enforcement" report reveals that in Suffolk County there were 16,053 criminal offenses known to law enforcement during the 2019 calendar year.[3] The 14 abovementioned arrests that occurred at Jake's 58 represents 0.09% of all criminal offenses in Suffolk County known to law enforcement in 2019.

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[1] Long Island Business News, Groundbreaking for $210M expansion project at Jake's 58 (April 11, 2024) https://libn.com/2024/04/11/groundbreaking-for-210m-expansion-project-at-jakes-58/ .
[2] Arrests on March 3, 2023 and October 7, 2023.
[3] Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2019 Crime in the United States, https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2019/crime-in-the-u.s.-2019/tables/table-10/table-10-state-cuts/new_york.xls .

During that same period, the FBI's report listed that in Nassau County, home of the proposed Integrated Resort, there were 10,869 criminal offenses known to law enforcement. If Jake's 58 was located in Nassau County, the 14 arrests would represent merely 0.13% of all Nassau County criminal offenses known to law enforcement in 2019.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing and the annexed exhibits, Sands has a strict Code of Business Ethics and various policies relating to the safety of properties; preventing discrimination and harassment; preventing human trafficking, bribery and corruption, and money laundering; preventing and addressing intoxication; complying with gaming laws and regulations; promoting responsible gaming; adhering to global trade laws; maintaining accurate books and records; and complying with securities trading laws, among many others. Moreover, Sands has regular training programs for its employees. In addition, the data regarding crime and gaming facilities at Jake's 58 indicate that, contrary to various assertions made, these uses do not result in significant increases to the local crime rate.

Very truly yours,

GREENBERG TRAURIG, LLP

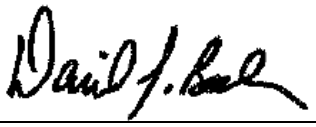
By: 

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EXHIBIT A

CODE OF BUSINESS CONDUCT & ETHICS

Effective April 2023

Sands

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Introduction to the Code of Conduct

At Sands, we are committed to our core values of excellence in business performance, impeccable service, innovation, sustainability, and fairness and honesty in all that we do. By living these values every day, we have built an enduring legacy as a global business leader, and we've made the regions in which we operate better places to live, work and visit.

In this regard, I am proud to introduce the 2023 edition of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics. The Code sets forth our guiding principles and explains how to translate those principles into our everyday work. We are committed to operating with integrity while maintaining a sharp focus on respecting our guests and Team Members, actively engaging with the communities we serve, and always doing business the right way.

The past few years have been challenging for our company. We have all felt pressures as we worked our way through a period of uncertainty into a new era filled with hope, exciting opportunities, and high expectations. As we move forward, we want to ensure that all of our Team Members and business partners exemplify our commitment to behaving ethically and in accordance with the laws of the United States and all of the regions in which we operate. If difficult questions arise, make no mistake: we always want you to choose to act with integrity, and we are committed to ensuring that you always feel empowered to do so.

Every Team Member has an obligation to read and understand this Code and to speak up if you have questions, or if you believe you have experienced conduct that might violate its principles. Only by making ethical choices—and by speaking up if you believe others have not—can we ensure that our culture of integrity, which we have built and cultivated for so many years, will be preserved.

As always, we remain committed to the highest standards of professional conduct in every way and every place we do business.

ROBERT G. GOLDSTEIN
Chairman of the Board and
Chief Executive Officer

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DOING WHAT'S RIGHT FOR INDIVIDUALS, THE COMPANY, INVESTORS, & OUR COMMUNITY

Doing Business the Right Way

At Sands, we believe in providing unmatched guest service. This concept runs through everything we do, from how we design our hotels to the extra effort our Team Members provide to a guest in need. But just as importantly, we always act with integrity, meeting our legal and ethical duties. In short, whatever we do, we do it the right way. This means in carrying out our mission to provide our guests with the very best experience, we keep four principles of ethical conduct in mind at all times:

1. We respect individuals
Whether Team Members, guests, suppliers, or members of the community, we treat each individual with whom we come into contact with the utmost respect. We strive to make sure they are safe and free from discrimination or harassment.

2. We do business ethically and legally
We follow the letter and the spirit of all laws the Company is obligated to follow. We are aware of our global obligations. We act with integrity in every action we take on behalf of the Company.

3. We protect our Company and our investors
The continued growth of the Company benefits our investors and our Team Members. Our actions are designed to safeguard the assets and reputation of the Company.

4. We enhance our communities
The Company has properties in locations around the globe. Our interactions with the communities in which we work provide opportunities to improve the world around us. Whether working with local governments, or making sure we act as stewards of the environment we live in, we look to make our communities better places.

Doing what is right is the most important job a Team Member has. While it can sometimes be tempting to disregard this idea in an effort to meet an executive's urgent request, get a job done quickly, or close a deal, this is not a risk we take. No guest, no contract, no deal is more important than the reputation and future of the Company.

The Guiding Principles

We respect individuals	**we protect our company and our investors**
We do business ethically and legally	**we enhance our communities**

We Follow the Code

This Code provides you with a high-level overview of the core principles that govern our way of doing business, as well as links to the more detailed policies and procedures our Team Members and other Covered Persons are expected to know and follow. This Code is intended to help all of us detect and prevent violations of law and corporate policy and to promote individual accountability.

The Code applies to all directors, officers – including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, and principal accounting officer – Team Members, consultants, vendors, and agents of the Company, regardless of where they perform their work for the Company. All of these are referred to as "Covered Persons," and when this code references "we" or "you" it includes all Covered Persons. When the Code talks about the Company, it includes Sands, and/or its affiliates, including Sands China Ltd. ("SCL"), Marina Bay Sands Pte. Ltd. ("MBS"), and/or their affiliates.

As you read the Code and related materials, keep in mind compliance and integrity are elements of each of our jobs and are essential parts of our commitment to leading in all aspects of our business. The Sands and SCL Boards of Directors and MBS management have made clear that compliance is also a measurement of our performance and the Company has adopted a Clawback Policy, consistent with applicable law, to reinforce its importance. Doing the right thing at all times is a standard to which we must hold ourselves and each other.

As a public company and business operating under licenses obtained in the various jurisdictions in which we operate, we must be mindful of the many important laws and regulations governing our conduct. Compliance with both the letter and spirit of all laws, rules, and regulations applying to the Company's business, including the requirements of any organization or entity regulating the Company, is critical to the Company's reputation and continued success. You must respect and obey the laws of the cities, states, and countries in which we operate and avoid even the appearance of impropriety.

You are not expected to navigate these laws and expectations alone. The Company has numerous resources to provide guidance and a variety of ways to voice a concern, listed in the "Making Sure the Code Works" section of this document.

Our Global Obligations

As an international business, the Company is impacted by the laws and business customs of the countries in which we operate. In some cases, the law of a particular country may appear to require us to take actions that may be contrary to this Code. If you believe a conflict exists between the Code and the laws of a particular country, you should bring the conflict to the attention of the Chief Compliance Officer for your region, the Global Chief Compliance Officer, or Legal.

In some countries, business practices are based on less stringent laws or different business expectations and customs. For business dealings in such countries, the Code should continue to be followed and any requests for variances should be directed to the Global Chief Compliance Officer.

Your Responsibilities as a Team Member

We rely on each other to do the right thing. This means seeking help when you have a question or concern. As listed throughout this Code, there are many ways for you to seek guidance or report a concern – choose the way most comfortable for you.

Report violations or concerns. If you discover what you in good faith believe are actions in violation of this Code, or are actions of a questionable, fraudulent, or illegal nature, you must report the matter immediately in accordance with the Company's **Reporting and Non-Retaliation Policy**. Making a report in good faith does not mean your suspicions have to be correct or proven. It just requires that you provide truthful and accurate information if you have a reasonable basis to believe the reportable behavior occurred or is going to occur. Reports made out of spite or those which intentionally include false information are not good faith reports. To the extent permitted by law, you may choose to remain anonymous in reporting any possible violation – a 24 hour/7 days a week Ethics Hotline is available for web and phone reports, available at lvscethics.com or 1.888.469.1536.

Special Responsibilities for Leaders and Managers

Making sure we comply with the Code is the responsibility of every Team Member, but managers, supervisors, and our Company leaders have a special responsibility for ensuring the Code and Company policies are followed. Every manager and supervisor is responsible for communicating Company policies to their Team Members, including those dealing with legal and ethical behavior. Managers and supervisors are also responsible for maintaining a work environment where constructive, candid, and open discussion is encouraged and expected, without fear of retaliation. But most importantly, managers, supervisors, and Company leaders should be role models for their teams.

We Do Not Tolerate Retaliation

The Company takes all good faith reports seriously. Retaliation against a Team Member making a good faith report or complaint, seeking advice or guidance about a matter under the Code, or cooperating with an investigation of a potential violation will NOT be tolerated under any circumstance. Any person involved in such retaliation violates the Code and is subject to discipline up to and including termination.

Retaliation can take many forms. It can include a manager reducing pay and benefits, denying promotion, or assignment to less desirable shifts. It can also be more subtle; treating someone differently simply because they filed a report or complaint is also retaliation.

Example

John manages six Team Members in the Safety Department. One of them, Sarah, filed a report claiming that John had been passing certain equipment as certified for use even though a full inspection had not been completed. It turned out that John had gotten approval for this from his manager but did not tell his staff. After the report was resolved, John held his annual summer open house at his home. As in previous years, most of the guests were Team Members, including everyone in his department. However, this year he did not invite Sarah because of her complaint, even though she had been invited in the past.

Q: IS THIS RETALIATION?

A: Yes. John's party was held off-property and may have been personal in his mind. But because the guest list was primarily Team Members, and many of the attendees were there as co-workers, not personal friends, not inviting Sarah can be seen as treating her differently than her co-workers. As the only difference this year was Sarah's report about John, a reasonable person could see this as an effort to retaliate against Sarah.

PRINCIPLE 1

RESPECT FOR INDIVIDUALS

We conduct our business in a way that shows respect for our Team Members and guests

KEEPING OUR PROPERTIES SAFE

Doing the Right Thing

We operate in a way that ensures our Team Members' and guests' safety when on our property.

Why We Do It

Any time a Team Member or guest steps onto our property, they should feel the Company is doing all it can to keep them safe. We know they expect to be protected from harm while on our property and we work hard to meet these expectations. We care about our Team Members and want to ensure everyone has a safe and healthy working environment.

How We Do It

- Maintaining and enforcing a Written Workplace Safety Program.
- Making the prevention of occupational accidents and illness a responsibility of every supervisor and manager.
- Adhering to an Environmental Responsibility Policy.
- Complying with all public health and environmental laws pertaining to our operations.
- Maintaining an open dialogue with our local communities on any hazards posed by our operations.
- Working with government authorities, industry groups, and the public to promote awareness of and develop appropriate responses to any hazards related to our operations.
- Providing state-of-the-art security for our properties.

Learn More

- Team Member Handbook
- Written Workplace Safety Program
- Environmental Responsibility Policy
- Sands Project Protect

What Can I Do?

If you see a safety hazard, report it to your supervisor right away. You may help prevent an accident or injury. If an unsafe condition persists, you can report it to the Compliance or Facilities Departments through any of the channels discussed at the end of this Code.

PREVENTING DISCRIMINATION & HARASSMENT

Doing the Right Thing

We are committed to providing a workplace free from discrimination and harassment.

Why We Do It

Sands seeks to foster a workplace where Team Members are treated fairly and are able to reach their full potential and contribute to the Company's success. Team Members should expect a workplace free from harassment and disrespectful conduct. Preventing discrimination and harassment is not only the right thing to do, it is good business as well. The productivity and morale of our Team Members suffer when they are subjected to unwelcome conduct in the workplace. All Team Members should be treated fairly and with respect and protected from all forms of harassment and discrimination.

Harassment is unwelcome or abusive conduct based on race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, or genetic information.

Discrimination is the unjust or prejudicial treatment of an individual based on race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, or genetic information.

How We Do It

- Promulgating and enforcing our Preventing Discrimination and Harassment Policy.
- Requiring all Team Members to complete a sexual harassment awareness training program.
- Training our Team Members to identify and prevent workplace discrimination and harassment.
- Having a zero-tolerance approach to harassment and discrimination within our workplace.
- Basing all employment decisions regarding Team Members on merit, qualifications, and job-related characteristics except as required under local law or local government policy or expectations.
- Providing Team Members multiple channels to report discrimination or harassment.
- Ensuring that Team Members who make reports in good faith regarding discrimination, harassment, or workplace culture in general are not retaliated against or suffer any disadvantage for doing so.

Learn More

- Preventing Discrimination and Harassment Policy
- Reporting and Non-Retaliation Policy
- Sands Project Protect
- U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: https://www.eeoc.gov
- Macao Labor Department: https://www.dsal.gov.mo/en/standard/index.html

Q&A

Q: IS SEXUAL HARASSMENT LIMITED TO UNWANTED PHYSICAL CONTACT?

A: No! Sexual harassment may consist of verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature that is unwelcome or makes someone feel uncomfortable. It can take many forms, including sexual advances or unwelcome demands for dates; sexually oriented jokes, pictures, or text messages; or the display of sexually suggestive images or pornography.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Doing the Right Thing

We are committed to creating a culture of diversity, inclusion, and belonging for our Team Members.

Why We Do It

At Sands, we believe our work culture is enhanced and our business is most successful when we embrace the unique experiences and diverse perspectives of our Team Members. This means showing an understanding of and respect for all Team Members' gender identity, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, religion, and age, as well as their unique cultural backgrounds, experiences, opinions, and ideas.
Our properties serve guests from around the world, and having Team Members who reflect this diversity allows us to better serve our guests. It also creates a more successful work environment for Team Members.

How We Do It

- Recruiting, training, and developing individuals of all experiences, ages, cultural and racial backgrounds, and religious beliefs.
- Valuing and showing respect for the unique cultural backgrounds and diverse experiences of our Team Members.
- Maintaining membership in and support of groups and programs that encourage and promote various diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives.

Learn More

- Sands Cares: https://www.sands.com/responsibility/communities/
- Team Member Handbook
- Sands Project Protect
- Contact Human Resources

IDENTIFYING AND PREVENTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND FORCED LABOR

Doing the Right Thing

We work to prevent all forms of human trafficking and forced labor at our properties and in our supply chains.

Why We Do It

Human trafficking is a crime involving the buying, selling, recruiting, transporting, transferring, harboring, or receiving of persons for sexual services or other exploitative purposes, including forced labor. The hospitality industry is not immune to this problem. Indeed, traffickers often take advantage of the privacy and anonymity hotels offer. Sex trafficking in hotel settings harms the victims and threatens the safety and well-being of guests, Team Members, and the community. Likewise, forced labor threatens supply chain stability and does economic harm and reputational damage to the Company. We proactively work to stop the exploitation of vulnerable people and remain vigilant to the risk of human trafficking and forced labor in our business.

How We Do It

- Promulgating and enforcing our Human Trafficking Prevention Policy.
- Taking a zero-tolerance approach to human trafficking and forced labor.
- Requiring suppliers to comply with our Human Trafficking Prevention Policy and Supplier Code of Conduct.
- Ensuring our global procurement team communicates these policies to suppliers.
- Training our Team Members to identify and respond appropriately to instances of sex trafficking on our properties.
- Engaging with local law enforcement for specialized training.
- Partnering with local government and non-profit organizations on anti-trafficking efforts.
- Conducting third party audits of suppliers to evaluate whether workers are treated fairly, and engaging with suppliers on remediation where issues are identified.
- Prohibiting the use of recruiters that charge employees fees (unless mandatory by local law) or impose inappropriate conditions of hire or employment.

Learn More

- Human Trafficking Prevention Policy
- Sands Project Protect
- Supplier Code of Conduct

What Can I Do?

Be alert. Team Members who are in frequent contact with our guests, business partners, suppliers, potentially vulnerable workers, and other parties with whom we come into contact are in the best position to observe potentially troubling behavior. When you see a concerning situation, evaluate it for signs of human trafficking or forced labor. If sufficient indicators are present, alert your supervisor immediately. They will assess the situation and notify security if appropriate. For everyone's safety, Team Members should not take direct action on their own.

PROTECTING GUEST & TEAM MEMBER PRIVACY

Doing the Right Thing

We are committed to protecting the privacy and personal information of our guests and Team Members.

Why We Do It

In the course of our business, we collect and use information from our guests and Team Members to provide world-class products, services, and experiences. Guests and Team Members trust the Company to safeguard and protect this information and we are committed to doing so. In addition, many of the places where we operate have laws surrounding data privacy and protection, and it is our responsibility to adhere to those laws.

How We Do It

- Issuing a Global Privacy Policy and training all Team Members to take reasonable measures to prevent unauthorized access to and disclosure of our guests' personal information.
- Disciplining Team Members who violate the privacy of our guests and/or Team Members.
- Securing information maintained in electronic form on systems protected by best-in-class industry security measures.

Learn More

- Global Privacy Policy: https://www.sands.com/privacy-policy/
- Singapore: MBS Personal Data Protection Policy Manual
- Macao: Personal Data Guidelines

Q&A

Q: I HAVE SOME PAPERS THAT INCLUDE A LOT OF TEAM MEMBER PERSONAL DATA AND SALARY DETAILS THAT I NO LONGER NEED. CAN I JUST THROW THESE PAPERS AWAY IN THE GENERAL RECYCLING BIN?

A: No! Records containing personal data need to be disposed of securely (i.e., by shredding or using a secure document disposal facility).

PRINCIPLE 2

DOING BUSINESS ETHICALLY & LEGALLY

In everything we do, we follow the law and act in a responsible and ethical manner

COMPLYING WITH GAMING LAWS & REGULATIONS

Doing the Right Thing

We comply with gaming laws and regulations in every jurisdiction in which we conduct business.

Why We Do It

Gaming is a highly regulated business. All of our properties operate pursuant to specially granted licenses and/or concessions. Accordingly, we must be cognizant of the laws, rules, and regulations governing our gaming activities. We also have a responsibility to ensure our gaming activity is fair to our patrons.

How We Do It

- Complying with all rules and regulations set forth by gaming regulators in the regions in which we operate.
- Maintaining a successful compliance program focusing on gaming regulatory matters.
- Creating gaming-related policies, procedures, and internal controls, and publicizing them where appropriate.
- Cooperating with regulators in the jurisdictions in which we operate.
- Training Team Members on casino-related operations and the rules applying to them.

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PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE GAMING

Doing the Right Thing

We are a leader in making responsible gaming a top priority.

Why We Do It

We take responsible gaming very seriously. Our goal is to remain the industry leader in responsible gaming and to ensure that the necessary community resources are available both for guests who seek assistance and the organizations that help provide care and support.

How We Do It

- Ensuring that we not only comply with, but well exceed all responsible gaming government regulations.
- Training Team Members how to recognize and respond to guests who may exhibit signs of or seek help for problematic gaming behavior. Establishing a fun and safe environment that promotes responsible gaming in our resorts and raising awareness of the potential effects associated with problem gambling.
- Developing robust programs and initiatives that provide information to increase guest awareness of responsible gaming and the support that is available.
- Partnering with leading experts to develop a specialized Responsible Gaming Ambassador program to train Team Members how to respond to our guests' needs and refer them to appropriate support services.
- Working with local governments and service providers in every community in which we operate.

Learn More

- Sands: https://www.sands.com/responsibility/people/
- Marina Bay Sands: https://www.marinabaysands.com/company-information/responsible-gambling.html
- Sands China Ltd.: https://www.sandschina.com/community-affairs/responsible-gaming.html
- Sands Project Protect

How Can I Help?

- Familiarize yourself with all Responsible Gaming program materials and services and know how to direct guests to resources addressing the issue.
- Know when and how to call upon a Responsible Gaming Ambassador to assist a guest in need.
- Become a Responsible Gaming Ambassador by attending the annual training.

PREVENTING BRIBERY & CORRUPTION

Doing the Right Thing

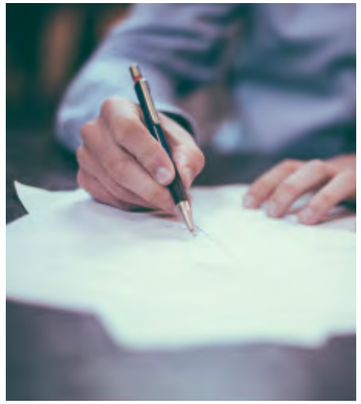
Neither we nor anyone acting on our behalf will ever pay, offer to pay, receive, or solicit any bribe, kickback, or other payment, whether cash or anything of value, in order to improperly do business, gain a business advantage, or secure a license or permit.

Why We Do It

In every jurisdiction where we operate, the law prohibits paying a bribe or kickback to government officials and, in most cases, to an employee of a private company. When someone demands a bribe in connection with their job, they violate their duty to act in the best interest of the public or their employer. The person paying the bribe is undermining fair competition and, if discovered, they endanger their company's business and reputation. For example, as a casino operator, we could lose our license to operate if we were found to have paid or offered to pay a bribe. The law imposes severe criminal and civil penalties on both the companies involved and individual employees responsible for the misconduct.

How We Do It

- Enforcing a strict Anti-Corruption Policy that prohibits any bribes or kickbacks, whether to a Government Official or anyone else with whom we do business.
- Refusing to pay "grease" or make "facilitation" payments to speed up Government Officials in carrying out their duties.
- Limiting the gifts and entertainment we may accept from or give to other Covered Persons or entities with whom we do business.
- Training Team Members on our anti-corruption program.



- Reviewing how we interact with Government Officials and Politically Exposed Persons on our property, including making sure we extend complimentaries only in accordance with our written policies.
- Complying with our Charitable Contributions and Sponsorship Policy requiring management and Compliance Department approval.
- Conducting extensive due diligence on third parties with whom we do business.
- Requiring our suppliers to act legally and ethically in accordance with our Supplier Code of Conduct.

Learn More

- Anti-Corruption Policy
- Charitable Contributions and Sponsorship Policy
- Third Party Travel, Gifts & Entertainment Policy
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Politically Exposed Person Standard Operating Procedure
- Complimentary Policy
- Contracting Overview Policy
- Supplier Code of Conduct

Key Concepts

- **Bribery is prohibited:** No Covered Person or anyone acting on behalf of the Company may ever pay, promise, offer to pay, or approve payment of money or anything of value to any Government Official, directly or indirectly, in order to improperly influence that official to act or not act in their official capacity.
- **"Anything of value":** Includes cash, cash equivalents (such as gift cards), accommodations, meals, theater tickets, employment or internships, travel, and even such things as charitable donations or sponsorships that may enhance an official's reputation.
- **Politically Exposed Person ("PEP"):** An individual (including an immediate family member or a close associate) who is or has been entrusted with any prominent public function in the United States, or in any other country, or an international organization (like the United Nations or FIFA).
- **Government Official:** Includes government officials in the United States (whether at the federal, state, or local level) and non-U.S. government officials (including employees of state-owned enterprises, political parties, and international organizations). It also includes almost all employees of state-owned enterprises.

ENGAGING IN FAIR COMPETITION

Doing the Right Thing

We are committed to winning business fairly and through free and open competition in the marketplace.

Why We Do It

There are a variety of laws we operate under that protect competition in the marketplace and protect consumers. These laws vary throughout the world, but they always prohibit companies from sharing information and engaging in other conduct that could reduce competition. Violations carry serious civil and criminal penalties in some jurisdictions, as well as the risk of private civil actions. We do not need to seek an improper advantage; we outperform our competition legally and ethically.

How We Do It

- Promulgating, enforcing, and training relevant Team Members on our Competition Policy.
- Never discussing, or entering into agreements, with competitors about pricing, allocating customers, costs, or any other topics that could limit competition and harm consumers.
- Respecting competitive bidding processes when seeking new or continuing business.
- Using only legal methods to gather information about our competitors.

Learn More

- Competition Policy
- Information Acceptable Use Policy

Doing the Right Thing in Action

If you are in a situation where a competitor starts discussing these prohibited topics, politely excuse yourself from the conversation and leave the room if possible. Inform the Compliance Department of what happened as soon as possible so it can document the action you took to avoid the conversation.

PREVENTING MONEY LAUNDERING

Doing the Right Thing

We prevent money laundering and terrorist financing activities by complying with all laws and regulations and enforcing a strict Anti-Money Laundering ("AML") Program.

Why We Do It

Money laundering has significant negative economic, security, and social consequences. Money laundering takes several forms, including: (1) hiding the proceeds of illegal activities, (2) making the sources of illegal funds appear legitimate, and (3) spending "dirty money," such as by gambling or shopping. It also includes terrorist financing, the use of funds or assets to support those engaged in terrorist activities, directly or indirectly. A variety of criminal enterprises, including those dealing dangerous drugs or engaging in human trafficking, rely on money laundering to process their illegal profits. At Sands, we assist our governments in combating money laundering and terrorist financing. We We focus on preventing, detecting, and reporting suspicious activities and transactions that may take place on our properties.

How We Do It

- Adopting a Global AML policy.
- Ensuring that we strictly adhere to all applicable AML and Counter Terrorist Financing laws and regulations.
- Ensuring we are following a strict program of internal controls to prevent and detect money laundering.
- Providing AML training tailored to appropriate Team Members' duties and responsibilities.
- Promoting and maintaining an open line of communication between departments.
- Knowing our guests and understanding their sources of funds.
- Timely filing all required reports and partnering with local law enforcement and government agencies.
- Recognizing indicators ("red flags") of suspicious activities and transactions.
- Stopping the play of any guest we believe is involved in money laundering activity.

What Does Money Laundering Look Like?

Every case is unique. One example would be a guest who arrives at a gaming table with large amounts of small bills derived from drug dealing. The guest converts the cash into chips, plays for only a few minutes, and bets only a very small portion of their stack. The guest then heads to the cage where they ask for their money in larger denominations. They are paid and leave the premises. The guest can now claim the cash as "winnings" and although they may have to pay taxes on it, they can show it as "legitimate" income.

What Are the Red Flags?

Examples of indicators of potentially suspicious activities and transactions you may encounter include:

- A guest's reluctance to proceed with a transaction after being told it must be reported to the government.
- A guest refusing to provide identification or other identifying information.
- Large or frequent cash transactions with minimal gaming activity.
- A guest providing insufficient or suspicious information, such as conflicting identification.
- Coordination between guests (e.g., chip sharing) without justification or allowing other guests to play under their membership card.

Learn More

- Global AML Policy
- Internal Controls:
  - Marina Bay Sands
  - Sands China Limited

Key Definitions

- **Currency Transaction Report ("CTR"/"LSTR")**: A CTR (called an LSTR in Macao) is a report we must file with the government when a person or their agent conducts a single or multiple currency transactions in excess of a designated amount in one day.
- **Suspicious Activity or Transactions Report ("SAR"/"STR")**: An SAR or STR is a report we must file with the government concerning suspicious or potentially suspicious activities and transactions that take place at or involve our properties.
- **Chip Walk:** A patron may have "walked with chips" when they appear to have left the casino without redeeming the chips in their possession and did not return within a reasonable time frame.
- **Structuring:** The act of breaking down large transactions into smaller transactions in an attempt to avoid the filing of a CTR.

TREATING VENDORS & SUPPLIERS FAIRLY

Doing the Right Thing

We maintain objective and fair business relationships with suppliers.

Why We Do It

Our guests expect the best, and we expect to get the best through objective and fair relationships with our vendors and suppliers. We engage with ethical and trustworthy suppliers who will provide the high-quality goods and services our guests expect and deserve. We select partners who not only provide the best value for our Company but safeguard our reputation for excellence.

How We Do It

- Maintaining a transparent, open, and fair purchasing and procurement process governed by our Contracting Overview and Procurement Policies.
- Reviewing each supplier and vendor to make sure they are operating according to the legal and ethical standards we expect.
- Avoiding conflicts of interest in our procurement process so decisions are made using objective and independent judgment.

Learn More

- Contracting Overview Policy
- Procurement policies
- Third Party Due Diligence Standard Operating Procedure
- Sourcing Procedures
- Conflict of Interest Policy

Key Information

The Company uses Ariba, a purchasing, contract, and payment management software system to ensure products and services are procured and paid for pursuant to our policies and procedures.

ADHERING TO GLOBAL TRADE LAWS

Doing the Right Thing

We follow all applicable laws and regulations that govern global trade and ensure compliance with all trade sanctions programs in the countries where we do business.

Why We Do It

The Company conducts business all over the world and is subject to various trade laws. These laws prohibit or restrict our ability to engage in business activities with certain countries, territories, entities, and individuals; failure to follow these restrictions can give rise to serious penalties. It is our responsibility to be familiar and comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and restrictions involving our trade activities.

How We Do It

- Adhering to the Company's U.S. Economic Sanctions Compliance Commitment and Policy Statement.
- Training our Team Members on the Company's sanctions compliance policies and procedures.
- Maintaining accurate records of all transactions and audits for at least a five-year period.
- Screening all guests and third parties involved in transactions.
- Being familiar with and identifying "warning flags" described in the Company's U.S. Economic Sanctions Compliance Commitment and Policy Statement.
- Refusing to participate in international boycotts.
- Following regulations regarding the import or export of specified goods, services, software, or technologies.

Learn More

- U.S. Economic Sanctions Compliance Commitment and Policy Statement

Key Concepts

- **U.S. Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC"):** OFAC is responsible for administering and enforcing economic sanctions programs, primarily against countries, territories, entities, and individuals.
- **Country-Based Sanctions:** Country-based sanctions prohibit any and all unlicensed transactions or other dealings involving the sanctioned countries/territories, entities organized under their laws, their governments, their residents, and in some cases nationals, of such countries/territories.
- **Specially Designated Nationals ("SDN"):** An SDN is an individual or an entity specifically designated by OFAC as a threat to U.S. national security and other U.S. foreign policy goals, with whom U.S. persons cannot deal absent OFAC authorization and whose property they must block (freeze).

PRINCIPLE 3

PROTECTING OUR COMPANY & INVESTORS

We have a responsibility to grow and protect the Company while enhancing shareholder value

PROTECTING COMPANY RESOURCES

Doing the Right Thing

We protect Company resources by using them only for legitimate business purposes.

Why We Do It

The Company knows you need the right tools to do your job the right way. In some cases, those tools may literally be a hammer or a screwdriver; in other cases, it could be a computer, a copier, or the linens we use in guest suites. Our job is to use those resources honestly and efficiently for legitimate business purposes. If our resources are wasted or unavailable, our business will be disrupted.

How We Do It

- Requiring Team Members to sign and abide by the Team Member Handbook.
- Not using Company resources for personal purposes.
- Immediately reporting the loss or theft of Company property.
- Receiving Compliance Department approval for use of a Company asset for political purposes.

Learn More

- Team Member Handbook

Examples of Improper Use

Borrowing tools to use on a home project; reselling used equipment for personal profit; using a Company vehicle to drive for a ride-sharing service; making personal charges on a Company credit card, even if you intend to pay it back; spending Company time working on a side business.

MAINTAINING ACCURATE BOOKS & RECORDS

Doing the Right Thing

We implement an effective system of internal controls to ensure our internal books and records are accurate and complete.

Why We Do It

The trust of the public, regulators, and our investors is paramount. If we lose that trust, we undermine the Company's ability to operate. Part of maintaining that trust is making sure we have a thorough and complete system of internal controls. There can be no question about the accuracy of Company books and records or the integrity of the processes the Company employs. Our records must fully and accurately reflect what actually happens each and every time we engage in a business transaction. In addition, the laws under which the Company operates have very specific requirements with regard to our books and records.

How We Do It

As a company, we follow three key principles:

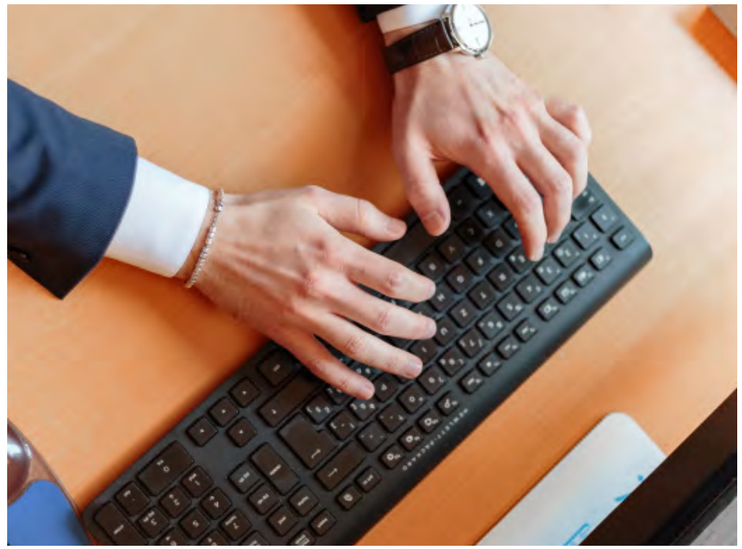
- Maintain, and require all Team Members to comply with, our internal controls.
- Ensure that our internal books and records are prepared with the highest standard of care and accurately reflect our financial transactions.
- Provide reports and documents to the public and our regulators that are complete, accurate, timely, and understandable.

In addition, each individual Team Member is responsible for making sure:

- All transactions are transparent and accurate. Do not establish, for any purpose, an unauthorized, undisclosed, or unrecorded fund or asset. Do not make any attempt to hide or disguise the true nature or cost of any transaction. Do not falsify, omit, alter, or conceal any facts in Company business records.
- Any spending of Company funds must be within your authority under the Approval and Authorization Guidelines and Approval and Authorization Policy.
- Transactions with customers and third parties are structured or recorded in a manner consistent with the Company's policies and procedures for engaging, contracting, and paying third parties.
- All third parties undergo our screening and due diligence process, and contracts with them are tracked, typically via Ariba, the automated system that helps us manage our relationships.

Learn More

- Approval and Authorization Policy
- Contracting Overview Policy
- Financial Reporting Controls & Procedures
- Accounting Policies
- Complimentary Policy



Key Information

When the Code refers to "books and records" or "business records," it is not limited to the formal accounting ledgers kept by the Company. It includes any document, whether hard copy or electronic, that is created or used in the course of accounting for the Company's operations. This includes emails, spreadsheets, presentations, memos, invoices, purchase orders, and expense reports, as just a few examples. All of these records must be accurate and truthful. You are accountable for the accuracy of the records you create or maintain.

AVOIDING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Doing the Right Thing

We work diligently to identify and prevent situations in which Covered Persons' interests conflict or appear to conflict with the best interests of the Company.

Why We Do It

Our investors and fellow Team Members expect that in everything we do at work we act in the best interests of Sands. We bring fair and unbiased independent judgment to our work so we can maximize shareholder value and help grow the Company. A conflict of interest exists where a Covered Person has a personal or private interest that does, could, or appears to interfere with the Covered Person's ability to do a job fairly and ethically, or that compromises his or her position of trust with the Company.

How We Do It

- Following the detailed Conflict of Interest Policy that requires us to disclose and resolve all conflicts.
- Avoiding any personal or private interest that does, could, or appears to influence our independent judgment or conflicts with the Company's interests.
- Providing written notice to the Company of any actual, perceived, or potential conflicts of interests, as soon as the Covered Person becomes aware of the situation by:
  - Completing the Disclosure Form attached to the Conflict of Interest Policy, or
  - Using the reporting tool in ServiceNow (our electronic portal).
- Prioritizing advancement of the Company's legitimate business interests.

Key Concepts

- Do not accept gifts or entertainment that could unduly influence our business decisions in order to ensure that we award business solely on the merits and at the best terms and conditions for the Company.
- Do not engage in secondary employment or have an outside business interest that conflicts with your responsibilities to, or competes with, the Company.
- Ensure that your personal relationships, whether family, friends, or otherwise, do not improperly influence your decisions at work.
- Make sure your activities outside of work do not interfere with your job responsibilities, reflect poorly on the Company, or create a conflict with the Company's business goals. Requisite approvals must be sought, for example, for certain management levels to serve on a board of directors or executive level of a public or private company or a non-profit or industry board or association.
- Do not use Company information, property, or authority in pursuing outside financial interests.
- Do not use your position or Company resources (1) to take opportunities away from Sands, (2) for personal gain, or (3) to compete against the Company.

Learn More

- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Anti-Corruption Policy
- Third Party Travel, Gifts & Entertainment Policy
- Complimentary Policy
- Team Member Travel and Expense Policy
- Competition Policy
- Team Member Handbook

Examples

Actual Conflict: Jane in the Horticulture Department is overseeing a bid for a new flower supplier. Her husband owns a flower company and submits a bid for the job. Even though the husband's bid is higher cost, Jane selects him for the contract without disclosing their relationship. Jane violated the policy both by failing to disclose the relationship and by letting the relationship influence the award of the contract.

Potential Conflict: Sarah works in IT. For almost 10 years she worked for Acme Corp., which is now bidding on an IT contract with Sands. Sarah is not directly involved in the contracting process, but she will work closely with whomever is selected and may be asked for performance feedback. Sarah raises this issue with her supervisor and they agree she will not be consulted about vendor selection and any performance reviews of the selected vendor will be screened by the supervisor. Sarah and her supervisor have appropriately resolved this potential conflict.

Perceived Conflict: Fred manages a team of about 50 Team Members. At a social event, Fred hears that John, who is on Fred's team, is selling a vintage car. Fred is a collector. Fred asks John about the car and John says he has it listed for $15,000, but will give it to Fred for $12,000 because he wants to "sell it quickly." Should Fred accept? Probably not. Other Team Members may view John's discount as an attempt to gain favor with the boss. Even if $12,000 is a reasonable price, the apparent discount gives the appearance of an inappropriate gift to a supervisor.

SAFEGUARDING COMPANY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION & INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Doing the Right Thing

We protect the Company's confidential and proprietary information by not disclosing it to any unauthorized persons.

Why We Do It

Sands has invested significant time and resources into developing its business practices and intellectual property. Unauthorized disclosure of this information could destroy its value to the Company and give an unfair advantage to others. Each of us must diligently protect the Company's confidential business and technical information as we do its tangible property.

How We Do It

- Requiring Team Members to abide by the Confidentiality Agreement or Data Retention and Classification Policy in the Team Member Handbook.
- Prohibiting disclosure of confidential information to third parties without written authorization.
- Only disseminating information to and sharing access to documents or systems with Team Members specifically authorized for access.
- Protecting information entrusted to us by third parties and business partners as if it was Company information.
- Prohibiting Team Members and business partners from using Company intellectual property for personal or outside business ventures.
- Requiring the Sands' CEO's approval for any grant of naming rights to a Company venue.

Learn More

- Team Member Handbook
- Data Retention and Classification Policy

Key Definitions

- **Intellectual Property:** Any work of invention that is developed as a result of creativity or diligence and which can be protected under law, including copyrights, trademarks, patents, trade secrets and other know-how. For example, marketing materials, ads, and game designs or processes.
- **Confidential Information:** All non-public or proprietary information owned by or pertaining to the Company or its executives, vendors, and guests that was learned as a result of your relationship with the Company. This includes, for example, customer lists, financial records, and Team Member records.

RESPECTING TRADE SECRETS OF OTHERS

Doing the Right Thing

We follow the golden rule, respecting the trade secrets and intellectual property of our competitors as if they were our own.

Why We Do It

We are committed to competing fairly and ethically. We expect our competitors to respect our intellectual property, trade secrets, and proprietary information. Accordingly, we need to respect their intellectual property as well. This is not only the right thing to do but is required by law. Competitors' intellectual property may be protected by trademark, copyright, and patent laws. Their trade secrets and proprietary information may also be protected under various fair competition statutes.

How We Do It

- Respecting the confidential information and intellectual property, such as trademarks, logos, designs, copyrights, trade secrets, and patents, of our competitors and other third parties.
- Using only lawful means to obtain information about our competitors.
- Never publicly commenting on a competitor's products or services in an inaccurate or untruthful manner.

Learn More

- Contact the Legal and/or Compliance Departments

Q&A

Q: I PREVIOUSLY WORKED FOR A COMPETITOR OF SANDS. IN MY JOB, I HAD ACCESS TO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION ABOUT MY EMPLOYER'S FUTURE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. CAN I SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH MY NEW TEAM AT SANDS?

A: No! We have an obligation to our competitors and you have an obligation to your former employer to protect their confidential information from unauthorized access or disclosure. As such, any attempt to share, profit, or gain from the confidential information of others would not only be unethical but also a breach of our Code of Conduct.

COMPLYING WITH SECURITIES TRADING LAWS

Doing the Right Thing

We comply with all securities trading laws and do not allow our Team Members to use inside information to trade in the markets.

Why We Do It

Securities laws aim to ensure the buying and selling of publicly traded securities – such as our Company's stock – is done fairly. Everyone buying or selling stock should have access to the same information. Maintaining the confidence of the investing public is crucial to maintaining shareholder value. Trading on inside information and tipping are both unethical and illegal; violations carry serious penalties. In addition to strict legal compliance, we strive to avoid even the appearance of impropriety and to protect the Company's reputation for honesty and integrity.

How We Do It

As a Company we:

- Promulgate the Securities Trading Policy and the Data Retention and Classification Policy.
- Require that new hires receive and acknowledge the Securities Trading Policy.
- Provide annual training for all Team Members on the Securities Trading Policy.

Covered Persons and their Immediate Family Members are prohibited from:

- Trading in Company stock while in possession of Material Non-Public ("Inside") Information.
- Tipping.
- Trading Company stock outside the Company's trading window if they are on the Company's restricted trading list and are required to pre-clear any transaction.

Learn More

- Securities Trading Policy (Code for SCL)
- Information Acceptable Use Policy

Key Definitions

- **Material Non-Public Information:** Information that a reasonable investor would consider important in a decision to buy, hold, or sell a stock. For example, you learn that the Company is going to report higher than expected earnings next week. You cannot trade in Company stock until after the earnings are reported. Likewise, if you find out that Sands is about to sign a big contract with a vendor, you cannot buy stock in the vendor until after the contract is announced.
- **Immediate Family Member:** Spouse, minor children, or anyone else living in your household.
- **Tipping:** Providing Material Non-Public Information to a third party not authorized to have the information (even if you don't know whether the third party intends to trade based on the information).

PROPERLY COMMUNICATING OUTSIDE THE COMPANY

Doing the Right Thing

We speak with one voice.

Why We Do It

Our Company is frequently in the news. It may be a routine earnings report, a celebrity attending an event, or an unusual occurrence at our property. How we respond to media requests can impact how the Company is perceived by the public, investors, and regulators. Therefore, Team Members should not discuss confidential Company business with members of the press, investors, or market analysts without authorization.

How We Do It

Directing all requests to talk about Company business from members of the press, investors, or market analysts to our Corporate Communications and/or our Investor Relations office.

Direct Media Inquiries to

- U.S. and Corporate: 702.923.9142
- Macao: +853 811 72143
- Singapore: mediarelations@marinabaysands.com

SAFELY USING SOCIAL MEDIA

Doing the Right Thing

We balance our Team Members' rights to express themselves with the obligation to properly represent the Company.

Why We Do It

Social media is all around us today. It gives individuals the power to connect with one another and express their views to a wide audience. While the Company respects individuals' right to express themselves in social media, we all need to be aware that when we do so we may be seen as a representative of the Company. We have a responsibility to protect the Company's confidential information and reputation when we use social media.

How We Do It

- Recognizing that social media posts are still governed by our confidentiality rules.
- Distinguishing between authorized business communications and personal communications.
- Requiring Team Members who endorse our Company on social media to identify themselves clearly and conspicuously as Team Members of the Company.
- Not allowing social media to interfere with doing your job.

Learn More

- If you have any questions, ask your supervisor or Human Resources
- Team Member Handbook

Q&A

Q: A CELEBRITY WAS ON PROPERTY AND I WAS ABLE TO SNAP A FEW QUICK PICTURES. CAN I POST THESE TO MY SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT?

A: No! As discussed elsewhere, we protect our guests' privacy and do not make unauthorized communications about Company business. Posting the photos would violate both principles.

Important note: In some countries where we operate, the law allows Team Members to freely communicate with one another and third parties about terms of employment and working conditions. Nothing in this Code is meant to limit that right, but you must still adhere to rules around confidentiality and privacy.

PRINCIPLE 4

ENHANCING OUR COMMUNITIES

We are part of a larger community and look for ways to positively impact the world around us

PARTICIPATING IN CIVIC & GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES

Doing the Right Thing

We ethically engage in civic activities to advocate on behalf of the Company and encourage Team Members to individually participate in civic activities.

Why We Do It

Constructively engaging in civic activities in every region in which we operate helps the Company achieve its goals and contributes to public discourse on important issues. Likewise, when Team Members responsibly participate in the political process or civic activities in a personal capacity, they also promote open and vibrant societies. Adhering to all applicable laws and high ethical standards in conducting such activities – as a Company and as individuals – ensures fair and inclusive political processes.

How We Do It

As a Company we:

- Comply with all applicable political campaign finance and election laws.
- Prohibit Team Members from directly or indirectly making political contributions on behalf of the Company or with Company funds unless it is legal and prior approval is received.
- Never exert improper influence on any government agency or representative to gain a favorable outcome for the Company.
- Conduct due diligence on charitable contributions or sponsorships made to civic events or organizations to ensure such contributions are proper and legitimate.

As individual Team Members we:

- Speak and act solely in a personal capacity and not on behalf of the Company.
- Disclose to the Company any political engagement that may pose an actual or potential conflict of interest.

Learn More

- Anti-Corruption Policy
- Charitable Contributions and Sponsorship Policy
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Third Party Travel, Gifts & Entertainment Policy

Q&A

Q: LAST SATURDAY, I ATTENDED A POLITICAL RALLY WHERE I WAS INTERVIEWED BY A LOCAL NEWS STATION. WHEN ASKED TO INTRODUCE MYSELF, I TOLD THE REPORTER THAT I AM A TEAM MEMBER AT SANDS WAS IT OK TO MENTION THAT?

A: Because you are engaging in the political process as a private citizen, and not a representative of Sands, refrain from associating yourself with the Company. If a third party identifies you as a Team Member, make clear that your statements and actions are your own and do not represent those of the Company.

CONDUCTING BUSINESS SUSTAINABLY

Doing the Right Thing

We are committed to protecting the environment by practicing sustainable development and conserving natural resources.

Why We Do It

Our responsibility to the planet is as important to us as our commitment to the comfort and well-being of our guests and Team Members. Our global sustainability strategy is designed to help minimize our environmental impact, and it reflects our vision to lead the way in sustainable building development and resort operations.

How We Do It

- Promulgating policies to promote environmental responsibility and sustainable procurement.
- Developing Sands ECO360, a holistic global sustainability program which addresses key issues including energy, water, and waste.
- Using a formal environmental management system to identify the impacts of our operations, establish priorities, set performance goals, and continuously monitor our Sands ECO360 program.
- Producing an annual progress report sharing our sustainability efforts and achievements.
- Conducting environmental risk and opportunity assessments and developing mitigation plans.
- Promoting responsible business conduct that upholds environmental regulatory requirements and demonstrates industry-leading practices where formal legal standards are not in place.
- Establishing strategic relationships with various organizations to create transformational change in the regions in which we operate.
- Using third-party rating standards and certifications to measure our sustainability performance and improve our methods.
- Providing Team Members and other stakeholders with opportunities to learn about and contribute to our sustainability efforts.

Learn More

- Environmental Responsibility Policy
- Sustainable Procurement Policy
- Sustainable Development Standards
- Sands ECO360 Report

ECO360 STRATEGY PILLARS

How to Make a Difference

- **Conserving:** Use less water, paper, and electricity by turning off lights, setting computers to "sleep" mode, printing double-sided or not at all, using reusable mugs and water bottles, and using hand dryers instead of paper towels.
- **Engaging and Learning:** Participate in Sands ECO360 activities such as assembling hygiene kits with repurposed amenities from hotel rooms, planting trees, the Clean Plate Challenge, building community gardens, property tours,and sustainability education sessions.

MAKING SURE THE CODE WORKS

The Global Compliance Department

The Global Compliance Department, under the management of the Company's Global Chief Compliance Officer, has primary responsibility for this Code of Conduct. This includes issuing it, keeping it updated, answering questions about it, and investigating and remediating any alleged violations of the Code. The Compliance Department works with many other departments of the Company and will make sure that in any matter related to this Code the most appropriate resources are involved.

In addition to all other ways in which you can report allegations of misconduct, illegal activity, or violations of the Code, or ask questions about the Code and the laws under which the Company operates, you can always contact the Compliance Department.

Other Resources in the Company

Human Resources partners closely with the Compliance Department in administering, and resolving issues that arise under, the Code. It is responsible for matters that relate to the terms and conditions of Team Members' employment. It can be contacted with respect to any issue and is likely to be the most appropriate place to initially raise issues related to discrimination and harassment, as well as workplace treatment and conditions.

The Company's Operational Compliance Committees at the property level help ensure the Code is properly implemented and administered. These committees report to the Board of Directors through the Global Chief Compliance Officer and the Board's Compliance Committee.

The Board of Directors' Compliance Committee provides oversight of the Company's compliance program with respect to (a) compliance with the laws and regulations applicable to the Company's business, including gaming laws; and (b) compliance with the Code, its Anti-Corruption Policy, its Anti-Money Laundering Policy, and its Reporting and Non-Retaliation Policy.

The Board of Directors' Audit Committee provides oversight of the Company's internal controls and financial matters.

Seeking Guidance

As we have seen, there are many ways for you to seek guidance or report a concern – choose the way that is most comfortable for you. Key contacts are listed at the end of this Code, but you can always use the Ethics Hotline to seek help:

- Website: www.lvscethics.com
- Phone:
  - United States: 888.469.1536
  - Singapore: SingTel 800-011-1111 or StarHub 800-001-0001, followed by 888-418-1029 at prompt
  - Macao: 0800-111, followed by 888-418-1029
- For additional Ethics Hotline phone numbers in other countries, visit www.lvscethics.com or use the QR code below.

How We Investigate Misconduct

Reports of alleged misconduct come into the Company in a variety of ways, including the Ethics Hotline, direct emails, and through management reporting. The Company takes all good faith reports seriously and protects those making them from retaliation. All reports of alleged violations of this Code will be assigned to an appropriate investigator to conduct a prompt, fair, and thorough investigation.

All information obtained during the course of the investigation will remain confidential, except as necessary to conduct the investigation and take any remedial action, and in accordance with applicable law. Similarly, we ask Team Members involved in the investigation to keep all information confidential to allow a fair and impartial investigation to proceed. Nothing in this Code prohibits you from reporting possible violations of federal law or regulation to any applicable governmental agency or entity.

If, at the conclusion of the investigation, it is determined a violation of this Code has occurred, the Company will take prompt remedial action commensurate with the severity of the offense. This action may include disciplinary action against the accused party, up to and including termination. Reasonable and necessary steps will also be taken to prevent any further violation of the policy at issue. When consistent with law and our confidentiality obligations, we will make every effort to advise the reporting party about the closure of the matter.

Disciplinary Action

The Code is very important to the Company. Failure to comply with the standards outlined herein and all policies referred to herein will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination, where permitted by law. Some violations of the Code or other Company policy are serious enough to warrant dismissal in the first instance.

Disciplinary action will be taken against:

- Any Team Member who violates the Code or pertinent law.
- Any Team Member who deliberately withholds relevant information concerning a violation of the Code or pertinent law.
- The Team Member's manager or supervisor to the extent that the circumstances of the violation reflect participation in the violation, or lack of diligence.
- Any Team Member who retaliates, directly or indirectly, or encourages others to do so, against a Team Member who reports a Code, policy, or law violation.
- Any Team Member who knowingly falsely accuses another Team Member of a Code, policy, or law violation.

In addition, the Board of Directors of the Company has adopted a Clawback Policy which requires a Team Member to return a bonus to the Company where the bonus was achieved as a result of the Team Member's misconduct.

Your Obligation to Help

If you discover what you in good faith believe are actions in violation of this Code, or are of a questionable, fraudulent, or illegal nature, you must report the matter immediately. You will be protected from retaliation in any form or manner. You have a duty to cooperate truthfully and fully in the investigation of any alleged violation of the Code. In addition, a Team Member may be subject to disciplinary action, including termination of employment, if the Team Member fails to cooperate in an investigation, deliberately provides false or misleading (including diverting, misdirecting, or offering incomplete) information during an investigation, or deliberately conceals or destroys records or anything in order to hinder the investigation.

Government Investigations

As a regulated entity, we may occasionally be asked to respond to a government inquiry or investigation. In any interactions with the government we will act lawfully and provide information truthfully and to the best of our knowledge and ability. To ensure that we adhere to these rules and to protect the Company's interests, you must seek advice from the Legal or Compliance Departments before responding to a non-routine request for information directed at the Company from a government or regulatory agency. If you are contacted by a government investigator, we ask that you contact the Global Chief Compliance Officer or General Counsel for your group.

You must never under any circumstance:

- Destroy or alter any Company document or record, including emails and other electronic records, in anticipation of a request for the document or record by a governmental agency or court.
- Lie or make false or misleading statements to any governmental investigator.
- Attempt to persuade any Covered Person, or any other person, to provide false or misleading information to a governmental investigator, to destroy or alter any document or record, or to fail to fully and truthfully cooperate with a governmental inquiry.

Nothing in this Code should be interpreted as prohibiting or discouraging you from testifying, participating, or otherwise assisting in any state, federal, judicial, or legislative proceeding or inquiry.

Waivers and Amendments

Any specific waiver of the Code for the principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer (or persons performing similar functions), other executive officers (Senior Vice President and above), or member of the Board of Directors will be made only by the Company's Audit Committee and will be promptly disclosed as required by law. Any specific waiver of the Code for any other Covered Person will be made by the Global Chief Compliance Officer. All such waivers shall be reported by the Global Chief Compliance Officer to the Compliance Committee and the Audit Committee at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Any amendment of the Code will be made only by the Company's Board of Directors and will be promptly disclosed as required by law or regulation.

This Code Is Not a Contract

This Code is not an employment contract. Adherence to the standards of the Code, however, is a condition of continued employment at the Company. This Code does not give you rights of any kind, and may be changed by the Company at any time without notice. Unless governed by a collective bargaining agreement, written employment contract, or you are employed outside the United States in a country where the applicable law may be different, employment with the Company is "at will," which means that you or the Company may terminate your employment for any reason or no reason, with or without notice, at any time. This at-will employment relationship may not be modified except in a written agreement signed by the Team Member and an authorized representative of the Company.

Acknowledgment

Each Team Member is required to certify his or her understanding of and compliance with the terms of this Code and related policies by electronically acknowledging that he or she has received a copy of the Code. Be sure you have taken the time to read and understand the Code before signing the electronic acknowledgment, which is accessible in your online training package. Other Covered Persons should read and sign the attached form and submit it to your contact at the Company. If, in good faith, you believe you cannot sign the electronic acknowledgment, you must advise your supervisor or the Chief Compliance Officer for your region of your reasons for not signing and provide the information requested on the Good Faith Objection Form, which can also be accessed in your online training package.

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EXHIBIT B

LVS Global Policy

Policy Title:	**Anti-Corruption Policy**		
Division:	Global	**Department:**	Compliance
Date Created:	March 2017	**Approved by:**	Patrick Dumont, President & Chief Operating Officer, Zac Hudson, EVP - Global General Counsel, Erik Sandstedt, Senior Vice President & Global Chief Compliance Officer
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GLOBAL POLICY

1 POLICY STATEMENT

Las Vegas Sands Corp., and its subsidiaries and affiliates, including Sands China Ltd., Marina Bay Sands Pte. Ltd., Fortis and Sands Digital Services companies, (collectively "LVS" or the "Company"), are committed to complying with all applicable anti-corruption laws, regulations, and policies and will not tolerate any form of bribery or corruption. To this end, this Anti-Corruption Policy sets forth the basic definitions and principles of the Company's Anti-Corruption Program. Neither the Company, nor anyone affiliated with the Company, shall pay, offer to pay, receive or solicit any bribe, kickback, or other form of corrupt payment, whether directly or indirectly through third parties.

This Policy should be read in conjunction with the **Code of Business Conduct & Ethics** and our **Anti-Corruption Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)** .

2 SCOPE

This Policy applies to all "Covered Persons" as defined in the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics. This includes all Team Members globally, as well as any person acting on behalf of the Company, such as a consultant or agent. It also includes all LVS businesses, including subsidiaries, branches, affiliates, majority owned or consolidated joint ventures, and any designated minority owned or unconsolidated joint ventures. The term "You" in this Policy refers to a Covered Person.

3 DEFINITIONS

Anything of Value: Any benefit, whether tangible (like cash, cash equivalents, meals, travel, entertainment, and gifts), or intangible (like a job offer or recommendation). Anything of Value should be broadly construed for the purposes of our anti-corruption policies.

Bribe: The offer or exchange of money or anything of value with the intention of inappropriately influencing a person's judgment or conduct, especially when that person holds a position of trust.

Cash Equivalents: Items that are easily converted to cash including, but not limited to, bank drafts, travelers' checks or pre-loaded gift cards from American Express, Visa, MasterCard, UnionPay, or other like providers or specific retailers

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Charitable Contribution: A monetary or in-kind contribution made to a public or private organization that qualifies for treatment as a charitable organization in the country in which it is organized, or to a non-profit institution, or to a public or private educational institution. Charitable contributions are donations that are freely given and intended to be charitable in nature, regardless of whether the Company receives some minor benefit in return, such as a modest meal, tickets to a fund-raising gala, or recognition in a brochure.

Complimentaries/Comps: Goods or services provided on behalf of the Company for the purposes of reinvestment, development, recovery, retention, appreciation, or fulfillment of contractual obligations.

Consultant: Any party, other than a Professional Advisor (as defined below), engaged by the Company to furnish services of an advisory or consulting nature.

Critical Jurisdiction: Any jurisdiction in which the Company does business or is contemplating doing business.

Development Projects: Projects in support of the Company's efforts to improve or expand its existing operations or to investigate or expand into new or emerging markets.

Entertainment: Any form of hospitality offered to a third party. Entertainment can include but is not limited to meals or attendance at an athletic, theatrical, or cultural event.

Facilitation Payment: A payment to a Government Official designed to secure or speed up a routine government action to which the applicant is entitled, such as processing a visa, scheduling an inspection, securing mail pick-up or delivery, or getting utilities connected.

Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA"): The U.S. anti-corruption law that serves as the basis for much of LVS' anti-corruption program. It can be found at https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/criminal-fraud/legacy/2012/11/14/fcpa-english.pdf

Foreign Extortion Prevention Act ("FEPA"): The U.S. law that makes it illegal for any foreign government official to demand, receive, or agree to receive a bribe from a U.S. company or individual, or any person while in the U.S. territory in exchange for or in connection with obtaining or retaining business.

Gift: Anything of Value given voluntarily without any payment in return. For the purposes of our anti-corruption policies, Gifts do not include Patron Comps, Charitable Contributions, Sponsorships, Entertainment, or Patron tips to Team Members who are in tip eligible positions.

Government Official: Any officer or employee of, or any person acting in an official capacity for or on behalf of, a domestic or foreign government, a public international organization, or any department, agency, or instrumentality thereof, or any candidate for political office. For the purposes of our Anti-Corruption Program, Government Officials can fall into one of two categories:

- **Decision Making Officials ("DMOs"):** Government Officials who have the power or authority to affect our business.

- **Non-Decision Making Officials ("Non-DMOs"):** Government Officials who do not have the power or authority to affect our business.

Kickback: The return of a part of a sum received, usually as part of an illicit agreement or as a result of coercion

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Knowledge: Knowing of the existence of a fact, or consciously or recklessly disregarding that fact.

Lobbyist: A person who is registered with appropriate authorities and engaged by the Company for the purpose of advocating for the adoption or amendment of laws. This term does not include parties retained to assist the Company with complying with existing laws or regulations.

Patron: Actual or potential casino customers (whether or not registered in a player program) receiving a Comp associated with gaming activity.

Professional Advisor: A licensed attorney, licensed accountant, law firm, accounting firm, financial institution chartered by the federal government or by any state, underwriter or investment banker regulated by state or federal regulatory authorities, licensed real estate agent or broker, or outside investigator engaged to provide professional services to the Company.

Relative or Close Associate ("RCA"): An immediate family member (*i.e.*, a parent, sibling, spouse, child, or grandchild), or any individual with a significant relationship to a Government Official who could influence or serve as a conduit to that Government Official. Examples of Close Associates include but are not limited to people who share an intimate relationship or a close business relationship.

Sponsorship: Monetary or in-kind corporate support for another entity's civic, community, cultural, educational, or commercial event that is not charitable in nature, but rather made for the purpose of receiving a benefit in return, such as advertising, promotion, brand awareness, or the like.

Supplier: Any company or individual providing goods and/or services, including any company or individual that is currently quoting business, or is interested in providing goods and/or services to LVS.

Travel: Transportation and lodging.

4 APPLICATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of all Covered Persons to comply with both the letter and the spirit of this Policy and all applicable anti-corruption laws. Specifically:

- You may not make, offer to make, receive, or solicit any payment of money or anything of value that is prohibited by this Policy or any applicable laws.
- You must maintain accurate books and records reflecting all transactions in which you are involved.
- You must complete all anti-corruption training as required by the Company.
- You must report any violations of this policy as set forth in the LVS Reporting and Non-Retaliation Policy.

In addition, all LVS managers are responsible for:

- Promoting awareness and understanding of this Policy and all related SOPs.
- Fostering a culture of compliance with the Company's Anti-Corruption Program.
- Ensuring that the Company's Anti-Corruption Program is adequate to prevent, detect, and remediate any violations of this Policy or all applicable laws.
- Maintaining a system of internal controls necessary to carry out this policy.

Any violation of this Policy or of any applicable anti-corruption laws or regulations can have very serious consequences for the Company. Failing to comply with this Policy can be grounds for disciplinary action, up to and

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including termination.

5 REQUIREMENTS OF THE POLICY

A. PROHIBITION AGAINST BRIBING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

1. **General Prohibition.**

   a. All Covered Persons are strictly prohibited from paying, offering to pay, promising to pay, or authorizing the payment of money or Anything of Value to a Government Official or a Relative or Close Associate of a Government Official (RCA) to improperly influence an official act or decision, or to secure any other improper advantage in order to obtain or retain business.

   b. All Covered Persons are strictly prohibited from inducing, facilitating, or causing a third party or intermediary to do any act that would violate this Policy.

   c. Any Covered Person who receives a request for a payment of Anything of Value to a Government Official or an RCA, or who has knowledge of any of the activity described in (a) or (b) above, is required to immediately report such activity pursuant to the Company's **Reporting and Non-Retaliation Policy**.

2. **Provision of Anything of Value.** Subject to the restrictions herein, the provision of Anything of Value to a Government Official or an RCA must comply with the specific authorization requirements set forth in the **Anti-Corruption SOP**, **Third Party Travel, Gifts & Entertainment Policy,** and **Approval and Authorization Policy**.

3. **Political Contributions.** No Covered Person may contribute to any political party, political organization, candidate for public office, or elected official on behalf of the Company, or use Company funds or assets for such purposes, except as provided in the Company's **Corporate Political Contributions and Expenditures Policy** and **Political and Issue Advocacy Contributions SOP**.

4. **Charitable Contributions and Sponsorships.** No Covered Person may make a charitable contribution or agree to a sponsorship on behalf of the Company, or use Company funds or assets for such purposes, except as provided in the Company's **Charitable Contributions and Sponsorship Policy** and **Charitable Contributions and Sponsorship SOP**.

5. **Lobbying Activities.** Lobbyists retained in the United States for the purpose of advocating for the adoption or amendment of laws must be registered in the jurisdiction(s) where they operate, hired pursuant to our **Contracting Policy** and associated procedures, and actively supervised by our Government Relations and/or Communications department. Further, all lobbyists must comply with the **Corporate Lobbyist Expense Reimbursement Policy Regarding Meals, Entertainment, and Gifts to Government Officials/RCAs.**

6. **Comps.** The prohibitions against bribing Government Officials also apply to Comps provided to Government Officials and RCAs. However, the provision of Comps to Government Officials and RCAs who are also patrons of our casinos may be permissible subject to the requirements set forth

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in our **Complimentary Policy** and **Politically Exposed Person Policy**.

B. PROHIBITION AGAINST COMMERCIAL BRIBES AND KICKBACKS

1. All Covered Persons are strictly prohibited from requesting, soliciting, accepting or otherwise obtaining Anything of Value from any party with whom LVS does business except in accordance with the **Third Party Travel, Gifts & Entertainment Policy**. In no case, even where otherwise permitted by the TG&E Policy, may you accept Anything of Value intended to improperly influence you in the performance of your duties at the Company.

2. All Covered Persons are strictly prohibited from paying, offering, or promising Anything of Value to any person related to a third party with whom LVS does business, except in strict accordance with the **Third Party Travel, Gifts & Entertainment Policy**. Moreover, even if permitted under the TG&E Policy, and even where no Government Official is involved, you may not pay any Bribe, Kickback, or Anything of Value to any third party in order to improperly influence any act or decision of that person on behalf of their employer or company or to secure any other improper advantage. This applies even if you receive no personal benefit from the payment or if such payment benefits the Company.

C. PROHIBITION AGAINST FACILITATION PAYMENTS

1. Covered Persons are not permitted to make Facilitation Payments, except in the following two very narrow circumstances:

   a. If the personal safety, security, or freedom of movement of a Team Member is at risk, a Facilitation Payment may be made and then reported to the Global Chief Compliance Officer immediately after the fact.

   b. Where extreme circumstances, such as health, safety, or material impact on the business would result absent payment, the Global Chief Compliance Officer may grant a written exemption to this provision, but only if raised prior to any such payment.

2. If a Facilitation Payment is made under either of the limited exceptions set forth above, the payment must be properly documented in the Company's books and records as a Facilitation Payment and an explanation must be provided.

3. Any Covered Person who receives a request for a Facilitation Payment must immediately report that request pursuant to the Company's **Reporting and Non-Retaliation Policy.**

D. REPORTING AND RECORD KEEPING

1. Any Covered Person who becomes aware of a violation or potential violation of this Policy is required to report that violation immediately pursuant to our **Reporting and Non-Retaliation Policy**. Failure to report a violation can be grounds for disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

2. As noted above, any Covered Person who receives a request for a payment of Anything of Value that would run afoul of this Policy must immediately report that request pursuant to the Company's **Reporting and Non-Retaliation Policy.**

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3. The Company is required to make and keep books, records, and accounts that accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company in reasonable detail. We do this to ensure that all funds spent by the Company are used for legitimate business purposes. You are required to ensure that any records of funds spent or authorized by the Company are truthful, complete, and accurate to the best of your knowledge. You may not use personal funds to do what you are not allowed to do with Company funds.

6 POLICY EXCEPTIONS

Any exceptions to this Policy must be approved in advance by the Global Chief Compliance Officer. SOPs issued by the Global Chief Compliance Officer under this Policy may delegate specific exception approval to the Regional Chief Compliance Officers or other designees.

7 OWNERSHIP

The Global Chief Compliance Officer shall be the owner of this policy.

8 POLICY ACCESS

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More information:

- Anti-Corruption SOP
- Approval and Authorization Policy
- Aviation Screening Procedure
- Charitable Contributions and Sponsorship Policy
- Complimentary Policy
- Conflict of Interest (English)
- Contracting Policy
- Contractor Expense Reimbursement Policy
- Corporate Political Contributions and Expenditures Policy
- Political and Issue Advocacy Contributions SOP
- Supplier Code of Conduct
- Third Party Travel, Gifts & Entertainment Policy
- Team Member Business and Travel Expense Policy
- Reporting and Non-Retaliation Policy (English)

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FCPA Explained

The Company's rules prohibiting the bribery of Government Officials are derived from our obligation to comply with U.S. and foreign laws, including the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA"), federal and state anti-bribery laws, and the laws of other jurisdictions prohibiting bribery and corruption.

The FCPA makes it illegal to:

- Make a payment, an offer, or a promise of payment of money or anything of value directly or through a third party,
- To a foreign official or official of a public international organization or knowing the payment will be passed on to such a person,
- For the corrupt purpose of influencing that person,
- To obtain or retain business.

It is also illegal under U.S. law for a foreign government official to demand, receive, or agree to receive a bribe from a U.S. company or individual, or any person while in the U.S. territory in exchange or in connection with obtaining or retaining business.

PAYMENT: The definition of "payment" under the FCPA is very broad. It includes anything of value, such as cash payments, as well as any kind of gift or in-kind payment. The following are examples of payments that have formed the basis of FCPA cases in the past:

- Cash, cash equivalents, or gift cards.
- A scholarship for a child of a foreign official to attend university in the United States.
- Employment for an official or an RCA of the official.
- A donation to a charity where the official is on the board or acts as a fundraiser.
- Use of a company recommended by the official to act as a supplier, vendor, or agent.
- Lavish hospitality, including travel, expensive meals, and gifts. Specific examples include, but are not limited to:
    - $10,000 spent on dinners, drinks, and entertainment for a visiting foreign Government Official.
    - A $12,000 birthday trip for a Mexican Government Official that included visits to wineries and dinners.
    - A trip to Italy for eight Iraqi Government Officials that consisted primarily of sightseeing and included $1,000 in "pocket money" for each official.
    - A trip to Paris for a Government Official and his wife that consisted primarily of sight-seeing in a chauffeur-driven vehicle.

It is important to know that LVS is not protected simply because a payment is made through an intermediary. It is unlawful to make a payment to a third party, knowing that all or a portion of the payment will go directly or indirectly to a foreign official, and the term "knowing" includes conscious disregard and deliberate ignorance. In this regard, companies are frequently held liable under the FCPA for payments made by consultants, agents, distributors, and joint venture partners.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL. Although the FCPA applies only to non-U.S. Government Officials, our policy applies to all Government Officials, including those in the U.S. Thus, it applies to any officer or employee of the federal government or a state or local government, any department or agency thereof, or any person acting in an official capacity. It also applies to candidates for political office.

In many countries, the government controls all or part of various companies and enterprises. In these cases, all

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employees of the State-Owned Enterprise ("SOE") are considered Government Officials under the law and our policy. This can be true even if the government is only a minority owner of an enterprise. Some examples of Government Officials who work for SOEs include:

- Doctors and purchasing officials working for national health services.
- Employees of companies owned in whole or substantial part by a government, such as a state-controlled telecommunications or utility company.
- In China, unions are often considered a component of the government and members of the union or guild may be considered Government Officials.

CORRUPT PURPOSE. The word "corruptly" is used in the FCPA in order to make clear that the offer, payment, promise, or gift, must be intended to induce the recipient to misuse his/her official position; for example, to wrongfully direct business to the payer or his client, to obtain preferential legislation or regulations, or to induce a foreign official to fail to perform an official function. This term is defined and interpreted broadly. In essence, any payment to a Government Official made while or in anticipation of them making a decision or taking an official action could be viewed as being made for a "corrupt" purpose.

The FCPA does not require that a corrupt act succeed in its purpose. The offer or promise of a corrupt payment can be enough to create liability on its own.

OBTAIN OR RETAIN BUSINESS. The final element of an FCPA violation is the intent to "obtain or retain business." These terms are broadly construed; they are not limited to payments to facilitate the award or renewal of a contract. They can cover any action that makes it more likely that an entity will increase or maintain its business position. It should also be noted that the business in question does not need to be with a foreign government or instrumentality. Some examples of payments made to obtain or retain business include:

- Paying bribes to customs officials to allow a patron to enter the country in order to play at our properties.
- Payments to assure receipt or renewal of a license or concession.
- Payments to obtain approval of construction or design permits.
- Payments to receive immigration or labor clearances.
- Payments to an inspector to overlook violations or deficiencies.

Complying with the FCPA and local anti-corruption laws can be complicated. If you have any questions or doubts, please contact the Compliance Department.

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EXHIBIT C

LVS Global Policy

Policy Title:	**Human Trafficking Prevention Policy**		
Division:	Global	**Department:**	Compliance
Date Created:	July 2017	**Approved by:**	Patrick Dumont, President & Chief Operating Officer
Last Reviewed:	October 2024		

GLOBAL POLICY

1. POLICY STATEMENT

Guided by our values and beliefs, Las Vegas Sands Corp. and its subsidiaries and affiliates, including Sands China Ltd., Marina Bay Sands Pte. Ltd., Fortis, and Sands Digital Services companies (collectively "LVS" or the "Company"), are committed to integrity and social responsibility. Paramount to this commitment is the manner in which we treat our Team Members and guests, as well as the way in which those from whom we purchase goods and services treat their employees. This Policy outlines LVS's commitment to uphold these principles by refusing to tolerate human rights abuse in any facet of our business.

As part of that commitment, the Company condemns Human Trafficking in any form, including Sex Trafficking, Forced Labor, and Child Labor, in its operations and global supply chain.

2. SCOPE

This Policy accords with international standards and the Human Trafficking laws of the jurisdictions in which we operate, including, but not limited to:

- The U.N. Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime ("UNTOC")
- The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA)
- Macau Law 6/2008 on Combatting the Crime of Human Trafficking
- The Singapore Prevention of Human Trafficking Act
- Modern Slavery Act 2015

This Policy applies to all LVS businesses, Team Members, agents, contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers worldwide when acting within their scope of employment or contract with LVS.

3. DEFINITIONS

Terms not specifically defined shall follow the definitions specified in the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.

A. **Child Labor** does not include all work performed by minors; rather, "child labor" that should be targeted for elimination is often defined as that which is mentally, physically, socially, or morally dangerous and harmful to

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children and/or interferes with their schooling. It deprives children of their childhood, potential, and dignity, and is harmful to their physical and mental development[1].

B. Commercial Sex is the exchange of money or goods for sexual services.

C. Covered Entities includes LVS agents, contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers.

D. Facilitation includes but is not limited to:

- Assisting in the concealment of human trafficking activity;
- Coordinating human trafficking activity on behalf of oneself or another person;
- Providing contact information for human traffickers.

E. Forced Labor or "labor trafficking" encompasses the range of activities—including recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing, or obtaining victims—involved when an individual uses force or physical threats, psychological coercion, deception, or other coercive means to compel another to work. Forced labor also includes debt bondage, whereby the victim may at first agree to work for an individual and pay an initial "work placement" fee, but which fee, instead of being reduced over time, is, through fraud or deception, increased to the point the victim is in effect coerced into indefinite forced labor, involuntary servitude or slavery or, in some instances, to having to perform commercial sex acts.

F. Human Trafficking or "trafficking in persons" is an umbrella term for the act of recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing, or obtaining a person for exploitation through the use of threat, force, fraud, deception or coercion. Other terms employed interchangeably include involuntary servitude, slavery, and debt bondage. Human Trafficking includes Sex Trafficking, Forced Labor, and Child Labor, as defined in this section.

G. Sex Trafficking occurs when an individual is coerced, forced, or deceived into performing a commercial sex act. When a child is induced to perform a commercial sex act, the crime constitutes trafficking regardless of whether coercion, force, or fraud were used and regardless of consent[2].

4. APPLICATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

This Policy applies to all LVS businesses, Team Members and Covered Entities when acting within the scope of their employment or contract with LVS.

Company Team Members must not engage in nor aid and abet any form of Human Trafficking and must report any violations of this Policy through the means of reporting listed at the end of this Policy or any means as set forth in the Reporting and Non-Retaliation Policy.

LVS Senior Management, in addition to the above responsibilities covering all Team Members, is further responsible for promoting awareness and understanding of this Policy and all related SOPs.

The Company's **agents, contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers worldwide** are required to abide by the Company's Supplier Code of Conduct as well as make assurances and warranties regarding their compliance with international standards and the Human Trafficking laws of the relevant jurisdictions when acting within their scope of employment or contract with LVS.

[1] http://www.ilo.org/ipec/facts/lang--en/index.htm

[2] For more detailed discussion of Modern Slavery related terms, *see* https://www.state.gov/what-is-modern-slavery/

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5. REQUIREMENTS OF THE POLICY

A. Human Trafficking Prevention Generally

LVS will neither tolerate nor condone Human Trafficking—in any form—on our properties, during Company sponsored travel or by any Team Member or Covered Entity in the operation or support of our business.

To that end, LVS requires its businesses, Team Members and Covered Entities to:

i. Not engage in, support, facilitate or tolerate any form of Human Trafficking;

ii. Not facilitate or procure Commercial Sex whether on or off a LVS property, including in jurisdictions where Commercial Sex is legal;

iii. Not use or tolerate Forced Labor, including through the use of:
   a) threats of serious harm to, or physical restraint against, a person or another person; or
   b) any scheme, plan, or pattern intended to cause a person to believe that if the person did not perform such labor or services, the person or another person would suffer serious harm or physical restraint; or
   c) any abuse or threatened abuse of law or legal process;

iv. Not engage in, or support the use of Child Labor, and comply with all applicable child labor laws;

v. Not destroy, conceal, confiscate, or otherwise deny access by an employee to the employee's identity or immigration documents, such as passports, work visas or driver's licenses;

vi. Not use misleading or fraudulent practices in the recruitment of employees or offering of employment, and endeavor, to the extent possible, to disclose to employees, in a format and language accessible to the employee, basic information regarding the key terms and conditions of employment, including wages and fringe benefits, the location of work, the living conditions, housing and associated costs (if provided or arranged by LVS or its agents), any significant cost to be charged to the employee, and, if applicable, the hazardous nature of the work. If required by law, LVS or its agents shall provide an employment contract, recruitment agreement, or other required work document in writing, which shall be in a language the employee understands;

vii. Provide or arrange dormitory housing that meets or exceeds the health and safety regulations issued by the host country's government;

viii. Comply with all applicable labor laws, including those governing wages, benefits, and working hours;

ix. Not charge employees recruitment or placement fees unless in strict accordance with applicable laws;

x. Not use recruiters that do not comply with applicable labor laws of the country in which the recruiting takes place;

xi. Provide return transportation or pay for the cost of return transportation upon the end of employment (if required by law or contract).

B. Reporting and Non - Retaliation

Reporting under this Policy is governed by the Company's Reporting and Non-Retaliation Policy.

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C. Violations

i. LVS has a zero-tolerance policy in relation to any of its Team Members who engage in, support, facilitate, or tolerate any form of Human Trafficking. Failure to comply with this Policy will result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

ii. If a Covered Entity is found to be violation of this Policy by engaging in any of the prohibited activities contained herein, LVS reserves the right to terminate its business relationship with the Covered Entity or work with the Covered Entity to implement corrective action to remedy non-conformance, depending on the nature and severity of the violation.

6. OWNERSHIP

This Policy is owned by the Global Chief Compliance Officer.

7. POLICY ACCESS

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More Information:

- ✓ Reporting and Non-Retaliation Policy
- ✓ Supplier Code of Conduct
- ✓ Code of Business Conduct & Ethics

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EXHIBIT D

Sands

2023

MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT

LAS VEGAS SANDS MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT 2023

This statement is written and published in accordance with the requirements of the UK Modern Slavery Act 2015. It outlines the steps we and our subsidiaries have taken to prevent modern slavery and human trafficking in our business operations and supply chain during the financial year ending on December 31, 2023.

OUR COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS

Sands is a global leader in developing and operating integrated resorts. We have attracted valuable leisure and business travel to our host communities and generated significant economic benefits through tourism, revenue, jobs, and business opportunities for local and diverse small and medium enterprises (SMEs), including suppliers, vendors and service providers. Our iconic properties have challenged long-standing conventions in the hospitality industry and transformed our host communities into some of the world's most well-known tourism and meeting capitals.

Our success has been driven by an unwavering commitment to the three pillars of our corporate responsibility strategy:

- **People:** Being the employer and partner of choice in our regions
- **Communities:** Keeping our regions strong
- **Planet:** Minimizing our environmental impact

At the foundation of these pillars lies a core principle: our steadfast commitment to human rights. In this regard, we have established comprehensive policies, procedures and internal controls to prevent any form of modern slavery in our business, operations and supply chain.

NEWSWEEK'S AMERICA'S MOST RESPONSIBLE COMPANIES 2024

We have again been recognized by Newsweek as one of America's Most Responsible Companies for 2024. The media outlet's partner for the ranking reviewed the top 2,000 public companies by revenue and focused on a holistic view of corporate social responsibility that considers three pillars: environment, social and corporate governance.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND SUPPLY CHAINS

Our Business

We are headquartered in Las Vegas, Nevada, and have property holdings in the United States and across the globe. Through our majority ownership of Sands China Ltd., we own and operate a collection of integrated resorts in the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China. These properties include The Venetian Macao, The Londoner Macao, The Parisian Macao, The Plaza Macao and Sands Macao. In Singapore, we own and operate Marina Bay Sands, which is one of the region's most significant tourism, business and retail destinations.

Our integrated resorts feature premium hotels and accommodations, world-class gaming, expansive meeting and conference facilities, celebrity chef restaurants, luxury retail complexes, entertainment venues and other amenities that make our properties ideal destinations for work and leisure. We also own interests in two digital operations: Fortis Games, a video game developer and publisher with employees in the United States, the European Union and other parts of the world; and Sands Digital Services (SDS), a division of Sands with operations in the United Kingdom, the Americas and the European Union. SDS is authorized in the United Kingdom to provide business-to-business iGaming products to licensed online gaming operators.

Our Supply Chain

Our supply chain consists of more than 4,000 suppliers worldwide. In selecting and managing these suppliers, we promote strict compliance with our ethics and sustainability principles. All of our suppliers agree to the requirements outlined in our Supplier Code of Conduct, and we leverage our Sustainable Procurement Policy to source products and services that minimize adverse effects on the environment. Further, we prioritize working with local and diverse SMEs to be a catalyst for growth in the communities we serve. Throughout our company's history, we have consistently driven positive economic advancement in our host communities by creating quality jobs and meaningful local business opportunities.

Our procurement operations are centrally managed from our corporate headquarters; however, our local operating businesses have substantial authority to drive economic growth in their regions. Our largest procurement categories include food and beverage; furniture, fixtures and equipment; technology; and professional services to support our operations. Globally, more than 75% of our sourcing spend is with local businesses.

As outlined below, we have established detailed policies, procedures and internal controls to ensure that our procurement process is fair and our suppliers are fully vetted, monitored for compliance with our human rights requirements, and fairly treated throughout their relationship with our company.

POLICIES RELATING TO MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION

As a developer, owner and operator of world-class integrated resorts, we are keenly focused on ensuring that no form of modern slavery or human trafficking takes place at our properties or within our supply chain. To this end, we have enacted policies, procedures and internal controls to inform and guide our Team Members and business partners on doing business the right way. Beginning with our core values of excellence in business performance, impeccable service, innovation, sustainability, and fairness and honesty in all that we do, our policies instill all Sands Team Members with the duty to prevent, detect and report any acts that could signal potential human rights violations.

We have translated our core human rights statements and policies into multiple languages so that Team Members can understand them, and they are accessible to all Team Members through a centralized policy management system. English versions of these statements and policies can be found at www.sands.com/responsibility.

Human Rights Statement

We have adopted a Human Rights Statement that outlines our fundamental commitment to respecting and supporting internationally recognized human rights, including the prohibition against child and forced labor, freedom of association, and protection from any form of illegal discrimination, among other things. In our statement, we demonstrate clear commitment to upholding the highest legal and ethical standards and ensuring our operations satisfy international human rights principles. We also explain how that commitment is expressed in our workplace policies and practices, including but not limited to our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, Human Trafficking Prevention Policy, Supplier Code of Conduct, and Reporting and Non-Retaliation Policy.

DOW JONES SUSTAINABILITY INDICES FOR WORLD AND NORTH AMERICA

In 2023, we were once again recognized on the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI), with placement on the DJSI World Index for the fourth consecutive year and on the DJSI North America Index for the eighth time. Our Asia subsidiary, Sands China, was named to the DJSI World Index for the second consecutive year, along with a repeat appearance on the DJSI Asia Pacific Index.

We were the only two companies in the Casino and Gaming category listed on DJSI World for 2023, out of 19 companies invited to participate. In addition, Sands was the only company in the Casino and Gaming category listed on DJSI North America, and Sands China was one of only two companies in the Casino and Gaming category listed on DJSI Asia Pacific.

Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

Our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (Code) serves as the backbone for our culture of ethics and compliance. The Code sets forth the following four core principles, which govern every aspect of the way we do business: Respect for Individuals, Doing Business Legally and Ethically, Protecting Our Company and Investors, and Enhancing Our Communities. The Code has an entire section dedicated to the prevention of human trafficking and forced labor and applies to all covered persons, which include Team Members, directors, officers, consultants, vendors and agents of the company. It highlights many of the critical steps we have taken on this important topic, including promulgating and enforcing our Human Trafficking Prevention Policy; requiring our suppliers to comply with that policy as well as our Supplier Code of Conduct; actively enforcing a zero-tolerance approach to human trafficking and forced labor; partnering with local governments, local law enforcement and nonprofit organizations in preventing modern slavery; training our Team Members to recognize and respond appropriately to any signs of modern slavery; and monitoring our third-party relationships to ensure workers are treated fairly.

Global Human Trafficking Prevention Policy

Our Global Human Trafficking Prevention Policy is guided by the United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC), also known as the Palermo Protocol. The policy clearly states that we will not tolerate any form of modern slavery or human trafficking in any area of our business or operations. Among other things, the policy prohibits covered persons from engaging in, supporting, facilitating or tolerating human trafficking in any form, and from using or tolerating forced labor in any part of our business, operations and supply chain. It also requires our senior management to actively promote awareness of these issues and all covered persons to report any suspected violations in line with our Reporting and Non-Retaliation Policy. Finally, the policy requires all third parties engaged by our company to make assurances regarding their compliance with international principles and the human trafficking laws of all applicable jurisdictions.

Supplier Code of Conduct

We strive to be a model corporate citizen and recognize the impact a global company such as ours can have on our local communities and the environment. Accordingly, we require our suppliers to be partners in our efforts to minimize potential harm that could be caused by our business and operations. In this regard, we require all suppliers to sign our Supplier Code of Conduct, which obligates them to respect and comply with the laws, regulations and best practices for the prevention of modern slavery.

First, the Supplier Code of Conduct requires all suppliers to comply with our Global Human Trafficking Prevention Policy and take proactive steps to minimize the potential for any form of forced, involuntary or coerced labor in their businesses or operations. For example, it prohibits suppliers from destroying, concealing, confiscating or otherwise denying access by employees to their identity or immigration documents. It also prohibits the use of misleading and fraudulent practices in the recruitment of employees or in offers of employment. It requires that suppliers communicate the terms of employment with workers in languages they understand and prohibits suppliers from charging recruitment fees to employees or using recruiters who do not comply with local labor laws. Finally, it requires that workers be allowed to freely leave the workplace without retribution at the end of their shifts or upon resignation.

With respect to child labor, our Supplier Code of Conduct expressly prohibits our suppliers from employing anyone under the age of 15, unless they are specifically authorized to do so under local law. Moreover, suppliers may only employ juveniles under the age of 18 subject to certain conditions consistent with International Labour Organization Minimum Age Convention No. 138. It requires that suppliers maintain complete and accurate records verifying the age of all employees and have zero tolerance for any downstream violations – all of our suppliers are required to ensure that their own supply chains are compliant with relevant child labor laws and applicable international principles.

To enforce our Supplier Code of Conduct, we require all of our suppliers to adhere to the requirements of our Global Supply Chain Risk Management Framework, which is described in more detail below.

Reporting and Non-Retaliation Policy

We maintain and enforce a strict Reporting and Non-Retaliation Policy. This policy requires all covered persons to report any actual or suspected violation of the Code, company policies, and applicable laws and regulations. The policy makes reporting mandatory and strictly prohibits any form of retaliation against people who raise concerns or cooperate in compliance investigations in good faith.

In support of this policy, we provide multiple channels for Team Members or anyone interacting with our company to raise potential concerns, including through our confidential ethics hotline that is operated by an external vendor 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The hotline is staffed by people who can speak to callers in their local languages and enables anonymous reporting should a reporter deem it necessary. The ethics hotline can be accessed via telephone, the internet or a QR code that is well-publicized throughout our properties, intranet, newsletters and compliance communications.

From our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics' section on human trafficking prevention:

WHAT CAN I DO?

"Be alert. Team Members who are in frequent contact with our guests, business partners, suppliers, potentially vulnerable workers and other parties with whom we come into contact are in the best position to observe potentially troubling behavior. When you see a concerning situation, evaluate it for signs of human trafficking or forced labor. If sufficient indicators are present, alert your supervisor immediately. They will assess the situation and notify security if appropriate. For everyone's safety, Team Members should not take direct action on their own."

DUE DILIGENCE PROCESSES, RISK ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT

We recognize the risks associated with modern slavery are always evolving due to a variety of factors such as climate change, natural disasters, global pandemics, geo-political conflicts, and economic and supply chain instabilities. Therefore, we are vigilant about keeping our risk assessments, due diligence and other programmatic measures up to date.

We have both enterprise and compliance risk management functions that ensure our company is effectively addressing key risks in our business and operations. These functions report directly to the board of directors and are managed by senior leaders in the finance, legal and compliance departments. In addition, human trafficking-related issues are reviewed on a quarterly basis by our corporate compliance committee as well as operational compliance committees at our properties in Macao and Singapore.

This past year, we conducted a comprehensive human trafficking risk assessment. Based on that work, we identified three higher-risk areas that could potentially affect our business: sex trafficking, labor and recruitment abuses, and forced labor in our supply chain. We take these risks seriously and have developed a multifaceted approach to address them.

First, to address sex trafficking, which occurs when a minor is induced to engage in a commercial sex act or when a person of any age is induced to engage in a commercial sex act through force, fraud, or coercion, our resorts have highly trained surveillance and security teams to guard against all forms of inappropriate behavior, including any potential signs of sex trafficking. Further, our hotel operations teams, including front desk personnel and housekeeping staff, are trained to recognize and escalate any red flags for potential sex trafficking, and we work closely with local law enforcement to promptly address potentially problematic situations that may arise. Finally, while we believe the risks associated with human trafficking in our online businesses are remote, our online gaming products include technological and human controls to identify and respond to inappropriate communication, including possible recruitment, grooming or coercive activity that could potentially take place on our platforms.

Second, we are focused on addressing potential labor exploitation, which occurs when a person is forced, deceived or coerced into working for little or no pay under threat of violence or other penalties, as well as on debt bondage in which a person is trapped in a cycle of debt and forced to work indefinitely to repay it. These risks can be most acute in the leisure and hospitality industries when third-party recruitment agencies are employed to fill staffing needs. To address these risks, we have established a strong control environment that includes comprehensive third-party due diligence and monitoring procedures, among other avenues. We conduct risk assessments, trainings, inspections and audits to ensure our contractors are complying with all applicable laws and regulations, and require and verify that our recruiting agencies are only charging fees that are legal and reasonable. We also stay connected to our contracted employees through orientation sessions and regular check-ins to ensure they are aware of their rights and familiar with our reporting channels.

Third, we recognize the potential risks associated with forced labor and other unethical practices in our supply chain, including in its lower tiers, which may have less visibility and protection for workers. We are also sensitive to factors that can contribute to forced labor risks, such as short lead-in times, late payments, downward cost pressures, global supply chain instabilities, poor record keeping, subcontracting, and a lack of local regulations, enforcement or controls. To address these potential risks, we have developed a comprehensive global supply chain risk management framework, which consists of four phases: onboarding, risk identification, monitoring and evaluation, and relationship management. We also promote workforce development initiatives in our host communities. These efforts are described in more detail below.

Onboarding

Before suppliers are cleared to work with our company, we conduct stringent assessments for suitability via our third-party due diligence process, which categorizes businesses by risk level. All suppliers are reviewed against real-time due diligence monitoring systems and databases that assess various risks ranging from bribery and money laundering to human trafficking. Suppliers deemed as high risk must undergo a broader range of due diligence processes and procedures, such as more frequent due diligence rechecks and background investigations.

All supplier contractual agreements are linked to our Supplier Code of Conduct, which is aligned with international best practices to protect human rights, labor rights, worker health and safety, environmental compliance and responsibility, and overall ethics and compliance. We also encourage suppliers to promote the Sands Supplier Code of Conduct or a similar code of conduct with their vendors.

Risk Identification

As part of our Supplier Risk Evaluation Framework, we perform annual risk assessments for suppliers that conducted business with us in the previous year. We thoroughly assess risk in the areas of compliance (overall compliance risk as well as category-specific risk), business disruption (business reliance and financial risk) and social and environmental risk (health, safety, fair pay, and labor and slave labor risk). Using this assessment, we categorize suppliers into low, medium and critical risk levels.

Critical risk suppliers are those with the ability to significantly impact our business operations. These suppliers may be non-substitutable, provide critical services, be sourced at a high volume or have specific ESG risk factors.

From this assessment, we determine a course of action based on the supplier's risk level, with ongoing monitoring for suppliers deemed to be of medium risk or higher. Further evaluation of critical risk suppliers occurs through self-assessment surveys, site visits and audits performed by our personnel or third-party auditors.

Monitoring and Evaluation

To ensure our partners meet our standards, supplier management teams visit select vendors to review their performance and detect signs of violations. For suppliers that operate in regions and product categories that may be more prone to Supplier Code of Conduct violations, we enlist recognized third-party audit firms to conduct on-site assessments.

We conduct three types of ongoing supplier audits. First, our compliance organization completes due diligence evaluations, which are updated regularly for high and medium-risk suppliers. Second, our quality control team conducts audits of qualifications; on-site facilities, factories and project sites; data security; and other relevant areas for selected business categories, such as construction, furniture and lighting, gaming, food supply and technology. Finally, we engage independent third-party audit firms to conduct on-site audits for suppliers in select regions and categories based on criteria including:

- Type of products or services provided
- Regions in which suppliers are based
- Current and projected company spending with suppliers
- Feedback from our procurement and supplier quality teams

Relationship Management

If we or an independent third-party auditor identify a corrective need, we share audit findings and require an action plan to address the issue. For minor violations, we work with suppliers to remediate issues. Suppliers must follow identified protocols to establish corrective action, and we diligently manage these relationships.

For existing suppliers, we review corrective action plans to ensure they appropriately address audit findings and evaluate implementation of the corrective action plan through documentation or a re-audit of the supplier. In rare cases when the supplier is not cooperative on a meaningful corrective action plan or its implementation, we exit the supplier engagement.

For suppliers beginning a new engagement with our company, assessments are on a pass or fail basis, regardless of the method of assessment: third-party due diligence, qualification review or on-site factory evaluation. We do not proceed into business relationships with suppliers who are unable to meet our criteria.

DUE DILIGENCE PROCESSES, RISK ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT CONTINUED

Workforce Development

In addition to our supply chain risk management approach, we also invest in workforce development programs to create meaningful opportunities for our Team Members and local workers. By advancing job skills and providing workers with access to stable employment and livable wages, we hope to alleviate conditions that create higher risks for people to become victims of modern slavery or human trafficking.

We have established a target to invest $200 million in workforce development initiatives that support the career advancement of our Team Members and expand the skill sets of the local hospitality talent pool in our regions. Our efforts are primarily focused on five workforce development categories: hospitality-related hard skills, business-related soft skills, personal well-being, hospitality and workforce education, and advancement of underrepresented groups. With these efforts, we aim to help people succeed through training, development, and a strong physical, mental and social foundation; provide resources and tools that enable our suppliers and partners to increase business opportunities; and support higher education and learning programs for hospitality professionals and the local labor pool.

FTSE4GOOD INDEX SERIES INCLUSION

We were again included in the index series, which recognizes companies demonstrating strong environmental, social and governance practices and performance.

TRAINING AND AWARENESS

We require all Team Members to complete human trafficking prevention training during their onboarding and annually thereafter. The training is administered electronically, and training statistics are recorded and tracked. We provide robust training materials that were developed using guidance from relevant international conventions, including the Palermo Protocol, the UK Modern Slavery Act, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, and other relevant statutes and guidance documents. The training includes best practices for preventing modern slavery in the leisure and hospitality industries such as identifying red flags, handling potentially problematic situations, and remaining vigilant around security measures and appropriate reporting channels. The curriculum also includes the impact of modern slavery on victims, survivors and the community.

As noted above, our security, surveillance and hotel operations teams (including our front desk and housekeeping staff, among others) receive targeted training on the red flags of sex trafficking, suspicious activity typologies and proper escalation protocols. We also provide our Team Members with reminder cards and handbooks that serve as easy reference guides in the event that they encounter circumstances that could signal potential acts of modern slavery.

Finally, we undertake regular communication campaigns through email, social media, and digital and physical signage throughout our properties to raise awareness of our programs and processes for countering modern slavery and human trafficking. We also make concerted efforts to raise awareness about these important issues through participation in observances such as the United Nations World Day Against Trafficking in Persons and National Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

EFFECTIVENESS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

We continually review our activities to ensure we are promoting human rights and effectively protecting against the dangers of modern slavery and human trafficking. The organizational metrics we tracked in 2023 included:

Counter-Human Trafficking Training

	Number Completed	% Completed
Directors and above	1,057	97%
Managers	4,585	99%
Supervisors/specialists and rank and file	30,435	98%
Total	36,007	98%

Specialized Counter-Human Trafficking Training

	Total
Number of Team Members trained	2,614
Total training hours	4,752

Security Personnel Training

	Total	% Completed
Counter-human trafficking	1,661	97%
Discrimination and harassment	1,649	96%

Code of Business Conduct and Ethics Training

	Number Completed	% Completed
Directors and above	1,127	97%
Managers	4,744	99%
Supervisors/specialists and rank and file	31,096	98%
Total	39,967	98%

Compliance

	Total
Significant instances of noncompliance with labor laws	0
Incidents of non-conformance with the Supplier Code of Conduct	0

Supply Chain

	2022	2023
New suppliers that agree to enforce a code of conduct	100%	100%
New suppliers screened using social and environmental criteria	100%	100%
On-site company audits	116	125
On-site third-party audits	10	15
Corrective plans in place or implemented	10	15
Number of labor incidents	0	0

Investment In Workforce Development

	FY2023
Compliance training	$5,010,441
Team Member hard skills	$47,102,207
Team Member soft skills	$5,756,038
Other Team Member training	$7,478,458
Hospitality workforce training	$2,908,385
Total investment	$68,255,530

LOOKING FORWARD

We are committed to upholding the highest ethical standards and meeting or exceeding all applicable laws and regulations in the regions where we operate. This commitment includes steadfast work to protect human rights in our business, operations and supply chain. As we look forward in 2024 and beyond, we will continue to focus our prevention efforts in three core areas:

- **Team Members:** Team Members are one of our greatest assets. We will continue to review, refine and conduct workforce development initiatives and training on the critical issues of human trafficking and modern slavery.
- **Guests:** We are committed to respecting and promoting the human rights of all people who visit our integrated resorts and utilize our digital offerings. We will continue to review, refine and promote our efforts to ensure modern slavery and human trafficking activities do not take place on our properties or platforms.
- **Suppliers:** Our commitment to protecting human rights and ensuring integrity in all aspects of our operations extends to the vendors and suppliers with whom we do business. We will continue to review, refine and promote initiatives to ensure that our partners provide fair and safe conditions for all workers in our supply chain.

The Las Vegas Sands Board of Directors approved this Modern Slavery Statement for Sands and its subsidiaries on March 18, 2024.

ROBERT G. GOLDSTEIN
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer
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EXHIBIT E

SCPD FOIL Request

CC Number :

Application Date : 3/21/2024 3:48:25 PM

Request Printed :

Name : SNIPAS, ERIC

Address : 900 STEWART AVE, SUITE 505
GARDEN CITY, NY 11530
Phone : 516699608
EMail : ERIK.SNIPAS@GTLAW.COM

Complaintant : ,

Victim : , DOB :

Date of Occurrence : 1/1/1900
Loc of Occurrence :

Client Represented :

Business Info :

Report Type : Other

Other : ALL PROSECUTED CASES FROM 1/1/22-PRESENT AT 3635 EXPRESS DR. NO. ISLANDIA, JAKES 58 CASINO. CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS, INDICTMENT, & DISPOSITION.

Mail Report/Record To :

Request Status : Money Due : 3.50 Please mail payment to : SCPD 30 Yaphank Ave. Yaphank, NY 11980

Disposition : Approved With Redactions

Additional Info : DIPOSITIONS MUST BE OBTAINED FROM SUFFOLK COUNTY FIRST DISTRICT COURT AND RIVERHEAD COUNTY COURT. AG

Signature:	Title : Freedom of Information Officer	Date: 3/21/24

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL A DENIAL OF THIS APPLICATION IN WRITING TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY WITHIN 30 (THIRTY) DAYS OF THE DENIAL. INFORMATION AS TO THE PERSON TO CONTACT IS SHOWN BELOW. THE CONTACTED PERSON MUST RESPOND TO YOU IN WRITING WITHIN 10 (TEN) BUSINESS DAYS OF RECEIPT OF YOUR APPEAL.

SUFFOLK COUNTY ATTORNEY : H. LEE DENNISON BUILDING
100 VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY
P.O. BOX 6100
HAUPPAUGE, N.Y. 11788

3/21/2024 4:15:48 PM

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SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

PDCS-5414-1a

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☐ ii. deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or impartial adjudication;

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CC: 22-0178783/SPD | ARREST: 009385-22 | PIN: 776220

LAST NAME, FIRST MI: CAPOLONGO,MICHAEL P

POLICE DEPARTMENT, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK NY
ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
ARREST REPORT PDCS-1045C

ARREST

DATE OF ARREST	TIME OF ARREST	ARREST TYPE	LOCATION OF ARREST	
06/23/22	1440	SIGHT (SUMMARY)	727 VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY, SMITHTOWN	(X) INSIDE ( ) OUTSIDE

INCIDENT LOCATION:		OCCURRED:	DATE:	TO DATE:
3635 EXPRESS DRIVE NORTH	ISLANDIA, ISLIP	(X) ON ( ) BETWEEN	03/26/22 TIME: 0517	TIME:

ARRESTING OFFICER:	PID #	SHIELD	RANK	COMMAND
MAIO,MICHAEL P	40079	1684	DET	3216

FINGER PRINTED:	PHOTOGRAPHED:	WEAPON (DESCRIBE)
(X) YES ( ) NO	(X) YES ( ) NO	

CT	LAW	ART	SUB	CLASS	DEG	CAT	DESCRIPTION	ATT. COMP.
001	PL	155.30	01	E	4	F	GR LAR 4:VALUE PROPERTY >$1000	X

LAST NAME	FIRST	MI	NICKNAME / ALIAS	DATE OF BIRTH
CAPOLONGO	MICHAEL	P		05/11/1983

ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	NYSID#
94 SOUTH 5TH STREET	BETHPAGE	NY	11714	02459798H

[redacted]

BRIEF DETAILS OF OFFENSE:

THE DEFENDANT, AT 3635 EXPRESS DRIVE NORTH, ISLANDIA, IN THE TOWN OF ISLIP, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK, ON OR ABOUT MARCH 26, 2022, AT APPROXIMATELY 5:17 A.M., WITH INTENT TO DEPRIVE ANOTHER PERSON OR TO APPROPRIATE THE SAME TO HIMSELF OR TO A THIRD PERSON, WRONGFULLY TOOK, OBTAINED, OR WITHHELD SUCH PROPERTY, HAVING A VALUE OF MORE THAN ONE-THOUSAND DOLLARS; IN THAT, THE DEFENDANT DID TAKE TWO JAKE'S 58 LIMITED VOUCHERS WITH A VALUE OF $2,116.17 THAT WERE ISSUED TO THE VICTIM. THIS ARREST IS BASED IN PART ON THE ATTACHED SIGNED STATEMENT OF THE VICTIM, DATED APRIL 9, 2022, ON THE ATTACHED SIGNED STATEMENT OF THE WITNESS, TIM TURNER, DATED MAY 16, 2022 AND ALSO ON YOUR DEPONENT, WHO REVIEWED THE VIDEO AND IS ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE SUBJECT IN THE VIDEO. THIS ARREST IS FURTHER BASED ON THE ORAL ADMISSIONS OF THE DEFENDANT, WHO DID STATE TO YOUR DEPONENT, IN SUM AND SUBSTANCE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO "I TOOK THE VOUCHERS, THEY WERE MINE, I GAVE HER THE MONEY TO PLAY WITH."

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REPORTING OFFICER NAME	RANK	SHIELD	COMMAND	PCT	SECTOR
MAIO,MICHAEL P	DET	1684	3216	04	402

CC: 22-0374225/SPD | ARREST: 009957-22 | PIN: 408692

LAST NAME, FIRST MI: CASTELLI,ERIC S

POLICE DEPARTMENT, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK NY
ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
ARREST REPORT **PDCS-1045C**

ARREST

DATE OF ARREST	TIME OF ARREST	ARREST TYPE	LOCATION OF ARREST	(X) INSIDE ( ) OUTSIDE
07/02/22	1317	SIGHT (SUMMARY)	3635 EXPRESS DR N, ISLANDIA	

INCIDENT LOCATION:		OCCURRED:	DATE: 07/02/22	TO DATE:
3635 EXPRESS DR N	ISLANDIA, ISLIP	(X) ON ( ) BETWEEN	TIME: 1306	TIME:

ARRESTING OFFICER:	PID #	SHIELD	RANK	COMMAND
DEVORAK,JAMES M	41360	7079	PO	0420

[redacted] WEAPON (DESCRIBE)

CT	LAW	ART	SUB	CLASS	DEG	CAT	DESCRIPTION	ATT. COMP.
001	PL	190.23		B	0	M	FALSE PERSONATION	X

LAST NAME	FIRST	MI	NICKNAME / ALIAS		DATE OF BIRTH
CASTELLI	ERIC	S	CASTELLI	ANTHONY	12/01/1981

ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	NYSID#	
319 MARINERS WAY	COPAIGUE	NY	11726	01125293J	[redacted]

[redacted]

BRIEF DETAILS OF OFFENSE:

THE DEFENDANT, AT 3635 EXPRESS DR N, ISLANDIA, IN THE TOWN OF ISLIP, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK, ON OR ABOUT JULY 1, 2022, AT APPROXIMATELY 1:06 P.M., AFTER BEING INFORMED OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH ACT, KNOWINGLY MISREPRESENTED HIS OR HER ACTUAL NAME, DATE OF BIRTH OR ADDRESS TO A POLICE OFFICER OR PEACE OFFICER WITH INTENT TO PREVENT SUCH POLICE OFFICER OR PEACE OFFICER FROM ASCERTAINING SUCH INFORMATION; IN THAT, [redacted]

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REPORTING OFFICER NAME	RANK	SHIELD	COMMAND	PCT	SECTOR
DEVORAK,JAMES M	PO	7079	0420	04	417

CC: 22-0437577/SPD | ARREST: 011730-22 | PIN: 776943

LAST NAME, FIRST MI: HURT,JOSHUA K

POLICE DEPARTMENT, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK NY
ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
ARREST REPORT **PDCS-1045C**

ARREST

DATE OF ARREST	TIME OF ARREST	ARREST TYPE	LOCATION OF ARREST	( ) INSIDE (X) OUTSIDE
08/06/22	1255	SIGHT (SUMMARY)	STRAIGHT PATH N. OF ILLINOIS, DIX HILLS	

INCIDENT LOCATION:		OCCURRED:	DATE: 07/30/22	TO DATE:
3635 EXPRESS DRIVE NORTH	ISLANDIA, ISLIP	(X) ON ( ) BETWEEN	TIME: 2030	TIME:

ARRESTING OFFICER:	PID #	SHIELD	RANK	COMMAND
YOUNG,DAVID C	32551	4486	PO	0420

[redacted] | WEAPON (DESCRIBE)

CT	LAW	ART	SUB	CLASS	DEG	CAT	DESCRIPTION	ATT. COMP.
001	PL	240.78		B	0	M	MAKING A THREAT OF MASS HARM	X

LAST NAME	FIRST	MI	NICKNAME / ALIAS	DATE OF BIRTH
HURT	JOSHUA	K		01/05/1994

ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	NYSID#	
135 N. 28TH ST.	WHEATLEY HEIGHTS	NY	11798	13813843J	[redacted]

[redacted]

BRIEF DETAILS OF OFFENSE:

THE DEFENDANT, AT JAKES 58 CASINO 3635 EXPRESS DRIVE NORTH, ISLANDIA, IN THE TOWN OF ISLIP, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK, ON OR ABOUT JULY 30, 2022, AT APPROXIMATELY 8:30 P.M., POSTED ON THE WEBSITE [redacted] IN A PUBLIC COMMENTS SECTION FOR JAKE'S 58 CASINO THAT HE WOULD, [redacted]

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REPORTING OFFICER NAME	RANK	SHIELD	COMMAND	PCT	SECTOR
YOUNG,DAVID C	PO	4486	0420	02	220

CC: 22-0730608/SPD | ARREST: 017807-22 | PIN: 778617

LAST NAME, FIRST MI: FAHEY,KATHERINE R

POLICE DEPARTMENT, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK NY
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ARREST REPORT **PDCS-1045C**

ARREST

DATE OF ARREST	TIME OF ARREST	ARREST TYPE	LOCATION OF ARREST	( ) INSIDE (X) OUTSIDE
12/16/22	1739	SIGHT (SUMMARY)	3635 EXPRESS DR N, ISLANDIA	

INCIDENT LOCATION:		OCCURRED:	DATE: 12/16/22	TO DATE:
3635 EXPRESS DR N	ISLANDIA, ISLIP	(X) ON ( ) BETWEEN	TIME: 1631	TIME:

ARRESTING OFFICER:	PID #	SHIELD	RANK	COMMAND
BIONDO,JOSEPH D	80443			

[redacted] WEAPON (DESCRIBE)

CT	LAW	ART	SUB	CLASS	DEG	CAT	DESCRIPTION	ATT. COMP.
001	VTL	1192	03	U	0	M	DWI- 1ST OFFENSE	X

LAST NAME	FIRST	MI	NICKNAME / ALIAS	DATE OF BIRTH
FAHEY	KATHERINE	R		07/02/1953

ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	NYSID#	[redacted]
15 IROQUOIS TRAIL	RIDGE	NY	11961	15778606L	

[redacted]

BRIEF DETAILS OF OFFENSE:
THE DEFENDANT, AT 3635 EXPRESS DR N, ISLANDIA, IN THE TOWN OF ISLIP, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK, ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 16, 2022, AT APPROXIMATELY 4:31 P.M., OPERATED A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE HE WAS IN AN INTOXICATED CONDITION; IN THAT [redacted]

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SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTING OFFICER NAME	RANK	SHIELD	COMMAND	PCT	SECTOR
FRANQUIE,LIZA			0000	04	417

CC: 23-0217680/SPD | ARREST: 050795-23 | PIN: 465301

LAST NAME, FIRST MI: WILLIAMS,KENYON R

POLICE DEPARTMENT, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK NY
ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
ARREST REPORT PDCS-1045C

ARREST

DATE OF ARREST	TIME OF ARREST	ARREST TYPE	LOCATION OF ARREST	( ) INSIDE (X) OUTSIDE
06/27/23	1337	SIGHT (SUMMARY)	1531 STRAIGHT PATH, WYANDANCH	

INCIDENT LOCATION:		OCCURRED:	DATE:	TO DATE:
3635 EXPRESS DRIVE NORTH	ISLANDIA, ISLIP	(X) ON ( ) BETWEEN	03/14/23 TIME: 1347	TIME:

ARRESTING OFFICER:	PID #	SHIELD	RANK	COMMAND
ENGELHARDT,THOMAS E	41117	6839	PO	0120

FINGER PRINTED:	PHOTOGRAPHED:	WEAPON (DESCRIBE)
(X) YES ( ) NO	(X) YES ( ) NO	

CT	LAW	ART	SUB	CLASS	DEG	CAT	DESCRIPTION	ATT.	COMP.
001	PL	220.39	01	B	3	F	CSCS-3RD:NARCOTIC DRUG		X
002	PL	220.39	01	B	3	F	CSCS-3RD:NARCOTIC DRUG		X

LAST NAME	FIRST	MI	NICKNAME / ALIAS		DATE OF BIRTH
WILLIAMS	KENYON	R	WILLIAMS	JAMELL	05/30/1985

ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	NYSID#	
9 HENRY ST	WYANDANCH	NY	11798	01701496R	[redacted]

[redacted]

BRIEF DETAILS OF OFFENSE:

THE DEFENDANT, AT 3635 EXPRESS DRIVE NORTH, ISLANDIA, IN THE TOWN OF ISLIP, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK, ON OR ABOUT MARCH 14, 2023, AT APPROXIMATELY 1:47 P.M., DID SELL A QUANTITY OF A NARCOTIC DRUG, NAMELY CRACK COCAINE, TO ANOTHER FOR A SUM OF UNITED STATES CURRENCY. THIS ARREST IS ALSO BASED ON THE RESULTS OF A SUFFOLK COUNTY CRIMINALISTICS LABORATORY TEST PERFORMED ON A SAMPLE OF THE MATERIAL BY FORENSIC SCIENTIST ERIC SORRENTINO, DATED 04/05/23, WHICH PROVED POSITIVE FOR THE PRESENCE OF COCAINE.

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CENTRAL RECORDS SECTION
SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTING OFFICER NAME	RANK	SHIELD	COMMAND	PCT	SECTOR
ENGELHARDT,THOMAS E	PO	6839	0120	01	105

CC: 23-0492308/SPD | ARREST: 052434-23 | PIN: 782513

LAST NAME, FIRST MI: AHMED,ZEESHAN

POLICE DEPARTMENT, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK NY
ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
ARREST REPORT **PDCS-1045C**

ARREST

DATE OF ARREST	TIME OF ARREST	ARREST TYPE	LOCATION OF ARREST	( ) INSIDE (X) OUTSIDE
07/25/23	0006	SIGHT (SUMMARY)	3635 EXPRESS DR NORTH, ISLANDIA	

INCIDENT LOCATION:		OCCURRED:	DATE: 07/25/23	TO DATE:
3635 EXPRESS DR NORTH	ISLANDIA, ISLIP	(X) ON ( ) BETWEEN	TIME: 0005	TIME:

ARRESTING OFFICER:	PID #	SHIELD	RANK	COMMAND
HALPIN,PATRICK T [redacted]	33459	4657	PO	0410

WEAPON (DESCRIBE)

CT	LAW	ART	SUB	CLASS	DEG	CAT	DESCRIPTION	ATT.	COMP.
001	PL	240.20	07	0	0	V	DIS CON: CREATE HAZARDOUS COND		X
002	PL	195.05		A	2	M	OBSTRUCT GOVERNMENTL ADMIN-2ND		X

LAST NAME	FIRST	MI	NICKNAME / ALIAS	DATE OF BIRTH
AHMED	ZEESHAN			08/21/1982

ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	NYSID#	
351 GRAND BLVD	DEER PARK	NY	11729	06766522N	[redacted]

[redacted]

BRIEF DETAILS OF OFFENSE:

THE DEFENDANT, AT 3635 EXPRESS DR NORTH, ISLANDIA, IN THE TOWN OF ISLIP, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK, ON OR ABOUT JULY 25, 2023, AT APPROXIMATELY 12:05 A.M., WITH INTENT TO CAUSE PUBLIC INCONVENIENCE, ANNOYANCE OR ALARM, OR RECKLESSLY CREATING A RISK THEREOF ENGAGED IN FIGHTING OR IN VIOLENT, TUMULTUOUS OR THREATENING BEHAVIOR; IN THAT, [redacted]

CERTIFIED
CENTRAL RECORDS SECTION
SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTING OFFICER NAME	RANK	SHIELD	COMMAND	PCT	SECTOR
HALPIN,PATRICK T	PO	4657	0410	04	417

CC: 23-0615268/SPD | ARREST: 056156-23 | PIN: 711211

LAST NAME, FIRST MI: DAVIS,RAIQUON

POLICE DEPARTMENT, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK NY
ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
ARREST REPORT **PDCS-1045C**

ARREST

DATE OF ARREST	TIME OF ARREST	ARREST TYPE	LOCATION OF ARREST	( ) INSIDE (X) OUTSIDE
09/20/23	1910	SIGHT (SUMMARY)	3635 EXPRESS DR N, ISLANDIA	

INCIDENT LOCATION:		OCCURRED:	DATE: 09/20/23	TO DATE:
3635 EXPRESS DR N	ISLANDIA, ISLIP	(X) ON ( ) BETWEEN	TIME: 1910	TIME:

ARRESTING OFFICER:	PID #	SHIELD	RANK	COMMAND
THOMSON,WILLIAM A	41154	6876	PO	0610

[redacted] WEAPON (DESCRIBE)

CT	LAW	ART	SUB	CLASS	DEG	CAT	DESCRIPTION	ATT.	COMP.
001	PL	190.23		B	0	M	FALSE PERSONATION		X
002	PL	195.05		A	2	M	OBSTRUCT GOVERNMENTL ADMIN-2ND		X

LAST NAME	FIRST	MI	NICKNAME / ALIAS	DATE OF BIRTH
DAVIS	RAIQUON		DAVIS RAQUIAN	11/28/1997

ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	NYSID#
36H COUNTRY CLUB DR	CORAM	NY	11727	13228372Y [redacted]

[redacted]

BRIEF DETAILS OF OFFENSE:

THE DEFENDANT, AT 3635 EXPRESS DR N, ISLANDIA, IN THE TOWN OF ISLIP, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK, ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 20, 2023, AT APPROXIMATELY 7:15 P.M., AFTER BEING INFORMED OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH ACT, KNOWINGLY MISREPRESENTED HIS OR HER ACTUAL NAME, DATE OF BIRTH OR ADDRESS TO A POLICE OFFICER OR PEACE OFFICER WITH INTENT TO PREVENT SUCH POLICE OFFICER OR PEACE OFFICER FROM ASCERTAINING SUCH INFORMATION: IN THAT, [redacted]

CERTIFIED
CENTRAL RECORDS SECTION
SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTING OFFICER NAME	RANK	SHIELD	COMMAND	PCT	SECTOR
THOMSON,WILLIAM A	PO	6876	0610	04	417

CC: 23-0649347/SPD | ARREST: 057217-23 | PIN: 476188

LAST NAME, FIRST MI: MACK,ANDRE D

POLICE DEPARTMENT, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK NY
ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
ARREST REPORT **PDCS-1045C**

ARREST

DATE OF ARREST	TIME OF ARREST	ARREST TYPE	LOCATION OF ARREST	(X) INSIDE ( ) OUTSIDE
10/07/23	1400	SIGHT (SUMMARY)	101 HOSPITAL ROAD, BROOKHAVEN	

INCIDENT LOCATION:		OCCURRED:	DATE: 10/07/23	TO DATE: 10/07/23
3635 EXPRESS DRIVE NORTH	ISLANDIA, ISLIP	( ) ON (X) BETWEEN	TIME: 0513	TIME: 0540

ARRESTING OFFICER:	PID #	SHIELD	RANK	COMMAND
SCHREINER,DANIEL S	41863	7566	PO	0510

[redacted] | WEAPON (DESCRIBE)

CT	LAW	ART	SUB	CLASS	DEG	CAT	DESCRIPTION	ATT. COMP.
001	PL	120.14	01	A	2	M	MENACING-2ND:WEAPON	X

LAST NAME	FIRST	MI	NICKNAME / ALIAS	DATE OF BIRTH
MACK	ANDRE	D	LIL CUZ DRE	09/30/1987

ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	NYSID#	[redacted]
128 POOSPATUCK LANE	MASTIC	NY	11950	03248467Q	

[redacted]

BRIEF DETAILS OF OFFENSE:

THE DEFENDANT, AT 3635 EXPRESS DRIVE NORTH, ISLANDIA, IN THE TOWN OF ISLIP, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK, BETWEEN OCTOBER 7, 2023, AT 5:13 A.M. AND OCTOBER 7, 2023, AT 5:40 A.M., INTENTIONALLY PLACED OR ATTEMPTED TO PLACE ANOTHER PERSON IN REASONABLE FEAR OF PHYSICAL INJURY, SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY OR DEATH BY DISPLAYING A DEADLY WEAPON OR DANGEROUS INSTRUMENT OR WHAT APPEARS TO BE A PISTOL, REVOLVER, RIFLE, SHOTGUN, MACHINE GUN OR OTHER FIREARM; [redacted]

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CENTRAL RECORDS SECTION
SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTING OFFICER NAME	RANK	SHIELD	COMMAND	PCT	SECTOR
CHARUBIN,KRISTOPHER	DET	1714	3140	05	512

CC: 23-0648552/SPD | ARREST: 057216-23 | PIN: 476188

LAST NAME, FIRST MI: MACK,ANDRE D

POLICE DEPARTMENT, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK NY
ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
ARREST REPORT **PDCS-1045C**

ARREST

DATE OF ARREST	TIME OF ARREST	ARREST TYPE	LOCATION OF ARREST	
10/07/23	1400	SIGHT (SUMMARY)	101 HOSPITAL RD, EAST PATCHOGUE	(X) INSIDE ( ) OUTSIDE

INCIDENT LOCATION:		OCCURRED:	DATE: 10/07/23	TO DATE: 10/07/23
3635 EXPRESS DR N RM 430	ISLANDIA, ISLIP	( ) ON (X) BETWEEN	TIME: 0531	TIME: 0541

ARRESTING OFFICER:	PID #	SHIELD	RANK	COMMAND
TIRELLI,ANDREW G	41604	7311	PO	0510

[redacted]

CT	LAW	ART	SUB	CLASS	DEG	CAT	DESCRIPTION	ATT. COMP.
001	PL	120.05	02	D	2	F	ASLT W/INT CAUSE PH INJ W/WEAP	X

LAST NAME	FIRST	MI	NICKNAME / ALIAS	DATE OF BIRTH
MACK	ANDRE	D	LIL CUZ DRE	09/30/1987

ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	NYSID#	
128 POOSPATUCK LANE	MASTIC	NY	11950	03248467Q	[redacted]

[redacted]

BRIEF DETAILS OF OFFENSE:

THE DEFENDANT, AT 3635 EXPRESS DR N RM 430, ISLANDIA, IN THE TOWN OF ISLIP, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK, BETWEEN OCTOBER 7, 2023, AT 5:31 A.M. AND OCTOBER 7, 2023, AT 5:41 A.M., INTENTIONALLY CAUSED PHYSICAL INJURY TO ANOTHER PERSON BY MEANS OF A DEADLY WEAPON OR DANGEROUS INSTRUMENT; [redacted]

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CENTRAL RECORDS SECTION
SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTING OFFICER NAME	RANK	SHIELD	COMMAND	PCT	SECTOR
RATHBURN,BRIAN T	DET	1490	3140	05	512

CC: 23-0801103/SPD | ARREST: 061932-23 | PIN: 785480

LAST NAME, FIRST MI: BISSESSAR,TREVOR

POLICE DEPARTMENT, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK NY
ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
ARREST REPORT **PDCS-1045C**

ARREST

DATE OF ARREST	TIME OF ARREST	ARREST TYPE	LOCATION OF ARREST	(X) INSIDE ( ) OUTSIDE
12/23/23	0255	SIGHT (SUMMARY)	3635 EXPRESS DR N, ISLANDIA	

INCIDENT LOCATION:		OCCURRED:	DATE: 12/23/23	TO DATE:
3635 EXPRESS DR N	ISLANDIA, ISLIP	(X) ON ( ) BETWEEN	TIME: 0130	TIME:

ARRESTING OFFICER:	PID #	SHIELD	RANK	COMMAND
DANGIO,DIANA	41627	7334	PO	0410

[redacted] WEAPON (DESCRIBE)

CT	LAW	ART	SUB	CLASS	DEG	CAT	DESCRIPTION	ATT. COMP.
001	PL	215.50	03	A	2	M	CRIM CONTEMPT-2ND:DISOBEY CRT	X

LAST NAME	FIRST	MI	NICKNAME / ALIAS	DATE OF BIRTH
BISSESSAR	TREVOR		TRUE	03/05/1982

ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	NYSID#	
9072 199TH ST	HOLLIS	NY	11423	09488917R	[redacted]

[redacted]

BRIEF DETAILS OF OFFENSE:
THE DEFENDANT, AT 3635 EXPRESS DR N, ISLANDIA, IN THE TOWN OF ISLIP, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK, ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 23, 2023, AT APPROXIMATELY 1:30 A.M., ENGAGED IN INTENTIONAL DISOBEDIENCE OR RESISTANCE TO THE LAWFUL PROCESS OR OTHER MANDATE OF A COURT; [redacted]

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SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE DEPAR

REPORTING OFFICER NAME	RANK	SHIELD	COMMAND	PCT	SECTOR
DANGIO,DIANA	PO	7334	0410	04	417

CC: 24-0113801/SPD | ARREST: 002215-24 | PIN: 474732

LAST NAME, FIRST MI: VELASQUEZ,CARLOS V

POLICE DEPARTMENT, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK NY
ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
ARREST REPORT **PDCS-1045C**

ARREST

DATE OF ARREST	TIME OF ARREST	ARREST TYPE	LOCATION OF ARREST	( ) INSIDE (X) OUTSIDE
02/04/24	0402	SIGHT (SUMMARY)	3635 EXPRESS DR N, ISLANDIA	

INCIDENT LOCATION:		OCCURRED:	DATE: 02/04/24	TO DATE:
3635 EXPRESS DR N	ISLANDIA, ISLIP	(X) ON ( ) BETWEEN	TIME: 0327	TIME:

ARRESTING OFFICER:	PID #	SHIELD	RANK	COMMAND
WOOL,GARDY J	40246	5946	PO	0410

[redacted] WEAPON (DESCRIBE)

CT	LAW	ART	SUB	CLASS	DEG	CAT	DESCRIPTION	ATT.	COMP.
001	VTL	1192	03	U	0	M	DWI- 1ST OFFENSE		X
002	VTL	1192	02	U	0	M	OPER MV BAC .08 OF 1% -1ST OFF		X

LAST NAME	FIRST	MI	NICKNAME / ALIAS	DATE OF BIRTH
VELASQUEZ	CARLOS	V		06/19/1968

ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	NYSID#	
97 W PULASKI RD	HUNTINGTON STATION	NY	11746	03116362R	[redacted]

[redacted]

BRIEF DETAILS OF OFFENSE:
THE DEFENDANT, AT 3635 EXPRESS DR N, ISLANDIA, IN THE TOWN OF ISLIP, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK, ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 4, 2024, AT APPROXIMATELY 3:27 A.M., OPERATED A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE HE WAS IN AN INTOXICATED CONDITION; IN THAT [redacted]

CERTIFIED
CENTRAL RECORDS SECTION
SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTING OFFICER NAME	RANK	SHIELD	COMMAND	PCT	SECTOR
WOOL,GARDY J	PO	5946	0410	04	417

CC: 23-0197071/SPD	ARREST: 043837-23	PIN: 617591
LAST NAME, FIRST MI: DIPRIMA,KEVIN G		

POLICE DEPARTMENT, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK NY
ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
ARREST REPORT **PDCS-1045C**

ARREST

DATE OF ARREST	TIME OF ARREST	ARREST TYPE	LOCATION OF ARREST	( ) INSIDE (X) OUTSIDE
03/04/23	0031	SIGHT (SUMMARY)	3635 EXPRESS DRIVE NORTH, ISLANDIA	

INCIDENT LOCATION:		OCCURRED:	DATE: 03/03/23	TO DATE:
3635 EXPRESS DRIVE NORTH	ISLANDIA, ISLIP	(X) ON ( ) BETWEEN	TIME: 2000	TIME:

ARRESTING OFFICER:	PID #	SHIELD	RANK	COMMAND
GUGLIELMO,ASHLEY A	41227	6947	PO	0410

FINGER PRINTED:	PHOTOGRAPHED:	WEAPON (DESCRIBE)
(X) YES ( ) NO	(X) YES ( ) NO	

CT	LAW	ART	SUB	CLASS	DEG	CAT	DESCRIPTION	ATT. COMP.
001	PL	145.00	04	A	4	M	CRIM MIS 4:PREVNT EMERGNCY CAL	X

LAST NAME	FIRST	MI	NICKNAME / ALIAS	DATE OF BIRTH
DIPRIMA	KEVIN	G		08/01/1981

ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	NYSID#	
82 CYPRESS DRIVE	RIVERHEAD	NY	11901	07808049K	[redacted]

[redacted]

BRIEF DETAILS OF OFFENSE:

THE DEFENDANT, AT 3635 EXPRESS DRIVE NORTH, ISLANDIA, IN THE TOWN OF ISLIP, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK, ON OR ABOUT MARCH 3, 2023, AT APPROXIMATELY 8:00 P.M., THE DEFENDANT A KEVIN DIPRIMA (08/01/1981) DID INTENTIONALLY GRAB THE CELLPHONE OF [redacted] WHILE SHE WAS ATTEMPTING TO CALL 9-11 AND DID THROW THE CELL PHONE INTO THE MIRROR THE GLASS DOOR CAUSING THE PHONE TO SHATTER. THIS ARREST IS BASED IN PART ON THE SWORN ATTACHED SIGNED STATEMENT GIVEN TO YOUR DEPONENT BY [redacted] DATED ON 03/03/2023. THIS ARREST IS ALSO BASED ON THE SWORN ATTACHED SIGNED AFFIDAVIT FROM [redacted] DATED 03/03/2023.

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SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTING OFFICER NAME	RANK	SHIELD	COMMAND	PCT	SECTOR
GUGLIELMO,ASHLEY A	PO	6947	0410	04	417

CC: **23-0196839/SPD** | ARREST: 043836-23 | PIN: 617591

LAST NAME, FIRST MI: **DIPRIMA,KEVIN G**

POLICE DEPARTMENT, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK NY
ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
ARREST REPORT **PDCS-1045C**

ARREST

DATE OF ARREST	TIME OF ARREST	ARREST TYPE	LOCATION OF ARREST	( ) INSIDE (X) OUTSIDE
03/04/23	0031	CIVILIAN ARREST	3635 EXPRESS DRIVE NORTH, ISLANDIA	

INCIDENT LOCATION:		OCCURRED: (X) ON ( ) BETWEEN	DATE: 03/03/23 TIME: 2000	TO DATE: TIME:
3635 EXPRESS DRIVE NORTH	ISLANDIA, ISLIP			

ARRESTING OFFICER:	PID #	SHIELD	RANK	COMMAND
GUGLIELMO,ASHLEY A	41227	6947	PO	0410

FINGER PRINTED: ( ) YES ( ) NO	PHOTOGRAPHED: ( ) YES ( ) NO	WEAPON (DESCRIBE)

CT	LAW	ART	SUB	CLASS	DEG	CAT	DESCRIPTION	ATT. COMP.
001	PL	240.26	01	0	2	V	HARASSMENT-2ND:PHYSICAL CNTACT	X

LAST NAME	FIRST	MI	NICKNAME / ALIAS	DATE OF BIRTH
DIPRIMA	KEVIN	G		08/01/1981

ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	NYSID#	[redacted]
14 DUBOIS ROAD	WEST ISLIP	NY	11910	07808049K	

[redacted]

BRIEF DETAILS OF OFFENSE:
THE DEFENDANT, AT 3635 EXPRESS DRIVE NORTH, ISLANDIA, IN THE TOWN OF ISLIP, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK, ON OR ABOUT MARCH 3, 2023, AT APPROXIMATELY 8:00 P.M., THE DEFENDANT DID GRAB ME, [redacted] WITH BOTH HIS HANDS AND DID TAKE HIS LEFT HAND AND MADE A CLOSED FIST AND DID PUNCH ME IN TH CHEST CAUSING PAIN AND FOR ME TO BE ALARMED AND ANNOYED.

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CENTRAL RECORDS SECTION
SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTING OFFICER NAME	RANK	SHIELD	COMMAND	PCT	SECTOR
GUGLIELMO,ASHLEY A	PO	6947	0410	04	417

CC: **23-0120509/SPD** | ARREST: 052465-23 | PIN: 355555

LAST NAME, FIRST MI: **ROGERS,JOHN K**

POLICE DEPARTMENT, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK NY
ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
ARREST REPORT **PDCS-1045C**

ARREST

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07/25/23	1454	SIGHT (SUMMARY)	64 PHILLIPS WALK, WEST BABYLON	

INCIDENT LOCATION:		OCCURRED: ( ) ON (X) BETWEEN	DATE: 01/23/23 TIME: 0001	TO DATE: 01/27/23 TIME: 0001
3635 EXPRESS DR N	ISLANDIA, ISLIP			

ARRESTING OFFICER:	PID #	SHIELD	RANK	COMMAND
ANTONIADES,JOHN J	41346	7065	PO	4020

[redacted] WEAPON (DESCRIBE)

CT	LAW	ART	SUB	CLASS	DEG	CAT	DESCRIPTION	ATT. COMP.
001	PL	220.39	01	B	3	F	CSCS-3RD:NARCOTIC DRUG	X

LAST NAME	FIRST	MI	NICKNAME / ALIAS		DATE OF BIRTH
ROGERS	JOHN	K	ADAMS	SHAWN	01/23/1980

ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	NYSID#	
24 MILL ST	AMITYVILLE	NY	11701	08226742Q	[redacted]

[redacted]

BRIEF DETAILS OF OFFENSE:
THE DEFENDANT, AT 3635 EXPRESS DR N, ISLANDIA, IN THE TOWN OF ISLIP, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK, BETWEEN JANUARY 23, 2023, AT 12:01 A.M. AND JANUARY 27, 2023, AT 12:01 A.M. [redacted]

CERTIFIED
CENTRAL RECORDS SECTION
SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTING OFFICER NAME	RANK	SHIELD	COMMAND	PCT	SECTOR
ANTONIADES,JOHN J	PO	7065	4020	01	116

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Subject: Fw: Against the casino

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Be created to build this complex, that is short lived, as the long term employment outlook will be service based jobs that do not pay like union wages. So while unions are clamoring for this opportunity, and of course they will, it's the long term that is most important.

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Charlene Prounis
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Manhasset, NY 11030

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Manhasset, NY 11030

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To: PublicComments_Sands
Subject: Fw: The Truth About the Proposed Sands Gambling Project

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From: hedley77@yahoo.com <hedley77@yahoo.com>
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Thank you very much for your consideration.

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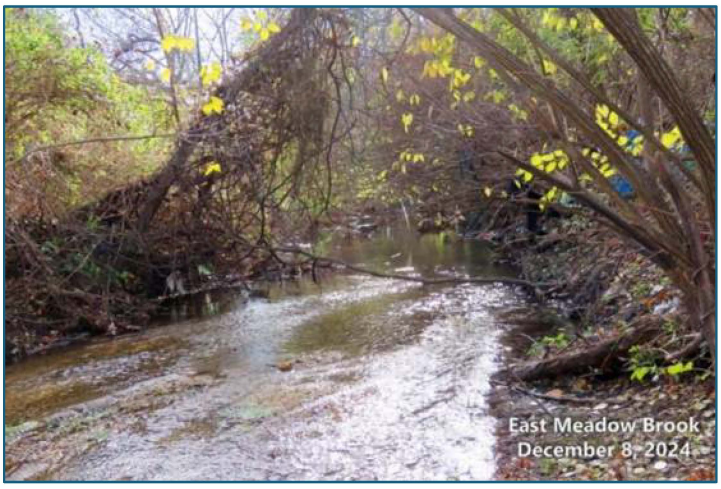
Honorable Members of the Nassau County Legislature,

South Shore Audubon Society is opposed to the Sands casino development as being too large and damaging to the natural resources around it. The Sands project should not go forward. Even if the suggested mitigation strategies outlined in the comments below are fully implemented, the scope of the development project would still engender significant negative environmental impacts.

Our assessment of the completed Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) finds it does not adequately protect the people or the environment of Nassau County from the impacts that this large-scale development would have on the quality of life, on the water resources and on adjacent open spaces such as the neighboring Purcell Preserve, Hempstead Plains Preserve, and the East Meadow Brook riparian corridor which are globally rare ecosystems, right here in Nassau County.

An unprecedented 28,000 pages were necessary to state the project's environmental impacts. Nevertheless, it misses the environmental mark on diverse aspects, as per South Shore Audubon comments on night lighting impacting bird migration, shadow and landscaping impacts on Purcell Preserve. Hempstead Plains Preserve and East Meadow Brook impacts, noise, electric substation expansion or new substation location, impacts on endangered, threatened, rare flora & fauna and breeding birds, stormwater management, water resources, supply, quality (hydrology), groundwater level, impacts of a new water well, traffic, air quality and more below.

In short, the DEIS does not seriously acknowledge the potential impacts of this project on the surrounding natural areas which are ecologically unique, globally rare and almost extinct with only 100 acres left.



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As well, in part because of the concerns raised in the DEIS, there's a grassroots movement growing in Nassau County for nature preservation and bird conservation at the Hempstead Plains. The County should consider spearheading a perpetual preservation and habitat improvement stewardship project with the local communities and environmental groups that have the expertise to do this.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this project. Please feel free to contact me if you desire additional information or clarification at Russ@SSAudubon.org.

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South Shore Audubon is an environmental conservation organization and a nonprofit, all-volunteer chapter of the National Audubon Society. We are a member of the Audubon Council of New York State. SSAS's territory covers the central and southern half of Nassau County. The mission of the SSAS is to promote environmental education; conduct research pertaining to local bird populations, wildlife, and habitat; and to preserve and restore our environment, through responsible activism, for the benefit of both people and wildlife.

Hempstead Plains, a globally rare grassland that used to be 40,000 acres, has dwindled in size due to development to only 100 acres. It sits next to the site of the Nassau Hub project for which this environmental review is underway – and we need to save it.

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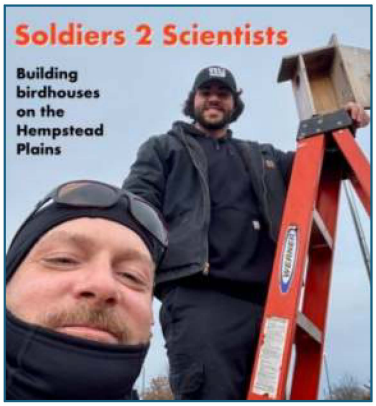

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For additional comments and changes to the Environmental Impact Statement, please note these other organizations and environmentalists that have made submissions under their own separate cover: New York City Bird Alliance, Long Island Conservancy, Dropseed Native Landscapes, Seatuck Environmental Center, Dr. J Bret Bennington, Professor and Chair of the Department of Geology, Environment, and Sustainability at Hofstra University, and others.

Impacts on Purcell and Hempstead Plains Preserves

COMMENT 1: The text on p. 122 asserts that Purcell Preserve is not adjacent to the proposed entertainment complex. While that is technically true, that characterization is misleading. The Purcell Preserve is separated from the development by a tertiary street only. Consequently, there is little if any buffer zone between the development site and the protected natural area. The DEIS must clearly be revised to emphasize this reality and to include a buffer zone in the site plans. This state of denial that the

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COMMENT 3: The DEIS document fails to recognize the remarkable biodiversity of the Purcell Preserve, which not only includes native grassland, but such ecological communities as a red-maple hardwood swamp (Edinger and Young, 2018). The DEIS needs to recognize this red-maple hardwood swamp exists because water usage volume will adversely impact (reduce water level or dry up) this and other NYS-protected wetlands downstream along the East Meadow Brook riparian corridor.

Visual Impact and Aesthetic Impact

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Despoiling Primeval Long Island

COMMENT 5: The Hempstead Plains and Purcell preserves have been recently described as "Primeval Long Island" (*Newsday*, July 10, 2022, p. E1 ff.). That is, they provide a glimpse of a landscape largely unchanged since the end of the Ice Age. A walk through these preserves provides the visitor with a vista rarely experienced in urbanized central Nassau County; a vista which once extended uninterrupted from the New York City line to the vicinity of Bethpage. The proposed entertainment complex will further despoil that vista with a solid wall of buildings and two 300-foot skyscrapers whose visual presence will be inescapable in the immediate vicinity of the characteristically flat Plains landscape. Certainly, yet another element in this primeval Long Island vista will be lost as a result of this high-intensity

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Adverse Microclimate Creation

COMMENT 6: The proposed entertainment complex, which will parallel the Purcell Preserve to the west, and lie southwest of the Hempstead Plains Preserve, will constitute a structural mass of 3.75 million square feet (DEIS). The sprawling base is proposed to be 95 feet high (roughly the height of a nine-story building) with two skyscrapers rising to nearly three hundred feet. The size and arrangement of these structures, by their very nature, will impact the adjacent parcels of land in numerous ways. These adjacent lands, moreover, are environmentally sensitive and constitute rare, endangered habitats with globally rare species. The DEIS does not go far enough to acknowledge or to address this issue.

COMMENT 7: The location of the entertainment complex to the west of the Purcell Preserve and to the southwest of the Hempstead Plains Preserve will create a 95-foot mass which will act as a wall and windbreak, interrupting the natural flow of the prevailing winds (*The Human and Natural History of Hempstead Plains*, p. 121 ff.) which have been an integral part of the Plains environment since time immemorial. Until now, the adjacent structures have not formed a solidly built, tall block. This change will certainly impact the air and ground temperature of adjacent lands. In addition to the prevailing air flow, the sprawling bulk of the entertainment complex, with its new configuration of shadows, mechanical exhaust volume, and structural reflectivity/absorption of heat and sunlight, will create a variety of microclimate which will undoubtedly impact daytime and nighttime temperatures and air circulation. The possible cumulative effects of these environmental factors have not been calculated or properly addressed in the DEIS. When these factors are added to the already perceptible effects of present and future climate change, there is heightened concern for the macro and this project's micro climate impacts on the adjacent natural areas and the ecological communities present there.

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Impacts of High Traffic on Air Quality and Water Quality

COMMENT 9: While provisions for accommodating thousands of additional automobiles daily, along with (and significantly) cargo trucks and bus vehicles of every description have been included in the site proposal, the impact of the drastically increased traffic load on the adjacent sensitive ecological sites has not been addressed by the DEIS. The addition of thousands of motor vehicles to the site and the adjacent access roads will, by its very nature, cause a deterioration of the air quality at the Purcell and Hempstead Plains Preserves as well. The impact of this increased air pollution on the various rare species has not been addressed with empirical data in the DEIS, which constitutes a serious omission.

COMMENT 10: The proposed traffic mitigation for roadway modifications that include reducing the vegetated buffers of the parkways will harm the air quality especially in the CAM targeted underserved communities. As part of the NYS DEC statewide Community Air Monitoring (CAM) initiative, there is a recommendation to "properly designing and maintaining roadside vegetation to reduce exposure to pollution from roads with heavy traffic."

COMMENT 11: Section 5.0 Unavoidable Adverse Effects – Long Term Effects says, "Approximately 6.1 acres of existing…habitat located beyond the current roadway edges of the Meadowbrook State Parkway and Northern State Parkway would be cleared to accommodate traffic mitigation improvements along those roadways. This clearing would be limited to mowed/maintained turf grasses within the roadway shoulders and common trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants within limited portions of the wooded parkway borders, including many non-native/invasive trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants." and that "Those adverse long-term impacts…cannot be eliminated or fully mitigated." The DEIS needs to acknowledge that revegetating with native plants that alleviate air pollution as well as swales to filter rainwater and road runoff before it enters our waterways will help miotigate the impacts caised by the proposed development. Roadway edges, islands and medians are superb habitat for planting Common Milkweed to provide the above benefits. In addition, it's a host plant for the Monarch Butterfly which has declined so dangerously, it is now proposed for federal protection to save and restore the Monarch from threat of extinction.

COMMENT 12: The DEIS does not address that the projected increase of thousands of additional cars, buses, construction vehicles, delivery vehicles on roadways into and around the proposed site (especially along the vital Meadowbrook Parkway and Hempstead Turnpike arteries) will not only increase air pollution but also cause a commensurate increase in road runoff contamination of water bodies. This nonpoint source pollution occurs when runoff from rain and snowmelt carries pollutants into waterways such as the East Meadow Brook stream and wetlands. To preserve and protect these natural resources, consider minimizing such impacts by implementing roadside swales with native vegetation to help filter out contaminants in road runoff before it enters our waterways.

COMMENT 13: This photo is a huge pile of plastic bottles along the East Meadow Brook

near the Meadowbrook Parkway. Another goal of the development plan is proposed to be widening select lanes on some of the highways. If that is going to be done, it should be in conjunction with providing better catchments or deploy mechanical means to cull and keep this kind of trash out of the East Meadow Brook riparian corridor running along the Meadowbrook Parkway.

COMMENT 14: Given thousands of vehicles daily, the DEIS seems not to acknowledge Title 6 NYCRR Part 203, a regulation that applies to any indirect source of air contamination (i.e. parking lots).

Impact on an Endangered Species

COMMENT 15: The second-largest existing population (and with wide annual quantitative variation, arguably the largest) of *Agalinis decemloba*, a federally-protected endangered species, lies only yards from one of the major access roads to the entertainment complex, and in peak periods this road (now largely underused) will be heavily used, and possibly choked with traffic. The *Agalinis* is, moreover, acutely responsive to environmental conditions such as air pollution, resulting in wide fluctuations in number in the annual census. The effects of these environmental changes on *Agalinis* and other sensitive, rare species has not been addressed in the DEIS.

Boxing-In the Preserves

COMMENT 16: The proposed entertainment complex at the Nassau Colosseum site cannot be viewed in isolation as an entity unto itself. The construction of this massive complex must be seen as part of a decades-long continuum of intensive urbanization on the former Mitchel Field site and environs. This intensive development has drastically altered the geographical context of the Purcell and Hempstead Plains Preserves, cutting them off from land to which they were ecologically and physically linked. In so doing, development has boxed in and isolated the preserves, obliterating the adjacent habitats and creating an artificial "palisade" around them on the north, south, and west. The DEIS fails to recognize the proposed development's central role in what has been a cumulative and ongoing process. (Note: Comment 5 pertains more so to Purcell Preserve whereas comment 13 applies more so to Hempstead Plains Preserve.)

COMMENT 17: Construction of the proposed ($6 billion) new entertainment complex will accelerate the disturbing trend of high-intensity development adjacent to the preserves. When seen holistically and considered alongside the current proposal to construct a $3 billion project for a high-rise NYU Langone hospital facility immediately west of the Hempstead Plains Preserve, the "great wall" of surrounding high-intensity development will be nearly complete. Such development will further isolate and intrude upon habitats, which by their very nature must be connected to the larger natural world. Already, selected species such as the upland sandpiper and the grasshopper sparrow no longer visit the Hempstead Plains remnants as they did up until the start of this century, because there is no longer a "critical mass" of potential habitat (*The Natural and Human History of Hempstead Plains*, p. 146). This loss of biodiversity is likely to continue as the proposed high-intensity development process is implemented.

Impacts of Landscaping and Planting Plan

COMMENT 18: It is good the DEIS is recommending only native plants in all plantings around the new development, but the consultants need to do their homework on what is native and nonnative and make sure they don't introduce stock from outside the ecoregion.

COMMENT 19: The DEIS plan is to plant native plants and grasses in the new 15.7 acres of vegetation. This is a big red flag unless the plan is to gather seed from the Plains or the same ecoregion on LI, grow the plants locally, and revegetate with those plants or seeds. Otherwise, if the developer will bring in plants from outside NY or Long Island and plant them, that could cause problems with the native plants already there depending on what the developer plants.

COMMENT 20: The DEIS says it will introduce new ecological communities that do not currently exist and increase the diversity of native vegetation. This should not be a goal. The goal should be to reproduce what is there now with local sources. This has been seen over and over again where consultants plant so-called "native plants," but the plants are resourced from outside New York or the ecoregion usually because the consultant cannot find (or doesn't care to take time to locate) local stock. Here the DEIS even mentions planting purple coneflowers and other nonnatives which shows that the consultants were not planning on using only local plants.

COMMENT 21: Landscaping with plants that are not native to the US and/or specifically to Long Island could invade and alter the composition of an already fragile ecosystem in Purcell Preserve and the Hempstead Plains beyond. Nonnative species often rapidly outcompete and displace many of the endemic species that make the Hempstead Plains tallgrass prairie the unique resource it is today. The invasive impact of nonnatives can be overwhelming and even unstoppable. We not only risk losing endangered plant species but also losing already critically imperiled habitat for local and migrating insects, birds and other fauna dependent on (obligate to) the unique resources native plants provide. Native plants and the obligate insects, birds and other fauna have evolved together in some cases for millions of years of symbiotic relationship with mutual benefits to flora and fauna, that are absent given nonnatives.

COMMENT 22: It seems the consultant did not consult the NY Flora Atlas to see what is native to Long Island nor the comprehensive list of native plants provided by the NYNHP that have been found at the Plains. The consultants should do that now.

COMMENT 23: When the DEIS says, "Therefore, no significant adverse impacts to rare/protected species are anticipated due to implementation of the proposed action," the consultants are not thinking about pollen exchanging between plants not native to Long Island being planted mixing with the same species already there or the dispersal of their seeds or fruits from the new habitats into the Plains.

COMMENT 24: The DEIS does not state where the developer will obtain their plant stock from. The developer should take note that on p. 29 of these submitted comments that a founder's plot on Hempstead Plains Nature Study Area Parcel B is proposed to establish a supply source of native seeds and plants endemic to the Hempstead Plains grassland community. That is what should be used by the developer as one source of the plants required for the build site's new 15.7 acres of vegetation.

COMMENT 25: DEIS p. 124. The DEIS references a landscape plan (separate appendix) and include redbud and a hybrid Amelanchier that are not native. The developer should engage expert native landscapers and botanists to look over this plan and approve it. The DEIS mentions the nonnative *Liatris pycnostachya*, *Cornus sanguinea*, and *Echinacea pallida* that would be planted in the meadows. At the top of p.125 the DEIS continues to mention plants that would be planted that are not native to the Plains. The DEIS consultants seem to be familiar with generic meadows and grasslands but not all the native species of the Hempstead Plains. This list of species containing nonnatives continues at the top of p.126. These nonnatives should be retracted from the DEIS because they will create (not mitigate) adverse environmental impacts.

COMMENT 26: The planting plan includes the following list of plants that are not native to the Plains or that are not in the NYNHP guide. These all need to be rescinded from the plan:

Nonnative plants in the Hempstead Plains planting guide for Sands Resort

- Trees – conifers
    - *Chamaecyparis obtusa* 'Magnifica' Magnifica Hinoki Cypress (native to Japan)
    - *Juniperus chinensis* 'Torulosa' Hollywood Juniper (native to eastern Asia)
    - *Metasequoia glyptostroboides* Metasequoia (native to China)
    - *Pinus heldrechii* Bosnian Pine (native to Balkans, Italy, and Greece)
- Trees Canopy
    - *Magnolia grandiflora* Southern Magnolia (native to the southeast US)
- Trees Understory and Multistem
    - *Amelanchier* x *grandiflora* Service Berry (hybrid between two native NY species, neither have been found at the HP)
    - *Betula populifolia* 'Whitespire' (not the straight species and not known from the HP)
    - *Cercis canadensis* Eastern Redbud (native to New Jersey south and west)
- Meadow Mixes
    - *Cornus sanguinea* 'Midwinter Fire' (native to Europe and Western Asia)
    - *Echinacea pallida* pale purple coneflower (native from Indiana south and west)
    - *Liatris aspera* rough blazing star (native from Ohio south and west)
    - *Liatris pycnostachya* blazing star (native from Indiana south and west)
    - *Parthenocissus cordifolium* (should be *P. quinquefolia* if native Virginia creeper)
    - *Penstemon digitalis* beard tongue (native from Pennsylvania south and west)
    - *Sporobolus heterolepis* northern prairie dropseed (not native on Long Island and state threatened)
    - *Allium cernuum* nodding onion (not native to Long Island and state threatened)

- *Allium molly* golden garlic (spelled A. moly and native to the Mediterranean)
- *Rhus aromatica* 'Grow Low' (not the straight species and not in HP)
- No mow fescue mix – probably all nonnative fescues

COMMENT 27: The DEIS does not address the impact on the Hempstead Plains of exposing and therefore resuscitating the seed bank of metabolically inactive seeds trapped under the currently paved parking areas of the Nassau Hub site.

New Water Well

COMMENT 28: DEC Pumping Caps

Although the DEIS notes the pumping caps on p. 89, it fails to address the impact on the UWD cap limit nor what responsibility the project will take if the DEC decides to enforce the cap. Instead, it provided a misleading assessment that groups several adjacent water districts and their caps with the UWD cap.

Groundwater Impacts

COMMENT 29: Groundwater Contamination

The DEIS fails to address the changes in groundwater flow directions and its impact on plume migration that can result from adding a new well with a pumping capacity of up to 2MGD. At least 18 contamination plumes have been identified within the well head watershed for the proposed well. The surrounding wells have treatment for many of these harmful contaminants. The DEIS needs to use the identified USGS groundwater model to include the impact this well will have on current plume migration. Mitigation should be identified when the change in plume migration will result in other wells being contaminated.

COMMENT 30: Impacts on East Meadow Brook Base Flow

The proposed additional groundwater withdrawal capacity of up to 2MGD without recharge will significantly impact the base flow of East Meadow Brook stream. Since the entire groundwater withdrawal for the project will eventually be discharged into the Atlantic Ocean as treated sewage, there will be a further lowering of the local water table and base flow to the East Meadow Brook.

The DEIS acknowledges the linkage of East Meadow Brook with groundwater on p. 81.

The DEIS needs to address the impact of how the additional loss of recharge so close to the East Meadow Brook will reduce its base flow and how the reduced streamflow will impact the ecology of the stream.

Also, acknowledge how will the additional drop in the water table impact the flow augmentation measures put in place by Nassau County in the 1980s.

Stormwater Management

DEIS Table 15 shows the proposed 86.27± acre project site would have an impervious surface on 68.11 acres (79%), 2.51 acres (3%) green roof, and pervious (landscaped) surfaces of 15.65 acres (18%). As such, the amount of five-inch runoff volume of stormwater on-site would be 1,344,267 cf.

In the DEIS, plans are to install underground features to promote infiltration of stormwater on the site. An on-site infiltration network of 120 drywells, catch basins and leaching galleys underground (mainly around parking lots) would be used to manage stormwater runoff of approximately 1.34 million cubic feet for a five-inch storm event. These features slow down the rate of runoff and allow the water to infiltrate the ground or to be captured for reuse in the proposed development.

Table 15 Stormwater Generation Under the Proposed Action

Land Use	Area (sf/Acres)	Runoff Coefficient	Five-Inch Runoff Volume (cubic feet)
Building Coverage	1,122,067±/25.76±	1.0	467,528±
Parking Structures	267,193±/6.13±	1.0	111,330±
Rooftop Open Space	109,125±/2.51±	0.5	22,734±
Other Impervious Area	1,577,850±/36.22±	1.0	657,438±
Landscaped Area	681,892±/15.65±	0.3	85,237±
TOTAL	**3,758,127± sf/ 86.27±**	**Weight C = 0.8446**	**1,344,267± cf**

COMMENT 31: The DEIS does not acknowledge that the high use parking lots to be drained by the on-site infiltration network of 120 drywells are likely to be highly contaminated by vehicle oil and fluid leakage, exhaust emission, and rubber tire abrasion.

COMMENT 32: The DEIS does not acknowledge a potential environmental impact that drywells could contaminate groundwater by reducing the distance contaminated stormwater must travel to filter through sediment to reach groundwater.[1]

COMMENT 33: The DEIS does not acknowledge using landscaping for on-site retention and filtration of stormwater above ground within swales that can receive stormwater from adjacent parking lots as pre-treatment for drywells, with capacity overflow to the underground system, as this will help remove contaminants. Use appropriate native vegetation within swales.

In the DEIS, any overflow of stormwater from the on-site underground infiltration system would flow off-site to Nassau County recharge basin #537 which has an emergency overflow to East Meadow Brook.

1 *Edwards, Emily; Washburn, Barbara; Lock, Bennett; Mandler, Ben (18 June 2019).* "Dry wells for stormwater management". *American Geosciences Institute*

COMMENT 34: The DEIS is silent on whether consultants performed due diligence to inspect Nassau County Recharge Basin # 537 to assess its capacity to handle the stormwater recharge use proposed in the DEIS plans.

COMMENT 35: On an independent visit to Nassau County Recharge Basin # 537 on December 8, 2024, the basin appeared at or near "full pool" resembling a full pond - not like the expected typically empty sump. As to why recharge basin #537 has standing water, there are two possibilities. First, the water table in the area is high enough to intersect the bottom of the basin, which is not likely following a protracted drought. Second, there may be a buildup of silt and clay at the bottom of the basin, rendering it impermeable. If that's so, it may be repaired by digging out the bottom of the basin. Until then, the consultant should note in the DEIS that runoff conveyed to this recharge basin may not be recharging the aquifer. As such, much of the stormwater generated on the casino site will end up discharging directly into the East Meadow Brook pending further investigation.

COMMENT 36: Please address in the DEIS that due to climate change, a stormwater anomaly greater than the proposed 5 inches occurred on the night of August 18, 2024 when up to 10 inches of rainfall caused severe flooding to homes, businesses and institutions, damaged several state and local roads, and caused the failure of two local dams in Suffolk County, one in Stony Brook, the other in Smithtown. Of note, several recharge basins also failed, including one in Commack that failed and flooded a shopping mall, and caused water to rise to 4 feet inside the Vanderbilt Motor Parkway building.[2]

Wastewater Management

COMMENT 37: In the DEIS, kindly include, in the event that streams, such as the East Meadow Brook, should run dry because of impacts of the proposed site's wastewater discharge, the technology exists for augmenting their flow by tertiary treatment of sewage, followed by discharge into streambeds.

Shadow Impacts on Purcell Preserve

COMMENT 38: Please include the precedent-setting case of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden in the DEIS. It is relevant to the proposed building shadow impacts on the perpetually protected and globally rare grassland adjacent to the casino site.

In this precedent-setting case, a developer submitted multiple building height revisions over a 5-year period for a proposed new building that would cast shadows on the nearby Brooklyn Botanic Garden (BBG), and this shadowing of the Garden was twice the basis for the rejection of the plans by the NYC Department of City Planning.

The developer, Continuum Company's initial plans for a pair of 39-story apartment buildings at 970 Franklin Avenue in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, were rejected by the New York City Planning Commission in 2021 over concerns about the shadows they would cast across the adjacent Brooklyn Botanic Garden. In

[2] www.newsday.com/long-island/suffolk/flooding-road-collapse-suffolk-storm-xu7b6hea

2022, the same developer came back with a scaled down proposal – a 14-story tower which was also rejected for the same reason – shadows cast on BBG greenhouses and field plants.

Most recently in November 2024, after years of delays and negotiations, the two sides agreed to a 10-story building with a ten-degree sloping roof that would result in a "negligible shadow" while "allowing for necessary sunlight to reach the Garden's plant nursery and other crucial areas." [3]

COMMENT 39: There is avoidance within the DEIS so as to not acknowledge that sensitive and rare nature areas and preserves do adjoin, are close by and are within the scope of what will be impacted by environmental issues that will be caused by the proposed development, thereby requiring mitigations made in the project DEIS to protect them. Please be forthcoming to acknowledge that along the development's east property line, Francis T. Purcell Preserve exists as close as possible, right next door, across a very narrow road, James Doolittle Boulevard. That will be very helpful.

COMMENT 40: On pp. ES-28, 102, 120, 123, 125, 126, 127, 130, 138 and 451, etc., the DEIS seems to have coined a phrase, "Hempstead Plains South" This is not a generally recognized name for the area better known as Francis T. Purcell Preserve. Please use the well-recognized name, Francis T. Purcell Preserve or Purcell Preserve to be more transparent and familiar in the DEIS. Thank you.

COMMENT 41: As with comment 40 above, the DEIS seems to have coined a phrase, "Hempstead Plains North" to refer to the site better-known as Hempstead Plains Preserve. For transparency and clarity, please refer to Hempstead Plains Preserve in the DEIS instead of "Hempstead Plains North," such as on pp. ES-29, 122, 123, 125, etc.

COMMENT 42: The shadows of the south hotel tower would create an artificial and premature sunset-type effect in the shadow-impacted areas of the Purcell Preserve, which will affect not just plant growth but also animal and bird behavior and air and ground temperatures. Please acknowledge this in the DEIS.

COMMENT 43: The DEIS does not acknowledge that many birds, insects, other fauna, have evolved over eons, often millions of years, to be crepuscular or most active during the twilight period. Their activity peaks during these limited windows of gradually changing light – not just foraging for food peaks, but biological or instinctive activities such as courting, mating, hatching, emergence, and relocating – during the peachy blush of dawn and the "golden light" of late afternoon when the sun hangs low in the sky.

COMMENT 44: The DEIS does not detail how the daily, expected gradual onset of twilight will be confounded by the artificial sudden onset sunset impact of the building shadows on the Purcell Preserve. This needs to be included and addressed in the DEIS.

Matutinal animals such as songbirds (passerines) are most active from one hour before until one hour after sunrise, which is their major period of many biological activities for each day. Matutinal animals such

[3] https://www.curbed.com/article/brooklyn-botanic-garden-bruce-eichner-continuum-crown-heights-development.html

as songbirds also enjoy a minor period of daily activity during twilight at dusk. The dusk period is only minor compared to the major period at dawn. Excepting the morning major peak, the minor period at dusk entails much more activity than the rest of the day.

Vespertine animals are most active during twilight at dusk, such as flies, moths, some bats and owls. One good example of a vespertine is the aptly named Vesper Sparrow, a grassland obligate species that can be found at the Hempstead Plains and is of Special Conservation Concern in NY state.

Plants can be highly crepuscular as well. Their biological activities may also peak during the limited windows of gradually changing light, such as during the "golden light" of the late afternoon when the sun is slowly lowering in the sky.

COMMENT 45: The DEIS fails to recognize and has not studied how the sudden fall shadow effect of the south hotel tower impacts the Purcell Preserve and its flora and fauna, nor how it may alter or disrupt the biologically essential purpose of the evening twilight period, the last few hours of each day which are a major/minor peak period for all life activities, that will be suppressed by the sudden onset of the building shadows, like the flipping of a light switch the moment the sun drops behind the 300 foot tall, wide building, confounding what would normally be the gradual twilight period of gently fading sunlight during which wildlife, especially passerines (song birds) and many insects and other vespertines, usually perform a significant amount of their daily biological activities.

COMMENT 46: The DEIS fails to recognize the importance of natural twilight on the prairie ecosystem, its flora and fauna.

COMMENT 47: Building shadow impacts change atmospheric light suddenly, unlike the gradual natural light gradations of sunrise and sunset, which along with other atmospheric changes (like temperature) brough on by twilight, triggers biological life cycle processes in plants and animals at specific measurable degrees and durations of light or dark before, during and after twilight. The DEIS consultants need to study and to acknowledge this.

COMMENT 48: The DEIS does not acknowledge that late spring through summer, when days are longest, baby birds are being born and abound, often depending entirely on their parents to take turns throughout summer's extended daylight hours to continuously forage and return with insectivorous baby food to nourish their growth. It is a critical time of year when baby birds on the Hempstead Plains must develop rapidly (in just a few weeks) to become strong enough to leave their nests and to fly south on their first fall migration. If they are not sufficiently fed as babies, they will not make it.

COMMENT 49: As per Table 20, a reduction of 3.5 hours of sunlight per day on June 21 during the period of parental feeding of baby birds, equals a 23% reduction in what would normally be an essentially required 15 hours per day feeding period.

Table 20 Shadow Impact Duration on Hempstead Plains

Analysis Day	Shadow Period	Maximum Length of Impact (Hours per Day)
December 21 (Winter Solstice)	Start: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. End: 4:30 p.m.	2.5± hours
June 21 (Summer Solstice)	Start: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. End: 8:28 p.m.	3.5± hours
March 21/September 21 (Vernal/Autumnal Equinox)	Start: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. March 21 End: 7:07 p.m. September 21 End: 6:53 p.m.	2± hours
May 6/August 6 (Halfway Between Summer Solstice and the Equinoxes)	Start: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. May 6 End: 7:55 p.m. August 6 End: 8:04 p.m.	2± hours

COMMENT 50: As per Table 20, a reduction of 2.5 hours of sunlight on December 21 equals an even greater deprivation of sunlight, a 27% reduction in what is a critical need for sunlight by birds in winter. Majority

of birds are only active in light, retiring in dark. Many birds in winter have a low energy budget that can barely get them through each night. They must forage for enough food each day for fuel to generate just enough heat to survive overnight and live another day. A 27% reduction in sunlight and commensurate 27% increase in dark would make the Purcell Preserve inhospitable to birds in winter.

COMMENT 51: On p. 132, in the conclusions of the Shadow section, the DEIS states not once but three times, "No significant negative effects to the existing flora of the Purcell Preserve are anticipated."

(Note: The DEIS does not acknowledge the significant negative effects to the existing fauna, like life-threatening impacts to baby birds and winter birds especially.

In no other circumstance or scenario would a reduction of 23%–27% of an "essential service" (which sunlight is to wildlife and ecology) be said *to not result* in significant negative effects to the population dependent on the service.

COMMENT 52: The height of the South Hotel Tower must be reduced. On p. 492 of the DEIS, the following formula is offered, "The longest shadow that a given structure can cast at the latitude of the Town of Hempstead occurs on the morning of the winter solstice and is approximately 4.1 times the height of the structure."

Based on this formula, and the importance of natural sun cycles to the ecosystem and denizens of the Hempstead Plains, the DEIS should be changed to reduce the height of the 300 foot tall South Hotel Tower by approximately a reduction of 23%–27%.

COMMENT 53: Include renderings in the DEIS of the project with the south tower at a height that would not have any shadow impacts on the Purcell Preserve.

COMMENT 54: The DEIS does not acknowledge or address that tall towers and shadows cause aesthetic impact because the imposing casino site will clearly interfere with or reduce the public's enjoyment and/or appreciation of the appearance of Purcell Preserve.

COMMENT 55: In Appendix 3.3-2: Shadow Assessment, renderings are provided to illustrate the projected shadows from proposed development.

Date	Illustration Time	Actual Sunset
June 21	6:58 pm	8:30 pm
December 21	3:00 pm	4:30 pm

However, the above illustration times are well before the actual time of sunset on the respective days. Therefore, kindly include illustrations in the DEIS of the projected shadow impacts for each time of year at civil dusk – the legal term for the time when the sun is 6 degrees below the horizon in the evening, which is when vehicles are required to turn on their lights.

COMMENT 56: P. ES-29 says, "Impacts from shadows on…the Purcell Preserve under proposed conditions would be similar to those that currently occur to…the Purcell Preserve from the Marriott Hotel building."

This is a misstatement. The Shadow Illustrations in Appendix 3.3-2: Shadow Assessment clearly show that the shadow impacts from the proposed development would be significantly larger than those from the Marriott. The DEIS should be changed to address this.

COMMENT 57: On p. 132, it says, "In all analysis days…the affected areas would receive six hours or more of direct sunlight, which would meet or exceed the minimum sunlight requirements for most resident grassland plant species that occur within the Hempstead Plains."[4] Footnote #4 (being DEIS footnote #173) and the conclusion drawn from it, being that 6 hours daily would meet or exceed the minimum sunlight requirements, is from a web blog, not peer reviewed science, and is unsupportable.

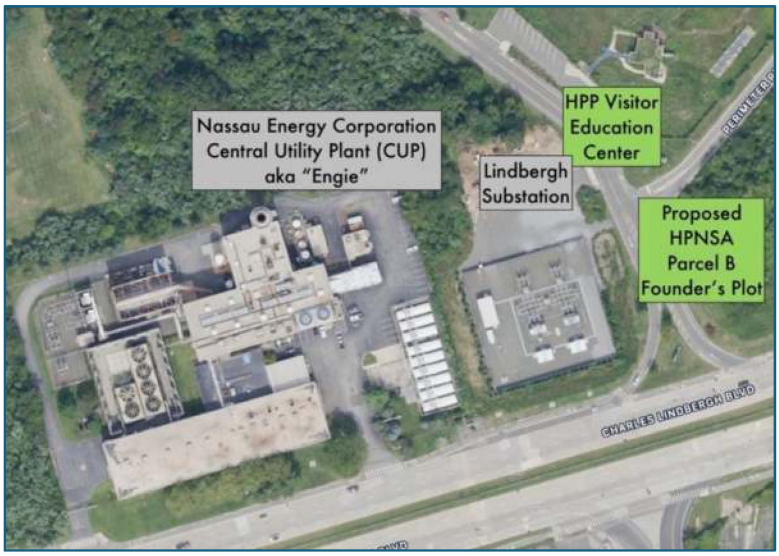
Impacts of Utility Plants and Substations

COMMENT 58: Pp. 183 & 188 say the Nassau Energy cogeneration plant aka in the DEIS as, "The Engie facility is listed in the RCRA generator databases for generation of corrosive-, silver- and halogenated-hazardous wastes and houses multiple aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) containing solvents, acids and waste oil. Undocumented spills or releases of solvents, chemicals, or other hazardous substances associated with these current and historical operations may have adversely affected groundwater, and/or soil vapor on the subject property." For due diligence in the DEIS, it is desirable to test the Nassau Energy cogeneration plant and grounds for the above environmental impacts.

COMMENT 59: Pp. ES-7, ES-14, ES-65. Wherever the Nassau Energy cogeneration plant is referenced throughout the DEIS, please include that it is adjacent to and encroaches on a sensitive site, the Hempstead Plains Preserve Visitor Education Center and parking lot (see photo here).

[4] Sands DEIS Footnote #173: Boston College Dyck Arboretum of the Plains. Defining Sun Requirements for Native Plants. Available at: https://dyckarboretum.org/defining-sun-requirements-for-native-plants/#! Accessed January 2024.

COMMENT 60: The Lindbergh Substation, established in 2019 to support the development of the Nassau Hub[5], is adjacent to the Nassau Energy cogeneration plant. Please include in the DEIS that the Lindbergh substation is immediately across Perimeter Road from, and encroaches upon a sensitive site, the Hempstead Plains Visitor Education Center and parking lot.[6] (see photo here)



COMMENT 61: Please include in the DEIS that the noise that has been generated by the Nassau Energy cogeneration plant and/or the Lindbergh Substation when operational is excessively loud and disrupts meetings, lectures, school field trips and conversations when heard from the Hempstead Plains Preserve Visitor Education Center and parking lot only a short distance away during environmental group meetings, classroom trips, visitor hours and other events.

COMMENT 62: For due diligence in the DEIS, it is desirable to test the Nassau Energy cogeneration plant standalone when operating at capacity. Include in the DEIS the date, max noise level, and max pollutant levels of Particulate Matter (PM), Particulate Matter< 10µ in diameter (PM10), Sulfur Dioxide (SO2), Ozone, Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx), Carbon Monoxide (CO). Test the gas-powered turbine and the three boilers, ideally running concurrently if possible. Second, test the Lindbergh Substation for max noise, max electromagnet field (EMF) radiation and other hazardous emissions from the substation standalone alone when operating at peak capacity. Third, test the combined max noise, max pollutants (listed above), max EMF, and any other federal or state regulated emissions from the Nassau Energy cogeneration plant and Lindbergh Substation when both are running concurrently at peak operating capacity.

COMMENT 63: Pp. ES-66, 524, 663 say, "Sands requires a total electrical service capacity of 47 megavolt ampere (MVA)…from a combination of existing capacity at the 69kV Lindbergh Substation, as well as the construction of an additional substation/expanded substation in the general vicinity of this existing substation (alternative locations are currently being explored). For the initial phase of the proposed Integrated Resort, it is projected that four (4) 10MVA, 13.2kV feeders would be provided from the existing Lindbergh Substation to provide 20MVA of capacity in a 2N configuration. Sands DEIS does mnot acknowledge what the impact would be, starting in and continuing from the initial phase by adding four (4) 10MVA, 13.2kV feeders to the existing Lindbergh Substation to provide 20MVA of capacity

[5] PSEG Lindbergh Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF), 2019. https://www.psegliny.com/reliability/lindbergh, https://www.psegliny.com/reliability/-/media/A5783C0959B649C58DFAC586A64C660A.ashx

[6]PSEG Lindbergh FEAF 2019, Figure 1 – Site Location Map https://www.psegliny.com/reliability/-/media/898C8E98C1594E1D8223B8B74413E7B6.ashx

encroaching upon and just across a narrow street from two sensitive sites. First, the Hempstead Plains Preserve Visitor Education Center and parking lot. The second sensitive site is the proposed Hempstead Plains Nature Study Area Parcel B where a 4-5 acre founder's plot is planned for establishing an endemic native seed supply and for public educational purposes (see p. 28 of this report).

Next, pp. ES-5, ES-86-87, ES-91, 41, 54, 524, 537, 594-595, 609 cite "an expanded or new substation" would be required to serve the proposed Integrated Resort beyond Phase 1 and that "PSEG Long Island is in the process of identifying locations for this new/expanded substation."

Pp. ES-14, and 54 say, "The proposed expanded or new PSEG LI substation may require review by the Nassau County Open Space & Parks Advisory Committee and the Nassau County Planning Commission, and approval by the Nassau County Legislature, if it is constructed on land owned by Nassau County," which means green space whenever OSPAC review is required.

COMMENT 64: Open space (green space) should not be used for any utility service, plant or substation, etc., to be constructed or expanded for use at/by the Nassau Hub build site.

COMMENT 65: Any new or expanded substation should be constructed on and reuse previously developed land (ideally, of no current or little use) on or adjacent to the Nassau Hub, provided the location is not within 200 yards of any part of the proposed Hempstead Plains Nature Study Area (see p. 22 of this report).

Pp. ES-14, and 54 say, "If the substation is constructed/expanded on property under the control of Nassau Community College, approvals would also be required from the Board of Trustees of Nassau Community College and the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York."

COMMENT 66: Strike from the DEIS that a substation can be constructed/expanded on or near existing substation already encroaching onto the sensitive site of the Hempstead Plains Preserve Visitor Education Center and parking lot. For obvious reasons, this is a bad idea.

COMMENT 67: In the DEIS, please include the photo here that illustrates that both the Nassau Energy cogeneration plant and the Lindbergh Substation noise, pollutants, and any other hazardous emissions encroach upon a historical, rare and precious ecosystem, the Hempstead Plains, which provides habitat for many rare, threatened and endangered species. Although the Nassau Energy cogeneration plant and the Lindbergh Substation serve the proposed casino site, they are purposely distanced from there for obvious reasons, instead being located near two sensitive sites. First, the Hempstead Plains Preserve Visitor Education Center and parking lot. The second sensitive site is the proposed Hempstead Plains Nature Study Area Parcel B where a 4-5 acre founder's plot is planned for establishing an endemic native seed supply and for public educational purposes (see p. 28 of this report).

P. 524 says, "…power would be provided from a combination of existing capacity at the 69kV Lindbergh Substation, as well as the construction of an additional substation/expanded substation in the general vicinity of this existing substation (alternative locations are currently being explored)."

COMMENT 68: Strike from p. 524 and anywhere in the DEIS that an additional/expanded substation can be constructed/expanded in the general vicinity of the Lindbergh substation which encroaches on the

sensitive site of the HPP Visitor Education Center and parking lot. Add that an additional/expanded substation cannot be constructed/expanded on green space. Any new or expanded substation should be constructed on and reuse previously developed land (ideally, of no current or little use) on or adjacent to the Nassau Hub, provided the location is not within 200 yards of any part of the proposed Hempstead Plains Nature Study Area (see p. 22 of this report).

COMMENT 69: Please add all scientific research below on substation impacts on sensitive site to the DEIS. That will be very helpful.

Permanent Substation Impacts:[7] The permanent impacts related to construction and operation of a new substation (or expansion of an existing substation) may be substantial depending on the location of the new site and its proximity to residences and other sensitive sites such as the Hempstead Plains Nature Study Area. Among the more important and long-lasting impacts are land use changes and habitat loss, changes to local aesthetics and viewsheds, noise, and lighting.

Noise and Lighting Impacts: The noise produced by an operating substation can be quite loud to adjacent property owners and wildlife at other sensitive sites such as the Hempstead Plains Nature Study Area. A constant humming or buzzing noise may be audible several hundred feet from the substation fence.

Threatened, Endangered, or Rare Species: Construction and operation of a substation could have direct impacts on rare species or their habitat if the substation is sited in an area with high-quality habitat suitable for protected species such as the Hempstead Plains Nature Study Area. Applicants are required to consult with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to determine if protected species or high-quality habitat are present on the site. In some cases, field surveys may be necessary. When these resources might be present, the utility is required to avoid or reduce possible impacts. Methods to avoid or minimize impacts may include choosing an alternative site.

Substation construction can also result in the direct loss of grassland or woodland habitat for other non-listed birds, mammals, reptiles and other wildlife, of which many hundreds of species of federally-protected migratory birds stop over during spring and fall migration to rest and refuel on native forage. At least 50 species are found year-round on the Hempstead Plains Nature Study Area, and a breeding set of at least 50 bird species raise their families here (see p. 26 of this report).

Vegetation Management: Buried beneath the gravel in a substation yard is a grid of wires that functions as the grounding for the high voltage equipment. To ensure safety for utility employees and the public, it is important to prevent this ground grid from being compromised by vegetation growth. For this reason, substation yards are regularly maintained by using a variety of herbicides.[8] This is not desirable in the proximity of the resident and breeding bird populations and federally-protected migratory birds present in the Hempstead Plains Nature Study Area, and it's a nonpoint source of potentially toxic water pollution runoff contamination into our waterways.

[7] https://psc.wi.gov/Documents/Brochures/Impacts%20of%20Substations.pdf
[8] Ibid.

Light Pollution Impacts on Migratory Birds

COMMENT 70: Over 340 wild and resplendent bird species (not counting vagrants) will visit, vacation and 146 will stay to raise families on Long Island annually, coming from our southern states, Mexico, Caribbean, Central and South America. The DEIS does not acknowledge that, as Nassau County is only 23 miles wide at its widest point, many of the 7,824,900 and 28,175,400 federally protected migratory birds that cross Nassau County at night in spring and fall respectively, will be impacted by night light pollution from the proposed casino site. The DEIS must develop a mitigation plan for this impact that will cause harm to federally protected migratory birds.

(https://dashboard.birdcast.info/region/US-NY-059?night=2024-06-14, https://dashboard.birdcast.info/region/US-NY-059?night=2024-11-14)

The sizable disparity in numbers between spring and fall migration is that certain species, namely shorebirds (but also others) take the fastest flyway with the stiffest tailwinds which is in central USA to race up from Central and South America to reach their nursery grounds to raise families in northern Canada's Boreal Forest, Alaska and the Arctic. In the fall, they take the Atlantic Flyway back, at a more leisurely pace, crossing Long Island on their way home to Central and South America for the winter.

COMMENT 71: For more information on light pollution impacts on migratory birds, see comments submitted separately under their own cover by the NYC Bird Alliance organization.

Local Research on Light Pollution Impacts on Breeding Birds

COMMENT 72: A local Long Island high school student researching the impact of light pollution on birds is among the semifinalists announced in the national Regeneron Science Talent on January 8, 2025.[9] The student scholar, Shannon Hong of Herricks High School in New Hyde Park, told News12, "My study suggests that light pollution could hinder bird reproduction, therefore could lead to the decline of bird populations."[10] Please have the DEIS acknowledge that this student research study is both local and timely, given the impact of light pollution from the proposed casino on breeding bird populations at Purcell Preserve across the street, and across the Hempstead Plains overall.

[9] News12, Dozens of LI students named semifinalists in Regeneron Science Talent Search, Jan. 28, 2025, https://longisland.news12.com/dozens-of-li-students-named-semifinalists-in-regeneron-science-talent-search

[10] Newsday, Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholars, Jan. 8, 2025, https://www.newsday.com/long-island/education/regeneron-scholars-long-island-pvsqzn9r

Science on Noise Impacts on Birds

COMMENT 73: The DEIS should acknowledge that sound is an integral component in bird survival. Ornithologists have identified thousands of sounds made by birds, including calls, chirps, rattles, whistles, trills, croaks, drumming, each with its own purpose. Birds use sound to attract mates, signal the singer's health and vigor, defend territories, signal alarms about predators, and share the location of food.[11] Sound is a 360 degree communication tool (unlike visual communication which relies on line of sight) and bird sounds and therefore communication can traverse vision-blocking tall grass and foliage, through tree groves, wrap around corners, often carrying long distances, unless impacted by noise.

COMMENT 74: The DEIS should acknowledge that negative impacts of anthropogenic (human-generated) noise on wildlife are well documented. "Fitness in birds has been shown to be negatively associated with anthropogenic noise… environmental noise can reduce fitness in juvenile passerine (perching) birds by acoustically masking parent–offspring communication… More importantly, birds breeding in a noisy environment and their offspring experience significant fitness costs."[12]

COMMENT 75: The DEIS should acknowledge that studies have shown negative effects of persistent noise on wildlife neuroendocrine systems, reproduction and development, metabolism, cardiovascular health, cognition, sleep, audition, the immune system, and DNA integrity and gene expression.[13]

COMMENT 76: The DEIS should acknowledge that the impact of noise is particularly notable on songbirds. Studies have shown altered vocal behavior, reduced abundance in noisy habitats, changes in vigilance and foraging behavior, and impacts on individual fitness and the structure of ecological communities. The literature shows that terrestrial wildlife negative biological responses begin to manifest at noise levels of approximately 40 dBA.[14]

COMMENT 77: The DEIS should acknowledge that a study published in the Journal of Applied Ecology reported that "traffic noise [in March, when bird territories are formed] had a negative effect on reproductive success with females laying smaller clutches in noisier areas. Additionally, noise levels recorded in April [when eggs are laid and incubated] had a negative effect on the number of hatchlings, independent of clutch size."[15]

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[11] Current Biology: Ecology and evolution of bird sounds, Volume 32, Issue 20,2022, https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0960982222012258

[12] Passerine [Perching] Birds Breeding under Chronic Noise Experience Reduced Fitness https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0039200

[13] Journal of Ecology Letters: How and why environmental noise impacts animals https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/j.1461-0248.2011.01664.x

[14] Cambridge Biological Reviews: A synthesis of two decades of research documenting the effects of noise on wildlife https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/brv.12207

[15] Journal of Applied Ecology: Negative impact of traffic noise on avian reproductive success https://besjournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/j.1365-2664.2010.01914.x

COMMENT 78: The DEIS should acknowledge a study in the National Center for Biotechnology Information library that many bird species are less abundant in terms of species diversity, breeding and density near noisy highways.[16]

Noise Impacts on Birds

COMMENT 79: Apparent in the noise impact sections, the DEIS cannot continue to be silent on the globally rare grassland preserves that the proposed site will have negative impacts upon. The DEIS has been called out in other comments (1, 2, 3, 82 for instance) for this recurring pattern of unprofessional denial that there are no grasslands, no flowing brook, no wetlands, no declining bird species, wildlife or flora worth protecting from the significant adverse impacts of the proposed project. Such denials need to come clean out of the DEIS.

COMMENT 80: Pp. ES-52, ES-76, ES-79, 339, etc. The DEIS needs to acknowledge and address that birds and wildlife of/on rare grassland preserves may be harmed by noise impacts from the proposed site. The DEIS needs to acknowledge that such harm can manifest itself in a decline in diversity, density, brood size, vigor, and health, particularly of young birds.

COMMENT 81: Please change p. 130. "There are residential and commercial land uses and rare grassland preserves near the proposed development. According to NYSDEC noise policy, these land uses are all typically considered to be sensitive to noise."

COMMENT 82: Change pp. ES-52, ES-76, ES-79, 339, 343, 571, 581, etc. "To minimize impacts to the surrounding neighborhoods and rare grassland preserves (including noise), during the construction period, construction vehicles would be routed through primary streets and highways, and would not traverse secondary, local neighborhood or rare grassland preserves streets, including James Doolittle Blvd which will be closed to traffic."

COMMENT 83: Change pp. ES-79, 339, 343, 581, etc. "Where possible, construction equipment will be sited on the subject property as far from noise-sensitive receptors and rare grassland preserves as possible."

COMMENT 84: Change DEIS p. 571. "Contingent upon maintaining sufficient ~~Based on the~~ distance between the construction activities and the nearest receptors or rare grassland preserves, and with implementation of the proposed mitigation measures, and as per Table 72, construction equipment is maintained at 300 feet from the preserve whenever possible, no significant adverse noise impacts are expected during the construction period."

COMMENT 85: Change p. 130. "A noise monitoring program was conducted to collect existing sound level data. The noise receptor sites are illustrated in Figure 46, and these monitoring locations are

[16] Journal of Molecular Ecology: Birdsong and anthropogenic noise: implications and applications for conservation https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/17784917/

representative of the nearest sensitive receptors. For rare grassland preserves, noise receptors 4 and 5 may serve for Purcell Preserve – Northwest Quadrant and Purcell Preserve – Midsection respectively."

COMMENT 86: Change p. 322. "Location 4 is the Marriott Hotel property (a residential-type property [where people sleep] within the subject property, which would continue to operate), and for the northwest quadrant of Purcell Preserve. Location 5 is representative of the midsection of Purcell Preserve to the east."

COMMENT 87: P. 342 says, "...based on the analysis of vibration, construction of the Integrated Resort would not be disruptive to adjacent properties." Please acknowledge and address in the DEIS that vibration, construction would have a significant adverse impact on the globally rare grassland ecology at Purcell Preserve if not mitigated.

COMMENT 88: Change p. 334. "Also, to mitigate potential noise impacts to the rare grassland preserves or the residential community to the south, a vegetated berm is proposed to be constructed on the subject sites along the boundary with Purcell Preserve ~~Hempstead Turnpike~~, as shown by the red dashed lines on Figure 51 between the Integrated Resort and the rare grassland preserves or the neighborhood to the south. According to the NYSDOT, earthen berms are a type of noise barrier that can lower noise levels at receptor locations.[17] Therefore, such vegetated berm would provide additional noise attenuation."

Impacts along James Dolittle Boulevard

COMMENT 89: Nassau County should act now to engage with local communities and environmental groups that have the expertise to help design, renew and, when it's ready, to open Purcell Preserve for public nature-viewing access, which is currently prohibited.

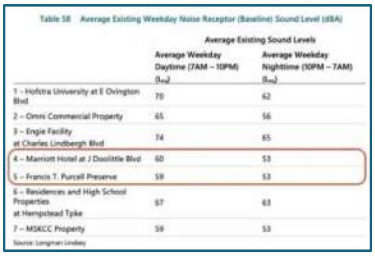
[17] New York State Department of Transportation – *The Transportation Environmental Manual § 4.4.18 Noise Analysis Policy and Procedures* at https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/engineering/environmental-analysis/manuals-and-guidance/epm/repository/4_4_18_Noise.pdf (p. 39).

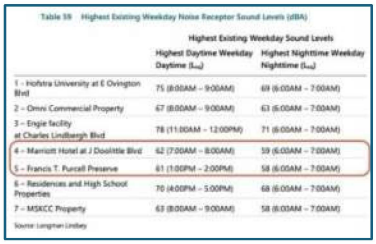
COMMENT 90: The DEIS should acknowledge there's no need for casino traffic on James Doolittle Boulevard because site plans call for a new, more convenient 4-lane express road called Sands Boulevard, in and out of the casino to be built paralleling James Doolittle Boulevard, superseding a need for casino traffic to use James Doolittle Boulevard. The DEIS should include closing off all traffic flow on this narrow, non-strategic Nassau County roadway in the site plans.

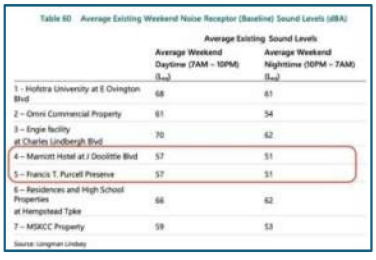
The DEIS should acknowledge that access for vehicles to enter or exit the Marriott hotel property will continue to be provided at the intersection of Charles Lindbergh and James Doolittle boulevards, but the balance of James Doolittle Boulevard below that will be closed off. See Figure 51.

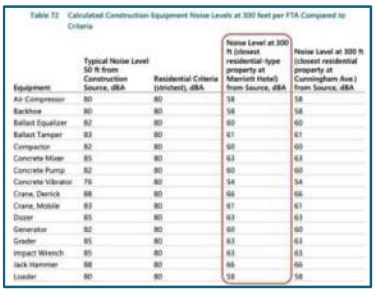
COMMENT 91: Please delete from p. 130 that, "The roadway would continue to allow only right-turns in and out at both its north and south ends and only provide access to two surface parking fields (that are also accessed primarily from the main site entry points and would be the least used parking areas at the subject property) and the existing Marriott Hotel, similar to existing conditions. As such, any increases in traffic volumes on the roadway and associated noise due to the Integrated Resort would be minor. No intrusion into the Hempstead Plains Preserve to improve the roadway beyond its current alignment are proposed."

COMMENT 92: Again, the DEIS fails to acknowledge that a globally rare, historic grassland exists within a few feet of the proposed site. In Figure 51, the north, south and east sides of the proposed site have more than ample, overly wide buffers between the development and the surrounding areas. Except on the east side, where an environmental buffer is needed most, it's missing. This seems to be a site design plan oversight. There is nothing to help to reduce noise and visual impact, and to help keep windblown landscaping plant pollen, seeds and fruit on the proposed site instead of causing a biological impact on the preserve. The DEIS needs to provide a mitigation plan for an effective environmental buffer along the Nassau Hub site's shared border, to insulate Purcell Preserve from any aesthetic or visual impact, light or noise pollution, wind-borne pollen, seeds and fruit blowing off the casino site landscaping or any other environmental encroachment on globally rare Purcell Preserve ecology, flora and fauna.

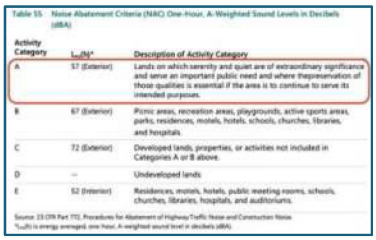








Equipment	Typical Noise Level 50 ft from Construction Source, dBA	Residential Criteria (strictest), dBA	Noise Level at 300 ft (closest residential-type property at Marriott Hotel) from Source, dBA	Noise Level at 300 ft (closest residential property at Cunningham Ave.) from Source, dBA
Air Compressor	80	80	58	58
Backhoe	80	80	58	58
Ballast Equalizer	82	80	60	60
Ballast Tamper	83	80	61	61
Compactor	82	80	60	60
Concrete Mixer	85	80	63	63
Concrete Pump	82	80	60	60
Concrete Vibrator	76	80	54	54
Crane, Derrick	88	80	66	66
Crane, Mobile	83	80	61	61
Dozer	85	80	63	63
Generator	82	80	60	60
Grader	85	80	63	63
Impact Wrench	85	80	63	63
Jack Hammer	88	80	66	66
Loader	80	80	58	58



Activity Category	$L_{eq}(h)$*	Description of Activity Category
A	57 (Exterior)	Lands on which serenity and quiet are of extraordinary significance and serve an important public need and where thepreservation of those qualities is essential if the area is to continue to serve its intended purposes.
B	67 (Exterior)	Picnic areas, recreation areas, playgrounds, active sports areas, parks, residences, motels, hotels, schools, churches, libraries, and hospitals.
C	72 (Exterior)	Developed lands, properties, or activities not included in Categories A or B above.
D	--	Undeveloped lands
E	52 (Interior)	Residences, motels, hotels, public meeting rooms, schools, churches, libraries, hospitals, and auditoriums.

COMMENT 93: Change p. 126. "The existing noise environment for…Purcell Preserve ~~the Hempstead Plains South~~, includes sound levels from vehicular traffic on the Meadowbrook State Parkway, Hempstead Turnpike, Earle Ovington Boulevard, Charles Lindbergh Boulevard, and other local roadways, ~~as well as noise from the surrounding commercial, institutional activities, and residential development~~…" "…As such, the current wildlife fauna of Purcell Preserve ~~the Hempstead Plains~~ exists within an environment with ~~high~~ low ambient noise levels from surrounding roadways ~~and dense development~~."

COMMENT 94: Change p. 126. "Implementation of the proposed project would result in temporary increases in sound levels to nearby… Purcell Preserve ~~the Hempstead Plains South~~…" "Where possible, construction equipment would be sited on the subject property as far from noise-sensitive receptors as possible, including Purcell Preserve ~~the Hempstead Plains South~~…" "…and taking into account that the existing wildlife fauna of Purcell Preserve ~~the Hempstead Plains~~ is adapted to ~~high~~ low ambient noise levels from surrounding roadways ~~and dense development~~, no significant adverse impacts to wildlife due to temporary construction-related noise levels are anticipated provided that as per NYSDOT procedures[18], earthen berms, a type of noise barrier that can lower noise levels are used as shown by the red dash lines in Figure 51, and as per Table 72, construction equipment is maintained at 300 feet from the preserve whenever possible."

COMMENT 95: Change pp. 126 and 127 to "the existing wildlife fauna of Purcell Preserve ~~the Hempstead Plains~~ is adapted to ~~high~~ low ambient noise levels." As a persistent theme throughout the DEIS, both pages are misleading the value of protecting the nearby rare and historical preserves, flora and fauna from impacts of the casino development. In this instance, pp. 126 and 127 fail to acknowledge Tables 55, 58, 59, 60 which categorize globally rare and perpetually protected Francis T. Purcell Preserve with low noise levels to the extent of being Federal Highway Administration Class A: "Lands on which serenity and quiet are of extraordinary significance and serve an important public need and where the preservation of those qualities is essential if the area is to continue to serve its intended purposes."[19]

[18] New York State Department of Transportation – *The Transportation Environmental Manual § 4.4.18 Noise Analysis Policy and Procedures* at https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/engineering/environmental-analysis/manuals-and-guidance/epm/repository/4_4_18_Noise.pdf (p. 39).

[19] Federal Highway Administration - *23 CFR Part 772: PROCEDURES FOR ABATEMENT OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC NOISE AND CONSTRUCTION NOISE* https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-23/part-772

For additional comments and changes to the Environmental Impact Statement, please note these other organizations and environmentalists that made submissions under their own separate cover:

New York City Bird Alliance	• Bird-building collisions • Night lighting impacts on migratory birds
Long Island Conservancy	• East Meadow Brook waterway and wetlands • Meadowbrook Parkway and roadways expansion
Dropseed Native Landscapes	• Native landscaping impacts
Seatuck Environmental Center	• Bird-building collisions
Dr. J Bret Bennington, Professor and Chair of the Department of Geology, Environment, and Sustainability, Hofstra University	• Water resources, supply, quality (hydrology) • Groundwater level impacts • Proposed new water well impacts

30 Endangered, Threatened, Rare Grassland Obligate Species

Existing remnant patches of Hempstead Plains grassland are surrounded by urban development and illegal garbage dumping has been common. It is extremely vulnerable to further development and associated disturbances. It has been colonized by invasive exotic species, and successional shrublands or successional southern hardwoods.

However, adequate protection, restoration, proper management, and no further development in and around the sites, should allow the Hempstead grassland's viability to improve.[20]

LI Grassland Specialist Birds Endangered: 1, Threatened: 3, Special Concern: 3, High Priority: 2

#	Common Name	*Scientific Name*	Species Status
1.	Short-eared Owl	*Asio flammeus*	NY/LI Endangered[1]
2.	Northern Harrier	*Circus hudsonius*	NY/LI Threatened[2]
3.	Upland Sandpiper	*Bartramia longicauda*	NY/LI Threatened[2]
4.	Henslow's Sparrow	*Centronyx henslowii*	NY/LI Threatened[2]
5.	Horned Lark	*Eremophila alpestris*	NY/LI Special Concern[3]
6.	Vesper Sparrow	*Pooecetes gramineus*	NY/LI Special Concern[3]
7.	Grasshopper Sparrow	*Ammodramus savannarum*	NY/LI Special Concern[3]
8.	Bobolink	*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*	NY/LI High Priority[4]
9.	Eastern Meadowlark	*Sturnella magna*	NY/LI High Priority[4]

[1]: Endangered native species in imminent danger of extirpation or extinction in NYS.
[2]: Threatened native species likely to become an NYS endangered species within the foreseeable future.
[3]: Native species for which a welfare concern or risk of endangerment has been documented in NYS.
[4]: High Priority Species of Greatest Conservation Need
Source: NYS DEC

Pollinators of the Hempstead Plains Preserves Threatened: 1, Critically Imperiled: 1

#	Common Name	*Scientific Name*	Species Status
10.	Frosted Elfin	*Callophrys irus*	NY/LI Threatened[7]
11.	Hand-maid Moth	*Datana ranaeceps*	NY/LI Critically Imperiled

Plants of the Hempstead Plains Preserves Endangered: 4, Threatened: 14, Rare:1

#	Common Name	*Scientific Name*	Species Status
12.	Sandplain Gerardia	*Agalinis decemloba*	Fed & NY Endangered[5,6]
13.	Soapwort Gentian	*Gentiana saponaria*	NY/LI Endangered[6,9]
14.	Eastern Silvery Aster	*Symphyotrichum concolor*	NY/LI Endangered[6,9]
15.	Britton's Coast Violet	*Viola brittoniana*	NY/LI Endangered[6]
16.	Stargrass	*Aletris farinosa*	NY/LI Threatened[7]
17.	Purple Milkweed	*Asclepias purpurascens*	NY/LI Threatened[7]
18.	Green Milkweed	*Asclepias viridiflora*	NY/LI Threatened[7]
19.	Midland Sedge	*Carex mesochorea*	NY/LI Threatened[7]
20.	Bushy Rock Rose	*Crocanthemum dumosum*	NY/LI Threatened[7]
21.	Low Rock Rose	*Crocanthemum propinquum*	NY/LI Threatened[7]
22.	Small-leaved Trefoil	*Desmodium ciliare*	NY/LI Threatened[7]
23.	Narrowleaf Bush Clover	*Lespedeza angustifolia*	NY/LI Threatened[7]
24.	Nuttall's Milkwort	*Polygala nuttallii*	NY/LI Threatened[7]
25.	Blunt Mountain Mint	*Pycnanthemum muticum*	NY/LI Threatened[7]
26.	Few-flowered Nutrush	*Scleria pauciflora*	NY/LI Threatened[7]
27.	Narrowleaf Whitetop Aster	*Sricocarpus linifolius*	NY/LI Threatened[7]
28.	Hyssopleaf Hedge Nettle	*Stachys hyssopifolia*	NY/LI Threatened[7]
29.	Northern Gama Grass	*Tripsacum dactyloides*	NY/LI Threatened[7]
30.	Birds-foot Violet	*Viola pedata*	NY/LI Rare[8]

[5]: Listed as Endangered under the Federal Endangered Species Act.
[6]: Listed as Endangered by NYS: In imminent danger of extirpation in NY.
[7]: Listed as Threatened by NYS: Likely to become Endangered in the foreseeable future.
[8]: Listed as Rare by NYS: Likely to become Threatened in the near future.
[9]: Considered extirpated. Conservation translocation/reintroduction candidate.
Source: New York Natural Heritage Program

[20] Source: guides.nynhp.org/hempstead-plains-grassland/

New York State Wildlife Action Plan for 2025-2035

The US Endangered Species Act of 1973: Designed by Congress to protect critically imperiled species and to halt and reverse the trend toward species extinction caused by unscrupulous economic growth and development untempered by adequate concern and conservation. The purpose of the ESA is:

1) to prevent extinction, and
2) to recover species to the point where the law's protections are no longer needed, and
3) to get there, the ESA also protects ecosystems upon which listed species depend.

State Wildlife Action Plans (SWAPs) are updated with USFWS every 10 years. SWAPs serve to prevent species from becoming federally endangered. To be eligible for federal wildlife conservation funding, a SWAP must identify Species of Greatest Conservation Need, identify the habitats they require, and prescribe recommended actions to address the threats to ensure the conservation of SGCN, before they become too rare or costly to restore.

Of 79 birds on NY's 2025-35 SWAP, **34 imperiled species below require habitat found within the 100-acre HPNSA** and can benefit from conservation action and habitat improvement here so as not to become endangered species in NY.

Conservation action to establish a 100-acre Hempstead Plains Nature Study Area will also benefit several hundred other native birds, other wildlife species and native plants whose populations in Nassau County have been declining sharply, but not sharp enough yet to be listed as the highest state priorities on NY's SWAP plan such as these birds are:

Endangered Imminent danger of extirpation or extinction in NYS.	**Legend: G: Grassland; F: Forest; W: Wetland**
1. Loggerhead Shrike	G
2. Short-eared Owl	G
Threatened Likely to become a NYS endangered species within the foreseeable future.	
3. Common Nighthawk	G
4. Yellow-breasted Chat	F
5. Kentucky Warbler	F
6. Least Bittern	W
7. Upland Sandpiper	G
8. Sedge Wren	G
9. Henslow's Sparrow	G
Special Concern A welfare concern or risk of endangerment has been documented in NYS.	
10. Peregrine Falcon	
11. Bald Eagle	F, W
12. Northern Harrier	G, W
13. Barn Owl	G, W
14. American Bittern	W
15. Red-shouldered Hawk	W
16. Red-headed Woodpecker	F
17. Horned Lark	G
18. Vesper Sparrow	G
19. Grasshopper Sparrow	G
High Priority Species of Greatest Conservation Need	
20. American Black Duck	W
21. Bay-breasted Warbler	F
22. Bobolink	G
23. Brown Thrasher	F
24. Canada Warbler	F
25. Cape May Warbler	F
26. Eastern Meadowlark	G
27. Northern Bobwhite	G
28. Olive-sided Flycatcher	W
29. Prothonotary Warbler	W
30. Rusty Blackbird	W
Proposed New SGCN for 2025-35	
31. American Kestrel	G
32. Greater Yellowlegs	W
33. Long-eared Owl	F
34. Tennessee Warbler	F

Learn more: https://dec.ny.gov/nature/animals-fish-plants/biodiversity-species-conservation/state-wildlife-action-plan

National Audubon Flight Plan for 2023-2028

The Audubon Flight Plan for 2023-28 will "bend the bird curve" from a 50-year steep decline into an upward curve by 2028 for bird populations that migrate throughout the Western Hemisphere. Birds have no borders. Depending on species, migrants travel en masse from Antarctica, South America, Central America, the Caribbean, North America, up to the Arctic Circle and Alaska to raise their families – and back again each year.

Across the Western Hemisphere, 188 "Indicator Species" have been identified by Audubon. As any Indicator Species population curve bends upward due to priority habitat improvement across the Americas, that bird also "indicates" that multiple other bird and wildlife species that use the same ecosystems are improving as well.

Of the total 188, **40 declining species listed below require habitat found in the 100-acre HPNSA** and can benefit from conservation action and habitat improvement that will bend the bird curve up for their populations here in Nassau County.

To improve the HPNSA for the indicator species below, will also mean that many other bird, flora and fauna species that share the HPNSA will improve, as well as the overall ecosystem and water quality.

	Audubon Indicator Species	Legend: G: grassland, F: forest, W: wetland, U: Urban
1.	American Bittern	W
2.	American Black Duck	W
3.	American Kestrel	G, F
4.	American Woodcock	F
5.	Bald Eagle	F, W
6.	Bay-breasted Warbler	F
7.	Black-billed Cuckoo	F
8.	Blackpoll Warbler	F
9.	Bobolink	G
10.	Canada Warbler	F
11.	Chimney Swift	F, U
12.	Dickcissel	G
13.	Eastern Meadowlark	G
14.	Grasshopper Sparrow	G
15.	Henslow's Sparrow	G
16.	Kentucky Warbler	F
17.	Lark Bunting	G
18.	Least Bittern	W
19.	Loggerhead Shrike	G
20.	Long-billed Dowitcher	W
21.	Mourning Warbler	F
22.	Northern Bobwhite	G
23.	Northern Harrier	G, W
24.	Northern Pintail	W
25.	Olive-sided Flycatcher	F
26.	Painted Bunting	F
27.	Prairie Warbler	F
28.	Prothonotary Warbler	F
29.	Purple Martin	G, W
30.	Red-headed Woodpecker	F
31.	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	F
32.	Rufous Hummingbird	F
33.	Rusty Blackbird	W
34.	Scarlet Tanager	F
35.	Short-eared Owl	G
36.	Upland Sandpiper	G
37.	Wood Thrush	F
38.	Yellow Warbler	F
39.	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	F
40.	Yellow-breasted Chat	F

View the National Audubon Flight Plan for 2023–28: https://media.audubon.org/2024-01/WEB_Strat%20Plan%20Overview_Jan04.pdf

Breeding Birds of the Hempstead Plains

How many bird species raise their families on Long Island? Most people guess way too low.

You may be surprised to learn, 146 bird species reunite on Long Island after a long winter apart, fall in love all over again (many species are monogamous) in spring, and raise their families here during the productive months of May, June, July, into August.[21]

Of the146 Long Island breeding birds, **at least 50 nest and raise young in the 100-acre HPNSA.**

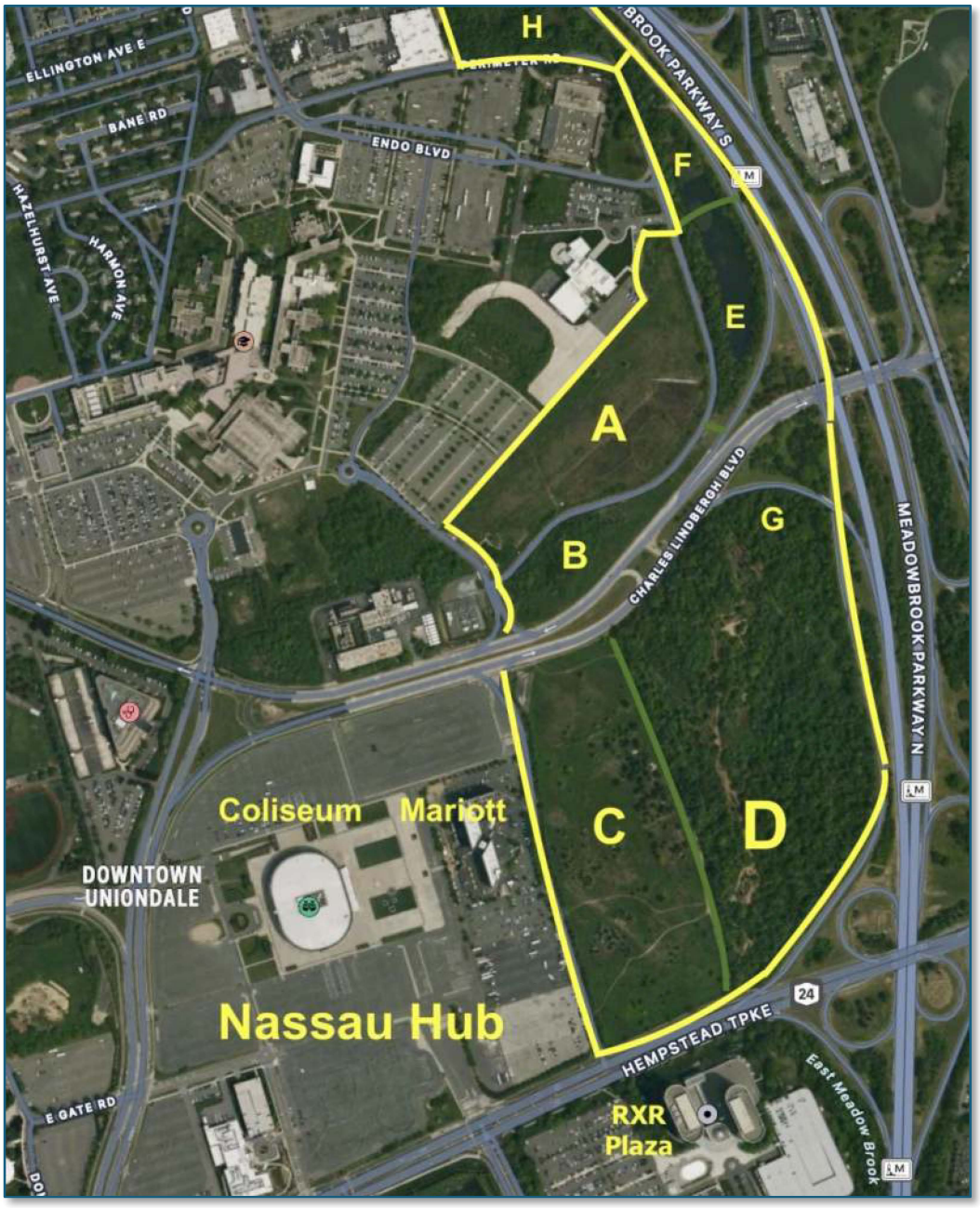
Breeding Birds of the Hempstead Plains		
1. Mallard	18. Common Raven	35. American Goldfinch
2. Rock Pigeon	19. Black-capped Chickadee	36. Chipping Sparrow
3. Mourning Dove	20. Tufted Titmouse	37. Field Sparrow
4. Chimney Swift	21. Tree Swallow	38. Savannah Sparrow
5. Ruby-throated Hummingbird	22. White-breasted Nuthatch	39. Song Sparrow
6. Killdeer	23. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	40. Swamp Sparrow
7. Red-bellied Woodpecker	24. House Wren	41. Eastern Towhee
8. Downy Woodpecker	25. Carolina Wren	42. Eastern Meadowlark
9. Hairy Woodpecker	26. European Starling	43. Baltimore Oriole
10. Northern Flicker	27. Gray Catbird	44. Red-winged Blackbird
11. American Kestrel	28. Brown Thrasher	45. Brown-headed Cowbird
12. Eastern Kingbird	29. Northern Mockingbird	46. Common Grackle
13. White-eyed Vireo	30. Wood Thrush	47. Common Yellowthroat
14. Warbling Vireo	31. American Robin	48. American Redstart
15. Red-eyed Vireo	32. Cedar Waxwing	49. Yellow Warbler
16. Blue Jay	33. House Sparrow	50. Northern Cardinal
17. American Crow	34. House Finch	51. Indigo Bunting

Most likely, a dozen more species including raptors and owls nest here too, keeping their nests hidden in hard-to-find spots. This raises an important point to understand about many wild species of birds that still nest on Long Island – they cannot easily adapt to human encroachment. That's why we must preserve more natural and somewhat undisturbed areas (like the HPNSA) that provide privacy and respectful boundaries so they will feel equally at home in Nassau County, as much as we do raising our own families here.

[21] New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). *New York State Breeding Bird Atlas III*. More info: https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7312.html and https://ebird.org/atlasny/home.

Proposed 100-acre Hempstead Plains Nature Study Area

A larger, more contiguous, and resilient Hempstead Plains Nature Study Area can better diffuse environmental impacts from the Nassau Hub. Simply, more grassland with wooded edge, forest, brook and wetland combined to approx. 100 acres, will be more attractive to grassland specialist birds and wildlife, being conducive to restoring a lush biodiversity of NY native flora and fauna. There aren't many preservable 100-acre tracts left in this part of Nassau County, making this proposal critical.



Parcels A, C, D (but currently not B) have substantial intact acreage of Hempstead Plains grassland. Nevertheless, sections of all 4 parcels (A, B, C, D) should be prioritized to be restored back to Hempstead Plains grassland habitat by selectively replacing invasive plant tracts, successional old field, scrubland and hardwoods with appropriate Hempstead Plains grassland plant species.

There's much to consider for preserving and restoring the following 8 different mini-ecosystems which are adjacent to yet distinctly demarcated from each other. Their proximity makes it possible for us to protect and preserve them as an exemplary series of Nassau County native habitats that reflect our natural heritage as well as our environmental legacy for future generations.

Now, that's not saying these parcels aren't disturbed by man, they all have been. Yet they all retain their own essence of what such diverse ecosystems should each provide in being able to host and harbor obligate flora and fauna ecotypes specific to each parcel - and they all can be carefully cultivated to increasingly restore them into their more natural states incrementally over the years they're under new management by concerned LI environmentalists. Envision them as a natural environmental college campus with distinct habitat classrooms next door to each other, where one can study, learn and marvel at exemplary and authentic ecologies of Long Island nature and wild species specific to each classroom/parcel, all next to each other, one after another.

These 8 discrete areas (marked A to H) exist here, each representing different ecological examples of Nassau County natural habitat variations, all coexisting in the same relatively compact and contiguous geographic area where these varied habitats such as meadows, forests, swamps, and stream provide ecological niches for obligate species of plants, birds, invertebrates, and other LI endemic wildlife.

These 8 different Long Island ecological niches are:

1. **Parcel A: Hempstead Plains Preserve:** Approx. 19 acres of managed grassland with Visitor Center.
2. **Parcel B: Successional Woodland Plot:** Approx. 7 acres of successional Southern hardwoods tapering off into grassland. Hardwoods to be converted to 4-5 acres of Founders Plots for establishing a Nassau County ecotype native seed supply, and for public education.
3. **Parcel C: Purcell Preserve:** Approx 27 acres of unmanaged Hempstead Plains grassland succeeding to scrubland and wooded areas.
4. **Parcel D: East Meadow Brook:** Approx 42 acres. Includes Nassau County's longest stream, the East Meadow Brook, with forest and wetland ecosystems running alongside the Meadowbrook Parkway. This adds valuable biodiversity including LI native woodland and wetland plants, pollinators, and bird species. Parcel D also includes substantial acreage of Hempstead Plains globally rare grassland bisected by dirt bike trails running through a NYS protected wetland.
5. **Parcel E: The Pond and Ravine:** Retention basin and apparent headwaters of the East Meadow Brook.
6. **Parcel F: Woodland Swamp:** Ecologically rich, tangled obligate hydrophytic flora with slow sluices of open water.
7. **Parcel G: Tall Pine-Oak Grove:** Slightly higher land with tallest, presumably oldest and most distinct stand of majestic pines and oaks within view - a bountiful ecosystem for obligate wildlife species.
8. **Parcel H: Sunken Forest:** Stand at eye level with birds foraging in the crowns and upper canopies of numerous trees that grow no taller than the ridge encircling them. In the flood basin below lies an ephemeral waterhole that's part of the hydrology of the East Meadow Brook headwaters.

Parcel D: East Meadow Brook, April 2024

As different as the 8 ecosystems are, yet they are all here and woven tightly into this tapestry of the Nassau County environments that need the surrounding municipalities and communities to join together to preserve, nurture and protect these special places for the benefit of wildlife and people, to conserve a remembrance of Nassau County's natural heritage and a lasting legacy for generations to come. If we don't, who will?

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to submit comments regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Sands Casino and Resort.
Specifically I am concerned about draw down of toxic contaminants into the water table and increased ozone concentration.

Superfund Sites

Superfund sites are the 1,000 most polluted sites on land in the country as identified by the U.S. E.P.A. With an increased amount of water drawn out of the aquifers under Mitchell field, the level of the water table will drop. This will create a cone of depression bringing with it many of the contaminants found in the soil in that area. There is a danger that pollutants from nearby Superfund sites and the sites of fuel spills could leach down into the aquifer, our sole source of drinking water. Some of these pollutants are heavy metals such as chromium, cadmium, lead, arsenic, and others, organic contaminants such as trichloroethylene, MTBE, solvents, pesticides, as well as radioactive materials and more which can cause serious diseases such as many types of cancers, brain damage and learning disabilities, and act as hormone blockers/mimics/disruptors.

According to the U.S. E.P.A Superfund Website and Homefacts.com, there are 11 Superfund Sites located close to the Mitchel Field area. They include:

1. Fulton Ave, 150 Fulton Ave. North Hempstead, NY 11550

2. Old Roosevelt Field Contaminated ground water Area, Clinton Rd. and Old Country Road
3. Pasley solvents and Chemicals, Inc., 565 Commercial avenue, Hempstead, NY 11530
4. Franklin Cleaners, 206-208b South Franklin Street, Hempstead, NY. 11550
5. Simkins Industries, Orlando Ave., West Hempstead, NY. 11552
6. Laboratory Furniture, 115 Old Country Rd., Carle Place, NY. 11514
7. Roosevelt Usarc, 101 Oak street, Hempstead NY. 11554
8. Hempstead Gas Plant, 2nd Ave. and Franklin Ave., Hempstead NY. 11550
9. Star carting Company, 94 Denton Avenue, Garden City,NY11040
10. Frann paper Corp, 450 Endo Blvd., Garden City, NY. 11530
11. Purex Corp Baron Blakesly Div, 195 Commercial Ave., Garden City, NY. 11530

In addition, there have been spills of gas, oil, and other petroleum fuels at 69 locations near Mitchell Field, including the following:

17 in Garden City:
NYTANK6211, 636, 1460, 635, 1636, 627, 1195, 1345, 1446, 1575, 638, 1121, 610, 631, 620, 1505, and 1504

18 in Hempstead:
NYTANK618, 670, 651, 1557, 1087, 1555, 851, 1009, 1593, 1131, 1724, 1115, 628, 1621, 851, 1009, 1593, 1131, 1734, 1115, 628, 1621, 1753, 1089, 1200, and 729

8 in Uniondale:
NYTANK914, 1859, 1858, 1098, 924, 787, 28204, and 1870

25 in Westbury:
NYTANK974, 660, 1814, 1576, 25963, 639, 1479, 1800, and 1389

6 in Carle Place:
NYTANK963, 960, 805, 1573 Well #5, 1143 Well #2, and 1571 Wells 3&4

Ozone

Air quality in central Nassau County is already compromised by congested rush hour traffic, shopping malls, and densely developed suburban communities that surround the Nassau Hub. Much of the congested and highly developed suburban areas of the county south of the Long Island Expressway are considered Non-Attainment Zones on several of the Criteria Pollutants as

defined by the Clean Air Act. Specifically, the ozone levels at the intersection of the Meadowbrook Parkway, Hempstead Turnpike and Merrick Avenue are consistently above legal limits as defined by the Clean Air Act. Ozone and other air pollutants can cause emphysema, asthma, COPD, and other cardiovascular ailments. In a time when respiratory diseases such as Covid-19, Influenza and RSV are on the rise, this is especially concerning for children, the elderly, and others who are more susceptible to these maladies.

The DEIS should be amended to include recent and historical levels of these pollutants, including ozone, scientific modeling that predicts how the increased traffic would impact those levels, how this increase would impact cardiopulmonary disease in the area, and methods to reduce and mitigate this impact. Such methods may include but not be limited to the use of electric shuttle busses, free access to charging stations for electric vehicles, and tree planting in neighboring communities such as Uniondale, Hempstead, Garden City, Westbury, and Carle Place.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Abdale

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As a 50 year resident of Garden City I have seen many changes in our neighborhood
And its surroundings. Some of it good but some not so good. The congestion is of particular concern. The air quality has been adversely impacted by all of the traffic.
During the holiday season I don't even try to go shopping on Old Country Road past 10 AM. Stewart Avenue has also seen a huge uptick in traffic and if a casino is built in Uniondale it will only get much worse. The fact that it will be so close to Hofstra University is also very concerning. I've given a lot of thought to the opening of a casino
near so many young adults. As a result I have to say No To The Casino!!!

N. Guarino
Garden City,N.Y.

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To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to submit comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Sands resort and Casino. For my entire professional career I have worked in various churches and houses of worship providing music that helps people connect with a higher ethical spiritual calling. It is with nothing less than a desire to see what is right and what is ethical for both humans and for all living beings in God's creation that I submit these comments.

As someone who grew up in East Meadow, I recall a childhood in which, when there was a warm rain, we would see toads hopping through our suburban backyards. In the 1960's newts could be found in sumps (storm drainage basins) that had standing water. Toads are no longer found in the backyards of East Meadow and other neighboring developments and newts have been extirpated from Nassau County for quite some time now.

Amphibians are considered indicator species and as such are often used by ecologists to reflect the quality and health of an ecosystem. Like birds, they are highly susceptible to environmental changes. Amphibians' smooth moist skin is an avenue through which contaminants can easily diffuse into their bodies, and water can easily diffuse out. Additional pressures such as over manicured lawns, intensive landscaping, and the widespread use of fertilizers, herbicides and leaf blowers as well as a gradual drying up of local waterways continue to make it nearly impossible for local amphibians to bounce back to historic levels. In fact, world-wide, fully one third of amphibians are either threatened or endangered with extinction. We can use this trend to help guide us in finding the least impactful approaches to development.

One of the most concerning errors found in the DEIS is the mischaracterization of the East Meadow Brook as merely storm runoff. Perhaps that is its current state due to all the development that has occurred in the vicinity over the years. But the fact is, many people including the likes of Teddy Roosevelt, the Phipps, the Vanderbilts and others used to go trout fishing in the Meadow Brook! For me, knowing that there was a wild place in my backyard, a place where waters flowed freely and naturally, where native plants and animals could flourish, adds an element of beauty and mystery to my relationship with the neighborhood and connection to all of Creation.

The DEIS states that a new water well will be erected that can pump almost 2 million gallons of water. Despite the approaches described in the DEIS that are designed to allow water to flow back into the ground, I worry that pumping 2 million gallons of water from our underground aquifer will result in a lowering of the water table. This will result in a further drying of the streambed, further compromising it as a natural habitat, potentially affecting all of the nature preserves associated with the Hempstead Plains and every natural area found along that strem to the south. In addition, I worry that drawing so much water will ultimately affect the quantity and quality of our drinking water by causing contaminants from the former Mitchell Field Air Force Base and the scores of other more recent polluters in the area to be drawn down with the water table into our aquifers.

The DEIS makes no mention of its effect on the West Meadow Brook, another stream that runs down Brookside Avenue, right next to Hofstra University. In both cases, this will affect the mix of fresh and saltwater that exists at the mouths of these streams.

In addition, in both cases, significantly compromising these two streams may be seen as examples of environmental racism as both pass through communities of color. Residents of Uniondale, Roosevelt, Freeport, and Baldwin may all have less access to healthy ecosystems in their backyards as a result of such extensive use of our shared groundwater.

In conclusion, I will state that I am opposed to the construction of this proposed resort in its entirety for ecological and humanitarian reasons connected to the aesthetic and health impacts this project would have on the health and well-being of our human and non-human neighbors.

If this project is going forward, I urge you to take the highest and most ethical approach. Specifically I would like to see changes in the DEIS including:

1. Ways to decrease water use so that such a large well is not necessary
2. Investigation of local contaminants that may be drawn into the drinking water and how to eliminate or mitigate those effects
3. Ways to actually improve the ecological quality and biodiversity of both the East and West Meadow Brooks and all of the ponds and wooded parks and estuaries along both of these streams with special consideration to aquatic species
4. Ways to help local communities, especially those of lesser socio-economic status, to improve their access to nature and local greenspaces for leisure and educational purposes

I am familiar with the Audubon Society's proposed changes to the DEIS and fully support their initiative. Furthermore, I and many who I know through various congregations and parishes are against the construction of a casino in that we consider gambling a potential for addiction, unethically affecting more people of lesser means, some even considering it a form of theft.

Thank you very much for receiving these comments. I look forward to reading the Final Environmental Impact Statement with these comments incorporated.

Respectfully,

Lisa Mischke

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Dear County Legislators,

I am writing as a concerned citizen of Nassau county and also a member of the South Shore Audubon Society and the Sierra Club.

I urge you to reject this Sands Casino proposal because it is much too large and will cause severe negative impacts on the animals, birds and native plants that live on the Hempstead Plains- the last 100 acres of our natural history in central Nassau County.
And the proposal to draw two million gallons of water a day from our precious aquifer is another reason to reject this casino.

Thank you for your consideration,
Linda J. Ilan
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I strongly oppose the proposed building of a casino in Uniondale for many reasons - traffic which is already overwhelming our roadways, pollution, air pollution from all the extra cars BUT the main reason is the burden it will have on our aquifer which based on recent study is already showing signs of salt intrusion. It is unbelievable that the Legislator would risk the drinking water for the entire Long Island population for this massive-scale negative building complex. In addition, we lose the Hempstead Plains.

Joanne Delprete
Bethpage NY
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Dear Nassau County Legislators,

To date, over 1,500 Nassau County residents have signed a letter to the New York State Gaming Commission in opposition to the proposed casino at the Nassau Hub. Approx. 390 of these residents have also submitted comments which are listed below for your consideration of the DEIS. We encourage all of you to read each of these comments as they express the opinions and frustrations of the majority of Nassau County residents who are opposed to the casino as demonstrated by two Newsday/Siena polls.

Sincerely, Say NO to the Casino Civic Association

Allison O'Brien Silva - Manhasset
Rich Catalano - Garden City
Kevin O'Keefe - East Meadow
Monica Kiely - Garden City
Karen Riordan - Manhasset
Lynn & George Krug - Garden City

First Name	Last Name	City	Additional Comments
Gabriella	Abballe	New Hyde Park	Please stop corporations from turning our suburban hometowns into attractions. Preserve the suburbs, residential areas, and local entertainment. We are too congested to have more traffic through Nassau.
Anthony	Abruzzese	East Meadow	This would not be in the best interest of the community, do to local traffic, inviting bad elements into our communities, and businesses.
Paul	Addams	East Meadow	This is not fair to everyone who pays so much to live here, to utterly change their neighborhood and environment altogether. There are enough casinos nearby if someone wants to go, this should not be allowed!
Anne	Adragna	N. Merrick	You only have to go to Atlantic City, NJ to see that nothing has been done to improve the surrounding community. If anything, it looks even more seedy than before. A casino will only ruin the landscape of the Town of Hempstead. It's all about the greed of the politicians and nothing will be done to improve the community. We moved to Long Island 45 years ago to be part of a family oriented community with lots of parks, beaches, shopping and various activities. We do not want a casino to ruin any of that. I am totally and completely against this!!!!!!
steven	Aibel	Huntington	We already have Jakes casino --I vote NO to any ridiculous casino project--dont ruin the beauty of Long Island. What a disgusting idea
Glenn	Aldridge	Garden City	Been here in the Town of Hempstead pretty much my whole life (70 years), except for my time at SUNY Brockport. We've had a lot of development in that time, much of it not so good. We are overcrowded already. The County is full. Please put the casinos elsewhere. Thank You
Victor	Alfieri	East Meadow	Too much!
Charles & Jeanne	Anatra	North Merrick	I only voted for Blakeman to help maintain a Republican foothold against our governor and the other self righteous actors determined to harvest votes and get perks to fund political ambitions at the expense of what's left of our beautiful but beleaguered long island. Blakeman is and has been a questionable politician and the HUB is another over the top example of him in the shadows whenever money and ambition are at play. The mantra of jobs, lower taxes are just well rehearsed BS !
Betsy	Andromidas	Garden City	The Casino is more of a detriment to Nassau County than a benefit. Aside from putting pressure on services and resources it brings a host of problems: crime, traffic, prostitution, drugs, gangs, gambling addictions - the list goes on and on. History shows these casinos get their benefit in 8/10 years and sell to lower caliber casino operators once they've reaped their profits. Think of the future - it's grim at best. Say NO to the casino!!!
Mary	Andromidas	Garden City	This is THE LAST thing we need in Nassau County!!!!!!! Just say NO!!!!
Peter	Andromidas	Garden City	We don't want a casino in Nassau County!!
Angel	Aracena	East Meadow	Keep the casino vice business out of my community! I didn't move here to have a garbage vice business move in next door to bring my community and property value down. The Nassau County leadership will pay dearly for inviting vice into my community. THEY ARE SELL OUTS! We didn't vote for them to do this to us.
Stacey	Aries	Garden City	Please protect your constituents!

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Pang	Au	Garden City	Nassau County is a suburban area and many people move here to raise their family and enjoy the parks, good schools, and to have a safe environment. Having a casino in our community is absolutely not acceptable and will drive down our property values and could potentially bring crime, drug, traffic nightmare to an area we live in. All my friends an neighbors oppose this reckless proposal and we urge you to block the casino!
George	Babu	Mineola	We don't want the casino.
Arlene	Balaban	East Meadow	The area can't handle the traffic now. Gambling did not help Atlantic City at all. We live in one of the safest counties in the country. It won't stay that way with a casino and placing it between a college and a university shows a total lack of thought. Somebody will benefit but not the communities around the area. The casino is the only one that will profit from this. It will be detrimental to the community. We have too much traffic already and no space for additional roadways. It will have a negative impact on our suburban way of life.
Bruce	Barry	East Setauket	Casino - a horrible idea! Community destroyer!
Julia	Battaglia Scalise	Garden City	Bankruptcy and suicide rates go up in areas with casinos. We don't want any casino in our town, especially near 3 colleges.
Lori	Battista	East Meadow	Aside from the fact that this monstrosity will add greater strain on our precious aquifer the added traffic and planned construction on our parkways is reason enough to put an end to this. Blakeman kept this from residents until he could no longer keep this under wraps. Nassau County does NOT need this casino.
Jill	Bauer	Garden City	The traffic is already unbearable
Donna	Baum	East Meadow	I live down the block, too much congestion in the area.
Anthony	Becker	Massapequa	This is the LAST thing we need, please stop the plans for a casino on Long Island!
Marissa	Bennett	Westbury	My family has lived here for 60 years. We saw the previous slot machine gambling casino proposed for the former Source Mall defeated for many of the same concerns, and it was proposed on a much smaller scale. This new casino plan is completely irresponsible, short sighted, and against the wishes and concerns of the majority of the residents. This is the wrong place for a casino of this size. Please support the residents and do not award a casino at the Nassau Coliseum location!
Julie	Berger	East Meadow	Yes the construction unions will get jobs to build this, but they will get jobs no matter what is built. Once construction is completed then they move on. Gambling is a predatory activity - only the house wins, not the people despite how long and hard people try. The harder people try the more they lose including their savings, homes, self esteem, families. This is not different from other addictions. Why would Nassau County politicians promote a negative addiction for their constituents? It's mind blowing. This is so wrong for the people of Nassau County!!!!
Ray	Bertolino	Nassau County	Say NO to sneaky and duplicitous Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman's Nassau Hub gambling casino scheme with his longtime financial benefactors at the Las Vegas Sands Corporation !
Wayne	Bileski	Garden City	Not in character of any of the surrounding communities. Infrastructure cannot support anywhere near comfortably.
Pamela	Blank	Manhasset Hills	Disappointed in Blakeman!

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Tom	Boelsen	Garden City	Preserve our suburbs and quality of life and do NOT allow this casino to be built. Preserve Nassau County's quality of life for the future of our children and grandchildren. We do not want to be a suburb of a Las Vegas/Atlantic City structure and way of life. STOP thinking of the money only and think about the quality of our surrounding towns, East Meadow, Uniondale, Garden City, Carle Place, and Hempstead.
Judy	Bond	Garden City	Why I'm against building a casino here in Nassau: (1) Crime and addiction (2) Traffic congestion (3) Our taxes will increase, as it is, they are already too high (4) Property values will deteriorate (5) etc.
Nick	Braccio	Franklin Square	Why is this necessary?
Ronald	Bracco	Garden City	To Mister Don Clavin... i as a Republican who lives in Garden City, like you do, am very surprised and diappointed that you and Mr. Blakeman have no consideration for the surrounding communities, especially Garden City. With total chaos in the immediate area (Garden City). Crime, home values decreasing and a total traffic disaster in Garden City!!! Why are you not looking at these major problems occuring and not thinking about them!!! Like it's been said in the past, "MONEY TALKS & EVERYONE ONE ELSE WALKS"
Anthony	Brancato	East Meadow	I've been an East Meadow resident for 36 years. The neighborhood had its ups and downs but has improved dramatically over recent years. The school district is better. Home values have skyrocketed. Its a safe place to live. Tell me how a casino project is good for nearby East Meadow, Uniondale, Garden City and Westbury residents. Money spent in local stores will shift to the Casino. Drug dealers and escorts will move in. Traffic will become unbearable especially on weekends and holidays. Crime will increase, and home values will decrease. EMHS, Kellenberg, Uniondale HS are all within walking distance. Hofstra is literally a stone throw away. (Dont think I'd send my kid to a school anywhere near a casino). What will happen to those many acres of property know as the Hempstead plains? More Casinos? We need affordable housing for our elderly and young families with viable community centers. Perhaps a tech center. Wangs Lighthouse project was not perfect but it was a much better alternative. Dont be fooled by the trappings of more jobs and lower taxes. Taxes never get lowered. Most of the jobs created will be low paying once construction is completed. We will need more costly policing and medical/mental health assistance which will be sharply reduced after a few years as the "economic boom" turns into a bust. Look at towns that have casinos.....what has that done those local neighborhoods? How many Casino buses will travel our local streets. How many more tractor trailers will be required to support the project on a daily basis. The EM and Uniondale Chamber of Commerces caved in because some local merchants were offered store fronts in the Hub. What is going to happen to the store fronts on our local "Main Streets" including East Meadow Ave, Front Street, Uniondale Ave and Hempstead Tpke.
Margaret	Brennan	Franklin Square	People will become addicted to gambling.
Francine	Brethel	Floral Park	My husband and I strongly oppose a casino in our county or anywhere else on Long Island. It is contrary to the "quality of life" dictates of our current elected officials. Not only would there be an increase in traffic and crime, it also promotes gambling addiction which is not in the best interest of ANY ONE, especially young adults. Gambling and debt then impacts the economy and local businesses. DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN. PUT THE BEST INTEREST OF RESIDENTS, YOUTH , AND YOUR CONSTITUENTS FIRST.
Elizabeth	Brodarick	Wantagh	We don’t want it and we have the power at the ballot box

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Bernadine	Brown	Garden City	Proximity to two colleges and one high school is inappropriate, antithetical to the values of those educational institutions, and the projected impact on traffic for those commuting students will be disastrous.
Edith Rae	Brown	Glen Head	This is a huge mistake for Nassau County. It can bring nothing good to the entire area. As it is there is congestion on the parkways. Can you just imagine what this will being from everywhere. Are the politicians listening to the people and the disagreement from educated institutions of intelligence like the surrounding universities. Maybe a few marijuana clubs and drinking halls along with the casino, maybe that is in the works too!!!!
Rosemary	Brown	Garden City	I agree fully with the contents of this letter. As a lifetime Nassau County resident, I strongly object to any Casino in Nassau County.
Rachael	Buck	Westbury	I certainly hope no one in your family or among your friends will suffer any of the above impacts that are preventable if you say No to the casino. Please, I implore you, think about the opportunity you have to put a stop to a project that is doomed to be destructive to many lives. If you say yes, you must prepare to answer for your actions against your state residents .
Angelo	Bucolo	Garden City	Came from a family of gamblers not a healthy environment; this casino would make it easier for people in the community to become degenerate gamblers destroying families NO THANK YOU!!!
Mary	Burke	East Meadow	The casino is bad for East Meadow! The residents don't want it.
E	C	Garden City	DO NOT RUIN THE PEOPLE. THE TRAFFIC, THE WATER, THE HOME VALUES WITH THIS INSANITY
Jennifer	Canas	Uniondale	I live directly across from the Nassau Coliseum and love to walk across the street for family friendly events such as Jurassic Quest, Monster truck shows and the State Fair. My daughter is only 6 years old and it is horrible to think that she could end up growing up with a giant casino in her face. I urge you to be a positive role model for our future generations and deny awarding a casino to Las Vegas Sands at the Nassau Coliseum.
Juana	Canas	Uniondale	I live directly across the street from the Nassau Coliseum and am deeply disturbed by the possibility of having a giant casino built a few feet from my house. I urge you to do the right thing and not award a casino to Las Vegas Sands at the Nassau Coliseum. Thank you!
Cynthia	Cao	Garden City	NO Casino
Lynne	Carpenter	Freeport	I drive PAST Resorts World Queens and go to Atlantic City for my gambling. Notice -- the city is a s___ hole!! Because of the gambling!! I don't want that here!! Jake's is protected because of their parking bubble and lack of space. Uniondale will have buses & massive parking. It will be a BIG BIG MISTAKE!! STOP IT BEFORE IT STARTS!!! THE ONLY WINNERS WILL BE THE RECIPIENTS OF THE BRIBES!!
Millicent	Carter	Uniondale	The traffic in Uniondale is terrible during rush hour (7-10 &3-8). And cars use local streets instead of the Meadowbrook Pkwy making it worse. The thought that we would have this traffic including casino passengers buses 24/7 is scary.
Nicole	Castle	Garden City	The casino at Aqueduct, which is currently operating and in close proximity to the Colisseum site (< 20 miles) is far more feasible. It draws its water from NYC; is not adjacent to either residences or other private property or universities; has easy access to transportation, including subway, bus, LIRR, parkways, and JFK; and is operated by Resorts World, which successfully operates other casinos and enterprises in the U.S.

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Anne	Catanzariti	Plainview	It will encourage gambling for Hofstra students. We don't need the extra traffic pollution. it will have a negative environmental impact. It will ruin that area for people that live there.
Chris	Cayton	East Meadow	Please no casino in our community
Janice	Cenzoprano	Garden City	What is it going to take? This community does NOT want a casino in the vicinity. Please do the right thing and REJECT this casino proposal.
Justyn	Cespedes	Hempstead	NO CASINO! HOUSING AND AMMENITIES!
Sandy	Chaskin	Nirth Bellmore	The quality of life in Nassau County has been slowly deteriorating and this casino will only speed this up
Feilun	Chen	Garden City	Please keep our village/community casino free.
Lu	Cheng	Garden City	Firmly opposed to casino being built near the university.
Cynthia	Chiarella	Sea Cliff	Enough is enough! Stop destroying life on Long Island and raising taxes!
Anita	Choi	Garden City	Nassau Xounty is a suburban area and many people move here to raise their family and enjoy the parks, good schools, and to have a safe environment. Having a casino in our community is absolutely not acceptable and will drive down our property values and could potentially bring crime, drug, traffic nightmare to an area we live in. All my friends an neighbors oppose this reckless proposal and we urge you to block the casino!
Deborah	Chu	East Meadow	No casino in Long Island.
Anna	Chung	New Hyde Park	PLEASE DO NOT BUILD A CASINO IN NASSAU COUNTY! We don't need one here!
Zobeida	Ciaccio	Wantagh	The environmental impact that this massive development or any development on the environment will be catastrophic. Our resources will be impacted, the Hempstead plains is located across the way from coliseum area. A preserve to conserve our Long Island habit. Common sense says this will affect our eco system and our suburban way of life. As a Nassau county resident, if I wanted to live life in a congested manner, I would live in the boroughs ! But I dont. Nassau County is beautiful and this massive development will put a strain to our communities. Greed seems to be the new trend , keep it out of our county.
Dominique	Cilmi	Garden City	The casino would be damaging to our area in many ways. No to the casino.
Christopher	Clancy	Mineola	Casinos bring no benefit to citizens, only money to politicians.
Andrew	Coen	Rockville Centre	Please reject this terrible idea for a casino at the Nassau Coliseum property that would completely ruin the region, especially Hofstra University across the street. A casino is the last thing that should be built there! It should instead go to one of the New York City proposals.
Rina	Cohen	East Meadow	Just NO. This project impacts our air, electric, water, roads, police, etc. So just say NO!
Jacqueline	Coleman	Massapequa	Please do what is right and say NO! Thank you.
Shivan	Collins	Garden City	NO TO THE CASINO IN UNIONDALE!! It's an environmental hazard. Traffic will be a nightmare and way too close to children attending schools nearby.
Arlene	Conigliaro	Garden City	A very very bad idea. Please stop 🛑
Susan	Connors	East Meadow	Let Blakeman have it built by his home. No one here wants this garbage casino.
Mary	Conti	Garden City	Absolutely NO
Denise	Conway	Plandome	I want to express my opposition to a casino.

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Timothy	Conway	Garden City	Nothing good comes from a casino. Crime of all type, alcohol and gambling addictions, traffic. Any monetary benefits are negated by increased police presence cost and other quality of life costs associated with crime and decreased property value.
Elana	Cooperman		As a clinical social worker for the largest hospital system in the northeast, I say NO! I am seeing so many patients with addiction issues and no resources for them. This will only add to the growing issue.
Liliane	Correia	East Williston	No casino in Nassau!
Jeff	Coviello	Garden City	There is no upside locally or regionally from a casino run by a best in class casino owner / operator let alone a 2nd / 3rd tier one like Sands. It's like inviting crime (organized and not so much) to our communities in exchange for an unreliable tax base (and small contributions to politicians and PACs). I will do everything I can to oppose any politician who supports this in the future by funding their opposition.
Pat	Coviello	Franklin Square	Gambling is addictive we do not need this keep casino away from our town
Irene	Crovets-Prager	Valley Stream	The small remaining NATURAL remnant of the Hempstead Plains will be adversely impacted. Further loss of native plants, birds,grasslands. Bird strikes and death of local and migratory birds will be plentiful and horrible.
Robert	Daly	East Meadow	The casino will destroy my community. If i have to knock on doors every day i will. My friends,my community will know what elected official voted for or kept silent while our community becomes the 6th borough.
Kieu	Dang	East Meadow	We're don't want to see the people here and their family's going to poor,vplease don't let them build it .
Nancy	Daniele	Wantagh	These people are crazy for even thinking about putting a Casino next to a college. Bring back the music concerts at this venue & CLEAN NASSAU COUNTY UP
Teri	Daniels	Glen Head	My family is dead set against a casino at the Nassau Hub in Nassau County. The proposed mega casino and resort would be a tragedy for residents and small business. Narrow Long Island doesn't have the roadways for it or the mass transit or the NEED. The Sands proposal to widen the Meadowbrook Parkway would take years, if it's even possible, and would not address bottlenecks on the Northern State, Southern State, Hempstead Turnpike, Sunrise Highway and streets more local to the land leased. The LI elected officials did a terrible job of informing the public. They really didn't want us to know. The project will create construction jobs in the short run, but it is going to choke us in the long run. We don't need the gambling addiction, the strain on our resources, the downward spiral of home values, the traffic, and the pollution. Don't let Sands and greed make Nassau County a terrible place to live.
Linda	Davidson	East Meadow	The traffic on Hempstead Turnpike will be a nightmare. Don't think it's prudent to have gambling close to Hofstra or NCC! Will bring down our property values
Olugbenga	Dawodu	Garden City	The summary is don't bring hell to our community. Casinos and gambling are from pit of hell. PLEASE STAY AWAY
Angella	De La Torre	Levittown	We do not need a casino - there are many better options that can go in that space.
Victoria	Demerliotis	East Meadow	Firmly oppose building the casino. I am a taxpayer in good standing in this community for over 50 years. This will not add to our way of life. It will distract from it. Shame on anyone who is prioritizing money over the quality of the life we've chosen here on Long Island

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Rase	Denny	Uniondale	This type of business does not belong in an urban area. It only fosters crime, prostitution,increased taxation,and lower home values along with horrendous traffic.
Donna	DiAgostino	Garden City	It is terrible for all the schools around the proposed area. Too much traffic too.
Karen	Dil	Massapequa	Putting a casino in that location will be a complete disaster.. The people do not want it to take your business elsewhere.
Amanda	DiMino	Garden City	It's simply the wrong place for a casino
Marilyn	Dirmeir	Baldwin	According to the original lease, Sands has the right to sell the lease to anyone with financial ability and does not need approval of the County. They might already have a vendee sale in the wings just like what they did in Bethlehem, PA. That means a foreign entity could purchase the Hub of Nassau and they could very likely not support our local values or promises that were made to local communities. In addition, the environment report states that they will drill new wells for water. Aren't we all on the same aquifer regardless of how many wells you drill? Finally, local retail and existing restaurants will have business pulled away from them with all this tremendous competition. If employees come from out of the area, where will they live? We already have a housing shortage and competition causing crazy high rents. I don't believe that we will see our local taxes lowered. Somehow the powers that be, always have somewhere else to put the money. I am physically unable to attend the meeting, so I hope someone will at least listen to my concerns. Thank you
Judith	Dolan	Garden City	I agree with all of the above reasons to STOP the advancement of the casino. I had a young collage student in my home and he was concerned about this proposal. He said that if the casino was open when he was going to Hofstra College, he would have been walking over to the casino everyday to place some bets. He as a student was very much opposed to bringing this to an area so convenient for betting etc.
Jared	Domin	Bellmore	i really hope they dont let this happen
Beth	Donnelly	Garden City	The majority of residents are opposed to this casino. Our county executive, Bruce Blakeman is pushing this through despite our objections. Our concerns are being ignored by Mr Blakeman. He is not upholding his oath to working for the best interests of his constituents. I implore you to not grant the license to the Sands. Thank you for your help in this matter.
Patrick	Dowden	Garden City	Please do not put a casino in such a densely populated area with so many at risk individuals living in such close proximity.
Rochelle	Dowling	Garden City	Residents do not want this. We vote and will vote anyone who votes yes OUT next time.
Carol	Doyle	N. Bellmore	I'm against the location of the casino. I feel it will be a detriment to the neighboring college and university as 18 year olds are legally allowed to gamble. I feel parents would be cautious about sending their children to dorm at Hofstra due to the proximity of the casino which would result in a decline in enrollment. I feel a more appropriate location would be near Jones Beach boardwalk and the Jones Beach theatre making it a great location for a vacation or staycation.
David	Duffy	Garden City	We have a great highly respected and educated labor force and economic development should be directed to higher value production/ innovation.
James	Dunphy	East Meadow	Do not destroy suburbia by selling us out!
Sanzilet	Durkovic	Garden City	NO

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William	Dworsak	Garden City	Absolutely a terrible idea to allow this location to become a casino.
Dana	Eaton	Garden City	The roadways can't handle an occasional concert or sporting event at the Coliseum. It is impossible to STUFF a casino into the area. Use a little common sense and stop "drinking the Koolaid".
Brian	Eddelson	Garden City	The casino will ruin small businesses. We do not want the casino in our community!
Rosemary	Eddelson	Garden City	We do not want this casino in our neighborhood! This is a residential section that you cannot be impacted by casino. Atlantic City is a ghost town! Stay off of Long Island! No casino! All the data shows that surrounding communities near casinos, suffer, and experience financial, Social, and academic deficits.
Eufemia	Eduardo	Uniondale	Say no to casino
Michael	Eleftheriou	Merrick	This is an absolutely ridiculous idea to ruin our communities for gambling. We pay an extra ordinary amount to live here.
Kathleen	Eng	Garden City	No casino
Sidney	Eng	Garden City	Say no to the Nassau casino
Lisa	Errico	Stewart Manor	I think a casino at this location is less than ideal. There are two college campuses within walking distance.
Maureen	Fagan	Garden City	Please say no to the casino
Arlene	Fainberg	Westbury	The traffic on the Northern State and Southern State Parkways is abominable. On our past weekend trip to and from Maryland, it took us 7 hrs going and 6+ hours returning. We were mostly fine until we hit the NY area. Our parkways are insufficient to handle additional traffic that would be resulting from people traveling to and from a casino. It would be a disaster for those in the Nassau County area.
Kerry	Fallarino	Levittown	This is not the plan for anyone here on Long Island. And if NYS does give the permit for this Casino in this location. I will move out of state. Put it by Citifield where it originally was purposed.
Robert	Fanning	Garden City	A casino does not belong in Uniondale, put it upstate so it's not near a residential community.
Diana	Faria	Farmingdale	No one except the developers want a giant casino built here. Go build it in your own backyard.
Alan	Federbush	Stewart Manor	Absolutely worst idea ever!
Darlene	Federbush	Stewart Manor	We do not need to provide addictions to people. This will destroy our beautiful county. STOP it!!
Stephanie	Feijoo	Garden City	Please don't burden/destroy our neighborhoods with the traffic, crime, drugs and degenerates. Say no to the Sands Casino!
James	Feldmann	East Meadow	I moved here from Queens to get away from city and live in peace. The casino will be worse than living in Queens - The traffic is starting to get bad here and the Casino will make it 4 times worse so is the crimes, drug dealers, and gambler losing their money and will become a burden to the Nassau County when it comes to the rise of gambling, drug, crime and more! I will vote you all out if this goes through! You work for us, not the casino!
Jerry	Ferraiuolo	Franklin Square	We dont need this. Traffic is bad enough.
Sandra	Ferraro	Garden City	Casinos are not welcome in my community!!!!! Stay out!!!!
Catherine	Ferrigno	Garden City	The environmental, social and community impacts will change the immediate communities, the Town of Hempstead, Nassau County and Long Island forever.
Linda	Feyder-Sullivan	Garden City	The community does not want a casino in our vicinity.

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Sandy	Fig	Jericho	No casino near colleges in Nassau county
Patricia	Finnican	Garden City	This is not a viable option for Nassau residents - we have Hofstra University and Nassau Community College within steps of this proposed site. The students should NOT have this environment in close proximity. The traffic will impact the entire area as well.
Joseph	Fiore	Garden City	An open field would benefit all surrounding communities more than the proposed monstrosity.
Peter	Fiore	East Meadow	We do not want this casino. There are fake online accounts and bots on Facebook and X claiming they are residents and want this project. The public meeting are filled with pro casino folks who don't live anywhere near where the casino would be built and are bought off by the sands corporation mega dollars.
Stephanie	Fiore	East Meadow	As a resident this will destroy our community. I also teach right around the corner. I am fearful for my students safety.
Ward W.	Fitzpatrick	Westbury	Other than one time construction jobs project will have a negative impact on community with increased traffic, pollution, drinking and waste water issues, waste, need for more public services and upgrades, etc. Casinos are insular and do not help or promote local businesses, crime, vagrancy, social issues, addiction.
Leslie	Foxen	Garden City	It would be better suited to an area that had public transportation. Just look at the Coliseum VS the new UBS Arena; it's much more successful because people can get there.
Joan	Frank	Nirth Bellmore	The traffic in that area is so bad now. Medical, AI technology etc would be much more welcome in that area!
Joanne	Fulgieri	Manhasset	If this passes… what's next?
Michael	Fussa	Uniondale	I am opposed to building this casino next to two colleges and the Sloan Cancer Center. I am concerned with the effects this would have on the surrounding community. This will have a negative impact for those living there.
Peter	Gaffney	Westbury	At a meeting with Sands Representatives, several questions went unanswered. The speaker promised to get back to us and never did. Even though these questions have been repeatedly asked of Sands. Please check with NYS DEC environmental study concerns in urban disadvantaged communities (Westbury, Uniondale). How will the proposed Sands Casino affect these nearby residents?
Barbara	Garriel	Bayville	Point after point after point indicates what a terrible idea this is for Long Island. It is time to shut this idea down.
Laura	Giacini	Garden City	This is a demonic money grab with dishonest representation, good luck to you getting through the eye of the needle. It is a short life, do good for others!

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Tim	Gillin	Garden City	I want to emphasize the broader societal impacts of gambling addiction, especially its harmful effects on vulnerable groups, such as young males and the elderly. Young males are increasingly targeted by the casino industry, with studies showing that they are at a higher risk for developing gambling addictions at an earlier age. The impact of these addictions is far reaching, often leading to financial ruin, strained relationships, and mental health crises. The allure of quick money and instant gratification can be particularly dangerous, and when combined with the gaming environment, it becomes a potent force, especially for young individuals still in the formative stages of decision making. The damage done in the early years can have long lasting repercussions on their future. Furthermore, the elderly population, particularly retirees living on fixed incomes, are becoming increasingly vulnerable to gambling addiction, often driven by boredom or the desire to "get rich quick." Many elderly individuals, feeling the pressure of limited financial resources, may turn to gambling as a solution, unaware of how quickly they can fall into addiction. This is a population that is already at risk at times from isolation and loneliness, and gambling offers a dangerous escape. The odds of becoming addicted to gambling increase significantly as the elderly try to recover from unexpected financial setbacks, such as medical emergencies.
Richard	Ginsburg	Baldwin	Atlantic City still an awful place to live . destroyed acres. Over 40 years still a no mans land
Marco	Giraldo	East Meadow	Not in my town!
Kathleen	Glasberg	East Meadow	This will destroy our air, roads, parks and quality of life.
Ralph	Greener	Levittown	Nassau does not need a jumbo size casino. When nassau could not agree on a Jakes 58 type of vlt terminals We do not need sands casino. Getting the 1000 machines for belmont park would be suitable for nassau. Resorts world was in cuomo"s pocket now the same for the current govenour. We don"t need sands
Krishna	Grego	Garden City	We don’t need our young youth getting addicted to gambling.
Janic	Gri	West Hempstead	Totally unnecessary for this area. Republicans should be ashamed of themselves for putting this thru.

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Theresa	Grieco	East Meadow	We can talk and read about the destructive environmental drain the casino will have on Long Island's, - OUR - dwindling water supply - already diminished forever by the Grumman plume. We can talk about the proven: Increased crime rates of ~10% in communities surrounding a casino. Increased gambling addictions. Increased personally bankruptcy, Increased divorce rates. Increased home foreclosures. Decreased home values and all of the increased threats to our children and families. We can talk about if a casino improves ANY of the following: - the physical health safety, - the environmental health safety - the mental health safety, and - the financial health and safety of our children, our grandchildren and the rest of our families?, The documented proof says a resounding NO to all of these. A casino near our residential neighborhood, and a stones through front two major colleges and universities, as well as a high school increases ALL of the dangers, and REDUCES all areas of safety that protect our children, grandchildren and the rest of our family. What types of people aspire to build something that they KNOW will cause this harm families and community? What type of person aspires to be elected, or aspires to rise to the CSuite of a public company so that they can permanently increase ALL of the dangers, and REDUCE all areas of safety that protect our children, grandchildren and the rest of our family? The people we trusted when we elected them need to aspire to earn that trust. The people we trusted when we elected them need to protect our families, and say NO to the casino.
Brian	Griffin	West Hempstead	After you stopped the Coliseum from being redone, now you are pushing this. Makes me wonder why I voted for you.
Mel	Grimes	Garden City	We do not want or need this sling our community!! Traffic is a nightmare already and we don't need this around our children and families
Gary	Haas	Levittown	ABSOLUTEY NOT!
Kim	Haas	Levittown	We have no need for such an invasive establishment in central Nassau or anywhere else in the county.
Dorothy	Habben	Garden City	The casino at Aqueduct, which is currently operating and in close proximity to the Colisseum site (< 20 miles) is far more feasible. It draws its water from NYC; is not adjacent to either residences or other private property or universities; has easy access to transportation, including subway, bus, LIRR, parkways, and JFK; and is operated by Resorts World, which successfully operates other casinos and enterprises in the U.S.
Daniel	Hamilton	North Merrick	The bulk of the jobs they will offer don't pay enough to afford to live in this area and the few positions that are paid enough will find it difficult to impossible to find available housing. This will make it even harder on the sons and daughters of long time residents to be able to remain which has always been an issue.

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Daniel	Hamilton	North Merrick	The infrastructure inefficiencies of Nassau County, that can never be addressed, alone should prevent the construction of this facility. Particularly puzzling is that elected officials don't care and brazenly disregard the public and proper legislative procedure to fast track this project. Also, it is a complete 180 degrees to the concept of Nassau County being a suburban county without large buildings and the overcrowding of the NYC boroughs. If the casino is a full speed ahead idea to the county executive and legislature then why weren't the proposals to construct apartments houses in designated areas to house young adults and the downsizing seniors of Nassau County? Instead they must leave the area to secure housing. I feel there is a bad case of gold fever running through our elected officials. In the end, only the Sands will win and Nassau residents lose. The bulk of the jobs they will offer don't pay enough to afford to live in this area and the few positions that are paid enough will find it difficult to impossible to find available housing. This will make it even harder on the sons and daughters of long time residents to be able to remain which has always been an issue.
Mir Mahbubul	Haque	Hicksville	We do not want any Casio in Nassau county
Riz	Haque	East Meadow	Please inform for attending protests. Did Nassau County give permission to open Casino? Great work you are doing.
Muhammad	Hashmi	Hempstead	It’s simple. We don’t want to turn Nassau into Las Vegas.
Ajera	Hassan	East Meadow	No casino!!!!!! Not here not now not ever.
Janet	Healy	Syosset	Please listen to your constituents!
Patricia	Heaney	Garden City	Casino is not appropriate in many ways for the area especially because of traffic congestion and lack of water.
Erin	Herlihy	East Meadow	I am greatly concerned about the quality of life in my neighborhood. I am concerned about the massive increase in traffic and the ongoing construction. It will be a nightmare
Maria	Hermes	Uniondale	Wrong location and too nearby colleges and high school
Mary	Higgins	Merrick	I am strongly apposed to the building of a casino in Nassau County
Al	Hinken	Inwood	This has to be stopped. Check the accident rates and traffic count over the last 5 years and compare it to the 2023-2024 statistics. We're screwed! Too much overdevelopment with poor public transportation options; especially for the handicapped. 1 hour to drive 2 miles is UNACCEPTABLE! It endangers the Hempstead Plains natural habitat and preserve.
Elisa	Hinken	Inwood	It interferes with the County's emergency evacuation route, which has not been addressed as of this time. It endangers the Hempstead Plains natural habitat and preserve.
Leah	Hinken	Inwood	It endangers the Hempstead Plains natural habitat and preserve.
Eric	Hirsch	East Meadow	I beg you not to let a casino of this size open up in our residential neighborhood.
Patricia	Hogan	Port Washington	Casino would make driving on the Long Island Expressway in Northern State Parkway even worse than it is now.
Adrienne	Holtzman	Garden City	No Casino it will have a negative impact to our community.
Ling	Huang	Town of Hempstead	Adding a casino here in central Nassau will destroy our community and hurt our kids. We vehemently oppose this terrible proposal!
Shiying	Huang	East Meadow	No casino !!!

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Bob	Hussey	Garden City	I believe this is the MOST ill-conceived, community destructive, Biz Dev I would have ever imagined that OUR County Exec & Representatives would EVER be advocates for...a CASINO would absolutely DESTROY Nassau County's, and especially adjoining communities, quality of life in every way...traffic--assuming 10,000/gamblers per day/night, pollution, water supply & quality, crime--desperate gambling losers striking out...local addiction(s)never previously exposed....ALL a CHEAP way to generate Gov't $$ ....pathetic abuse of Elected Officials responsibility to its citizens today & future generations.... Pretty SAD legacy our Representatives are leaving for our children!!
Donna	Iorio	East Meadow	This is not the place for a casino the area is already to congested
Chris	Jacobs	Uniondale	Uniondale has been identified as a "Disadvantaged Community" by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. It suffers from a disproportionate amount of air pollution due to daily gridlock on our roads leading to many health issues for residents i.e. 17% of youngsters ages 0-17 in the Uniondale community have asthma. There are many more Environmental issues affecting Uniondale and it's surrounding communities. Approving this project would severely exacerbate the plethora of problems already plaguing Uniondale and it's surrounding communities.
Pearl	Jacobs	Uniondale	New York State references that asthma rates over 29.1 for youth is of high concern; Nassau County's asthma rate for youth is 20, Hempstead Village asthma rate is 69.1, Uniondale's asthma rate is 36.4, Roosevelt's asthma rate is 59.5 and Freeport's asthma rate is 37.7. Due to the close proximity of these disadvantaged communities to heavily trafficked roadways (Hempstead Turnpike, Meadowbrook Parkway, Northern State Parkway and Oak Street) asthma rates among residents in disadvantaged communities are rated as "of high concern "by New York State. There was nothing substantial in the DEIS report that would prove to mitigate vehicle emissions and lower asthma rates in disadvantaged communities; vehicle emissions and asthma rates would increase significantly as operating hours for a casino are 24hrs, seven days a week which would increase vehicle traffic by 30,000 plus vehicles per day. Placing a mega casino project literally in the backyards of Uniondale and Hempstead, communities that are disadvantaged by air pollution and high asthma rates would be considered nothing other than environmental racism!
Sheharbano	Jafri	Town of North Hempstead	This is insanely disheartening news. The impact this would have on the people and the community far outweighs any and all supposed gain the building of this casino may bring.
Joe	Jamal	Garden City	The casino at Aqueduct, which is currently operating and in close proximity to the Colisseum site (< 20 miles) is far more feasible. It draws its water from NYC; is not adjacent to either residences or other private property or universities; has easy access to transportation, including subway, bus, LIRR, parkways, and JFK; and is operated by Resorts World, which successfully operates other casinos and enterprises in the U.S.
Imran	Jay	Herricks	No casino is best for Nassau.
Jennie	Johnson	East Rockaway	I am also a patient of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and mainly use the Uniondale location for treatment and follow-up. I DO NOT want a casino where I receive my cancer care. I DO NOT want the type of transients from a hotel and gamblers around where I receive treatment. This is not the best thing for Nassau County, its residents, the students of both Hofstra and Nassau Community or cancer patients.

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Lauretta	Johnson Miele	Garden City	As a 35 year, environmentally conscious, tax paying resident of Nassau County, I am offended and disenfranchised by the recent decisions of the county legislature, approving the lease agreement with Las Vegas Sands for 42 years. The very partisan legislature voted only in support of its own agenda, and not the residence and parents of the region surrounding the Nassau Coliseum. The county legislature is biased and neglectful in recognizing the negative impact this agreement will have on the people living in the area.
Siregar	Jonas	New York	Casinos lead to violent crime. Catholic Churches need to speak against casino gambling and stop giving money to addicts.
Corinne	Joy	Uniondale	You don't build a casino in a residential area & a stone throw away to two colleges & two high schools & not expect more problems than there already are-Even if you are not a gambler you will lose:Crime goes up,human & drug trafficking,gang activity,more drunk driving,property theft ,home burglaries will increase in Nassau County. Taxpayers will be stuck with paying more taxes for fire districts,more police,EMS services,a casino adds expenses to local residents.Traffic on the corridor of Hemp Tpke is already over its capacity & dangerous;the town,county & state haven't taken care of these horrible roads filled w/unprecedented pot holes,etc..The economic devastation for locals will go up even more than it already is w/bankruptcies,home foreclosures & home values will go down.Air pollution w/extra cars is already a problem.Long Island aquifers are already struggling to meet demands while water bills keep going up;serious water shortages will happen. We will point the fingers at the Town of Hempstead,Nassau County & NYS & name every person who greedly agreed to this very poor plan w/major lawsuits. You can never say "You didn't know" while lining your pockets!
David	K.	Baldwin	Current HS student. I strongly believe the decision to place a casino alongside critical academic facilities is reckless and will prove detrimental to the residents of Nassau County.
Griffin	Kanzer	Huntington	Say no to the casino
Robert	Kaplan	Albertson	Those that will benefit most will be the wealthy principals of the project! As is usually the case!!
Beth	Karcher	Garden City	There is NO a place in a prestigious county like Nassau County for a casino! No good can come from it and OUR children will be affected enormously. Putting a casino here will ruin our children's lives due to the characters that will be attracted and the ability for our children to get hooked on gambling. If the casino is out here, it will not be a good place to live and you will see an exodus from Long Island like there is in New York City. Please listen to reason and keep the casino out of Nassau County.
Barbara	Karyo	Glen Head	The location of this enterprise would be the most ridiculous decision ever.m I am a college professor and am very aware how easily students are distracted and tempted. In addition, the traffic will make travel to all these commuter schools even more awful than it already is. This is a terrible idea!
Mandeep	Kaur	East Meadow	No No No casino
Navjot	Kaur	Garden City	Please protect the future generations of children.
Ramandeep	Kaur	Elmont	No to the casino. No to billionaires preying on the working class.
Anastasia	Kavalis	Nirth Bellmore	This would be awful for the entire community and Nassau County. Also note that Memorial Sloan Kettering is right next to the Coliseum. The increased traffic jams would make it very difficult and stressful for patients (myself included) to get to their appointments. Hofstra University is right up the road. We don't need students being swayed to visit the casino.

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William	Kavan	Garden City	Do you feel putting a casino in the heart of one of the most densely populated suburban counties in the Country is a good thing for local residents? Decaying, desolate beachfront in NJ that needs revitalization or in the middle of a empty desert is one thing, but this location seems impossible to justify aside from the very obvious financial windfalls.
Susan	Kaye	Franklin Square	January of last year I lost my sister to Leukemia. There is no Leukemia in my family at all. I did genetic testing and nothing showed up for Leukemia. I gave a feeling that this was environment take a good look from Grumman Plume, Hempatead Water Tower, wells that were polluted in Hicksville by Hooker Chemical that is the company that destroyed Love Canal. I am a 28 year breast cancer survivor and was part of the Long Island Breast Cancer Project that was supposed to show high rate of breast cancer was environment, but showed nothing. I still feel it's environment. What was sprayed 1950-1970 DDT AND PCB whear did it end up in our water system. DO NOT ALLOW THIS PROJECT TO GO THROUGH. THIS IS ANOTHER DEAL OF BLAKMAN TO BUY THE COUNTY. HIS BROTHER HAS A SHADY DEAL WITH SANDS. I AM PARY OF SAYNO TO THE CASINO
Ellen	Kelter	Westbury	This proposed casino will be a blight on Nassau County. Stop the plan for this casino.
Chrisa	Kenny	Garden City	Don’t want a casino in my community.
Constantine	Kenny	Garden City	I vote NO for a casino
Helen	Kenny	West Hempstead	This is a very poor choice of location for a gambling casino, especially with Hofstra University down the street
John	Kenny	Garden City	Don’t want a casino in my neighborhood
Nick	Kenny	Garden City	Don’t agree with a casino in my community.
Robert	Kenny	Garden City	NO casino for me
Samira	Khan	East Meadow	There is overwhelming opposition to this casino being built in our town, and it is absolutely abhorrent that politicians continue to ignore what the mass residents want to enhance their own profits. this is unethical and blatant corruption. Bringing a casino to Nassau County will decrease quality of life and increase crime in our neighborhood. People will begin to move out in masses.
Chris	King	Rockville Centre	This is no place for a casino!
Michael	King	Rockville Centre	This will increase crime and poverty. Awful idea.
Theresa	King	Garden city	This casino should NOT be built in Nassau County!
David	Kislik		Instead of a casino, make that site into a livable, walkable, innovative community. History shows that areas around casinos have serious problems. Say no to the casino!
Patty	Knap	Garden City	A nightmare scenario. The obvious basis of gambling’s that most people lose, most of the time. Communities that bring in gambling see big increases in addiction, crime, DWIs
George	Krug	Garden City	Based on two polls the community clearly does not support this! Please do your jobs by acting on behalf of the people and say NO to this awful idea.
Jennifer	LaChance	Glen Head	There are more positive and beneficial things that could occupy that space! A water/theme park OR a football stadium for our New York Giants & Jets.

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Hugh	Lacy	Garden City	I particularly believe that our already limited supply of water that requires increasing treatment due to past industrial contamination will be exhausted sooner. Having worked on the sewage treatment facilities in Nassau Co., I think the cost to build new facilities will be exorbitant. I agree with the points in the letter above.
Nicole	LaFlamme	Merrick	Please do not ruin Nassau County.
Evangelia	Landry	East Meadow	NO, NO, NO to the casino!
Stephen	Larocca	Garden City	NO!
Susan	Larocca	Garden City	Stop ruining Long Island. Belmont is already adding so much traffic to the area. The village of Garden City is already impossible to drive through at certain times. No residents want this. Vote NO or get voted OUT!!!!!
Maureen	Leggett	Garden City	For the above reasons, a casino will NOT improve quality of life on Long Island.
Diana	Lennon	Oceanside	Sands Casino DEIS does not adequately protect nearby nature preserves, the last 100-acres of the Hempstead Plains, and the East Meadow Brook riparian corridor. There is a lack of adequate preparation for merely TWO wastewater treatment plants to handle the additional waste from Sands Casino and hotels, that will threaten our coastlines and water.
Lou-Anne	Leune	Garden City	The traffic alone would be a nightmare. Hempstead Tpke is a regular thoroughfare for ambulances going to Nassau University Medical Center. My father is a resident at a local assisted living on Glenn Curtiss Blvd. I transport him three days a week to Mineola for dialysis treatment. We already experience enough traffic on Hempstead Tpke and the roads cannot handle the additional traffic load. This is not safe for tax paying residents in the area.
Oscar	Li	Garden City	Nassau County is a suburban area and many people move here to raise their family and enjoy the parks, good schools, and to have a safe environment. Having a casino in our community is absolutely not acceptable and will drive down our property values and could potentially bring crime, drug, traffic nightmare to an area we live in. All my friends an neighbors oppose this reckless proposal and we urge you to block the casino!
Richard	Li	Garden City	A better option is: a hi-tech industry park, for IT, computing, electronics, digital media, biomedical, bioinformatics, fintech etc companies.
Fang	Lin	Garden City	No casino
Kim	Liu	Garden City	I can not think of how the casino could possibly be in the interest of Long Island residents and especially the neighboring communities.
Qiyu	Liu	Garden City	Nassau County is a suburban area and many people move here to raise their family and enjoy the parks, good schools, and to have a safe environment. Having a casino in our community is absolutely not acceptable and will drive down our property values and could potentially bring crime, drug, traffic nightmare to an area we live in. All my friends an neighbors oppose this reckless proposal and we urge you to block the casino!
Jean	Loftus	Garden City	This is a thoughtless, I'll-conceived proposition . Nassau County does not have the need nor the wherewithal to support such an inappropriate idea .

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Claudia	Long	East Meadow	Nassau County is a beautiful residential community that deserves to maintain our pristine land, the Purcell Preserve, the Hempstead Plains and the integrity of our people. DO NOT GIVE NASSAU COUNTY A GAMBLING LICENSE. The politicians want this, not the residents. People do not even know about this because the politicians refuse to be transparent on this topic.
Vetty	Lopez	Uniondale	Please say no to casino
Denise	Lopez-Sampogne	Garden City	Families DO NOT want a casino, nor the element a casino brings near their children! We have been fighting and fighting against this and NO ONE is listening! WE DO NOT WANT THIS IN OUR COMMUNITY!
Christine	M	Westbury	Tone Deaf proposal that does not take into account the surrounding area. The area is so congested to begin with. Not taking into account those who live nearby. After all, Atlantic City was a such a success. The surrounding area really benefitted...said no one. 2 colleges, a high school, a cancer center, business offices.... and more... and someone thinks this is a seamless addition to the area? Casinos do not attract the best of society. They attract good people. And a lot of not so good people. The poor students and cancer patients that will have to deal with this! To have to dig up a parkway and the environs for this and to ADD nightmarish more traffic is insane. Holidays... The Meadowbrook back to Mineola is backed up with shoppers. Ever drive the Meadowbrook or Northern State during rush hour? Dont.... How about Uniondale Avenue, Front Street. The streets that surround this to name a few. Stewart avenue that is right nearby that is a traffic nightmare during rush hour, morning and evening. Holidays are a bonus nightmare. New residences have recently been built there. Now they are wonderfully close to a casino. Just want home buyers in the area want. A Casino.... great for kids....You are NOT redoing all the roads that lead to this nonsense! Casinos are an asset and are fun when placed in the right area. As an almost lifelong resident of Long Island, who attended both colleges that are nearby and commuted to work through that area. Its a nightmare waiting to happen! Please build this in a more appropriate location!
Arthur	Mackey	Roosevelt	NO TO CASINO AT COLISEUM SITE!!!: The proposed construction of a casino at the site of Nassau Veterans Coliseum in the predominantly Black and Brown community of Uniondale, New York, would be a destructive decision that could negatively impact neighboring Hofstra University, Nassau Community College, and the Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Nassau. Casinos have long-term colleagues such as gambling addiction, crime, and prostitution, that are not in the best interest of the residents of Nassau County, the students at Hofstra University, and Nassau Community College. As well as the struggling cancer patients at Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Nassau. This effort could rob, rape, and ruin the lives of many broken, battered, and bruised Nassau County residents, students from home and abroad, and cancer patients, fighting the forward fight to survive. Efforts to weaken the Black and Brown vote through redistricting in America's largest township, the Town of Hempstead, and one of America's richest counties, Nassau County, literally adds insult to injury. The corrupt trinity of environmental racism, classism, and sexism, baptized in pure greed wants possession of the very soul of our beloved township and county. The concerned residents of the Town of Hempstead and Nassau County must stand up, speak up, and seriously fight the forward fight for our future and survival.

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Donna	Maher	Levittown	Area is already too congested; 42 year lease way too long
Maya	M.	Wantagh	I'm a member of GamAnon. I have a family member that fights a gambling addiction on a daily basis. We have new members coming every week because their family member is addicted to gambling. It's a terrible illness that can be prevented. Gambling ruins families and communities. Please don't build a casino so close to home. It will be devastating to our family, friends, neighbor, and our community.
John	Mangino	East Rockaway	Tired of our politicians forcing changes based on needing a money grab, while ruining our communities. Government at all levels incompetent to control finances and they take it out on the taxpayers!
Jill M.	Marcus	Port Washington	I strongly oppose a casino at the Nassau Coliseum site. It is simply the wrong place for a casino.
Christine	Maresca	Garden City	There is already too much traffic, too much strain on small business and this is way too close to schools. Go someplace that people want you.
Jorge	Marroquin	Uniondale	I leave next to the coliseum, Please! Don't do these stupid thing to us.
Ranulfo	Martinez	Uniondale	To avoid delays in leaving the parking lot at the Nassau Coliseum, the gamblers will park around the residential blocks making it harder for the homeowners to find parking at their own homes. This has happened on the occasional concerts/games. This casino will bring problems. Please No casino …..
Diane	Martorella	Bellmore	I live in Bellmore, NY and work in Garden City, NY. The additional traffic alone will be a hugh detriment to all Nassau County residents.
Blessy	Mathew	East Meadow	Our family including my 4 children lives within walking distance from Nassau Coliseum, we are strongly opposed to a casino coming into this neighborhood for the safety of the families that live in the area, our environment, our safety. Nassau County legislators need to focus on families. East Meadow is a great community and we need to keep it that way.
Sebastian	Mazzotta	East Meadow	We Say No To the Casino. We do not want drugs, crime, prostitution, and gambling, which will impact and destroy our community.
Susan	Mazzotta	East Meadow	We do not want your casino in our community. We do not want drugs, prostitution gambling and crime in our community.
Elizabeth	McCoy	East Meadow	I live in Nassau County because I like the suburbia atmosphere and way of life. I don't want Nassau County to become a destination Party Town USA. Let the Sands join other companies and spend their billions of dollars fixing Atlantic City.
Maureen	McFeely	Garden City	No matter how deep the well Sands intends to dig, the issue is the water in the aquifer. Will it continue to be there in this time of climate crisis? If so, what about the danger of salinization?
Jill	McGrath	East Meadow	There is already to much traffic our taxes are high and we don't need more people who don't live in our community East Meadow
Michael	McGrath	Baldwin	Gambling is destructive to all who can not afford it. Especially those who hardly afford taxes!
John	McKeever	Mineola	I don't know a single person who supports the Sands Casino. There is no community support and we do not have the infrastructure to support this!!

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Michael	McKeever	Garden City	The idea of putting a casino near many of our local colleges and high schools is unacceptable. This area also has a horrific tragic problem already. Last, no one wants this casino except for those receiving bribes! It's truly shameful.
Daniel	McLaughlin	Garden City	Say "Yes" to Bailey Park. Say "No" to Pottersville. (Say "No" to the Casino.)
Joan	McMorrow	Port Washington	A father of a close friend growing up father had a severe gambling addiction that almost destroyed the family. I would witness him trying to get in when her mom refused him entry. It's terrible for any family.
Patti	McNulty	Garden City	Absolutely not!
Elizabeth	Medina	East Meadow	A casino belongs in a rural area that isn't near schools residential places churches or parks. It doesn't belong in a residential community that will wreak havoc on already traffic right pattern areas.
Lois	Miceli	Sea Cliff	The traffic on the Meadowbrook Pkwy is already horrendous during rush hour..We should not add to that by making it worse.Let us figure out how Long Islanders could benefit from proper use of that site that could benefit the future generations of Long Islanders. I know folks who said they would move if the casino was approved.
Brianna	Miller	Hempstead	As a student at Hofstra, a casino would make the student body feel very unsafe, which isn't fair to people just looking to get an education
Harvey	Miller	East Meadow	This abhorrent Casino is absolutely OUTRAGEOUS and depicts an ugly, uncaring and short sighted view of what this area should be used for instead of this disgusting monstrosity. Instead of being part of the degradation of the landscape and several neighborhoods, not to mention the cynical thirst for money lost via gambling, the people with the power to make responsible decisions should consider the numerous alternatives and their short and long term advantages: an affordable neighborhood based on low energy consumption, pedestrian, bicycling and mass transit connections, and/or partnerships with local business and/or expansion of research centers associated with Hofstra and/or the cancer center nearby, and lots more. The key is long term benefits to the environment and people, not money made by a flashy, unneeded money pit.
Patrice	Miller	East Meadow	This will destroy the neighboring towns. When was the last time you took a leisurely walk outside of Atlantic City casinos wandering around the neighborhoods? Would you feel comfortable doing that? Would you want your young family, elderly parents wandering around that type of environment, let alone the plummeting values of our homes.
Kathryn	Millington	Garden City	This is an environmental and community risk and I am vehemently opposed.
Dennis	Minogue	Massapequa Park	We don't need traffic of a 24 hour Casino. We don't need the crime and gambling in our County.
Maureen	Mitchell	Franklin Square	This facility is walking distance from a middle & high school as well as 2 colleges. NO casino. There is no benefit to current residents. The jobs created will be low-income jobs meaning workers won't be able to afford to live in the area. So, there will be demand of low-income housing. This benefits no one except the builder. The roads are congested already. This makes it worse. A terrible plan! There is NO benefit to Nassau County residents. We have stated repeatedly that we DON'T want a casino. Nassau County residents also vote their displeasure with officials who don't hear us.

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B	Modafferi	East Meadow	This was the worst decision the Sands made. Building a casino so close to schools and residential area. Acting like you really care when you will destroy communities.
Heather	Moody	Garden City	This will have a negative effect on traffic, addiction and crime.
Joseph	Moody	Garden City	No votes from me to any politician who supports this Casino!
William	Moody	Garden City	This will have a negative effect on the surrounding communities. Crime, traffic and addition will increase.
Barbara	Moore	Garden City	I am completely against this casino.
MaryAnn	Moorehead	Garden City	A casino would be a disaster for our community, children, environment, dangerous traffic etc. as stated. PLEASE listen to the people…(not the money)
Jean	Moran	Garden City	Nassau County does not want this in our community. Build something else!!!!!
Jennifer	Moses	Merrick	Give us back the colisseum. We need an entertainment venue again.
Cory	Mosler	Wantagh	The fact that there even needs to be a discussion regarding conserving what little wild space remains on long Island is appalling. This is one of the few remaining intact grasslands in all the northeast, and once it is cleared there is no going back. These ecosystems took many thousands of years to develop and are depended on by what few native wildlife have managed to eek out an existence in the overdeveloped urban sprawl that is long island. Destroying this piece of land to build a casino would be the ultimate disgrace, and would be an embarrassment to future generations.
Sam	Myers	Garden City	The casino at the Coliseum makes no environmental (800,000 gallons of water PER DAY) or logistical (no mass transit) sense
Shaila	Nabi	Hicksville	We love the community 👏 ♡ keep it our way.
Robert	Nemeroff	East Meadow	Corrupt Nassau County Republican politicians are lining their pockets with Las Vegas Sands lobbying monies and have zero concern for residents living in the communities immediately surrounding the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum. It's all about these corrupt politicians getting richer. Leading the pack is Bruce backstabbing Blakeman.
Effie	Neofitos Campbell	Garden City	A casino does not belong between two colleges and a high school!
Whipple	Newell	Garden City	No Casino
Cheuk	Ng	Hempstead	Please keep this town safe and quiet since i have 3 kids, don't want to increase traffic, don't want to increase criminal activities and don't wanna my kids get close to gambling when they are still in school.
Kristina	Nicosia	Garden City	It’s unfortunate but this will be detrimental to our children.
Barbara	Nisman	Plainview	This will have a multi pronged negative impact on our county
Mary	Noe	Glen Cove	Nassau County is a place for families with children to live and grow - not for the gambling population. Please don't destroy our neighborhoods.
Anita	Nowak	East Meadow	A casino in this area will be awful for many reasons. I am extremely opposed to it!

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Kevin	O'Keefe	East Meadow	As a East Meadow resident I ve done outreach knocking on doors making sure residents know about this proposal to find out like myself that many oppose it and many didn't know anything about it and felt they should have been better notified. The safety of my community and my neighborhood will be greatly disturbed with the lengthy construction period with traffic delays, possible hazardous debris being transported through my neighborhood, and roadways construction. If there is an opening of casino, our community will experience an increase in crime(stolen cars, breakins, drugs) other types of crime, drunk drivers, noise(especially with a 24 hours operation), added garbage will be disposed of nearby incinerator so air pollution will increase. Gambling addictions too. It's a bad deal for our community.
Diana	O'Neill	Garden City	This is not a good fit for Sands and definitely not a good look for NYS or Nassau County.
Jeanne	O'Sullivan	Garden City	In addition, casinos offer free alcohol so I'm sure drunk driving will be an issue as well.
Jeanne	O'Sullivan	Garden City	Proximity to Hofstra, NCC and Kellenberg not to mention drunk driving for those who just go for the day. This project was pushed through without concern for local residents. Our water supply is limited and we are asked to conserve water, I am against this casino it will only cause problems. Increase in drunk driving because casinos serve free alcohol, the hotel is not supposed to be built at the same time as the casino as far as I know and locals will drive. Families will be destroyed due to gambling
Elaine	Occil	Uniondale	In addition to the economic, ecologic and environmental concerns to the surrounding town and population, A casino-hotel complex is a terrible choice with the caliber of schools nearby and encourages the development of gambling disorders, excessive alcohol use and substance disorders. There is a plethora of options that take into account the medical school, the need for affordable housing and access to health food and healthcare. This is an irresponsible choice that will cost the county and state much more in social supports when the community is degraded.
Bunmi	Ojugbele	Valley Stream	There's a reason they call Vegas, 'Sin City'! No Nassau County residents wants 'Sin County' attached to where we live, work, and play clean.
Mary	Oleske	Manhasset	Please support quality of life over commercial enrichment. It's the duty of us all and most especially of elected and appointed officials to act and decide infavor of the best interests of the community.
Blake	Overby	Garden City	We will move if a casino is built.This is bad for our children, communities near by and will make our precious area a very different place.
Diane	Palillo	Glen head	Long Island roads cannot absorb the additional traffic that a monstrosity like this would bring!
Maryanne	Panker	Merrick	Enough congestion and crime in the area!!!!!!!!
Mary Ellen	Pantaleo	Center Moriches	I am a resident of Suffolk County, This whole island is getting destroyed by over development ! We cannot deal with anymore traffic or trash NO to the casino, not good for the people!
Alison	Parks	Garden City	The water usage is outrageous...for this reason alone the project should not go forward. We need to preserve our precious water! We don't want this in our backyard! Nor would YOU
Byron	Peeples	Garden City	Environmental impact on sewer and water would be overwhelming. The impact on our electrical grid would be devastating and increase the strain that potential electric cars would create.

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Cecily	Peeples	Garden City	My sentiments are expressed clearly above. LVS would be the undoing of a community built for years with hard work and integrity. Our representatives must fight for us now in our time of great need. We make many sacrifices to pay the taxes that we owe to maintain our safety and a modest lifestyle. We are good citizens and never forfeit our right to vote. DON'T ABANDON US NOW!
Xuan	Peng	Garden City	A casino will negatively impact our property value, particularly if your home is located very close to it, due to potential increased traffic, noise, crime concerns, and a perception of decreased neighborhood quality associated with a casino's presence
Christine	Pepitone	Hicksville	This casino will not bring any quality jobs to our community. Any community that has a casino becomes a ghetto and a haven for losers, crime, prostitution, drugs, etc. This will destroy our local community and way of life. Lawmakers are only thinking about lining their own pockets with kickbacks. It's pure government corruption and greed. Another example of how politicians represent themselves and not the people they are paid to represent. A casino here will also destroy Hofstra University, where I earned my masters degree. No one would ever send their child to a college with a casino next door. It's just so disgusting how this country values money and not its own people. Another example of the breach of the sacred social contract between a people and their government. This country is corrupt and disgusting.
Terry	Petaja	Garden City	The addition of a casino here would be a disastrous change to the quality of life, traffic issues and overall well being of our community!
Vicki	Pitcavage	East Williston	Just look at the outskirts of towns wherever casinos are built.
June	Pitkow	East Meadow	This is environmental disaster
Lynne	Portnoy	Plainview	No community 'needs' or benefits from a casino! I'm a physician and I've worked for patients employed or affected by casinos and gambling. This must not be allowed to go forward. There are no positives for Nassau County, only additional economic, social and health costs, including mental health costs.
Susan	Powderly	Bellerose Village	This is an extraordinarily bad idea for Nassau County.
Charlene	Prounis	Manhasset	The drinking water and sewage problem are enormous for a small island without a limited acquirer. Traffic is already number to number in the Meadowbrook parkway around 5-7 when many people would be going there for dinner/entertainment, making quality of life miserable.
Benny	Pulice	East Meadow	NO CASINO!!Look up the word in Italian it means turmoil, disaster!!
Kami	Radin	E Atlantc Beach	We have reached our population saturation point. No more pouring concrete. Especially for something as garish and unsavory as a cheesy casino. No to contributing to gambling addiction.
Gus	Rallis	Nassau County	Strongly disagree for all reasons mention in the letter!!
Sharon	Redmond	Garden City	No to the mega casino!
Virginia	Reetz	Town of Hempstead	NO CASINO - we already have Jake's 58 and Resorts in Jamaica,NY!!!!!
Maureen	Regan	Floral Park	Sands Casino has no business in Nassau County, Blakeman don't leave us a community degradingrgacy.

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Ryan	Reid	Merrick	Nassau Colliseum is a historical landmark, that has hosted many of the greatest concerts ever from Pink Floyd performing "The Wall" in full, to the Grateful Dead, and many others. It's one of New York State's most important venues next to Madison Square Garden, and should cherished as such. We should find ways to make it easier to commute to the venue, and allow residents methods of transportation. It is sad we have let this venue go to waste. If we really want to boost our economy, we should continue to host more acts. Taylor Swift performed here in 2010, and she has helped boost a lot of local economies.
Emily	Reilly	Garden City South	We do not need this in our community. Will bring unwanted consequence to our small businesses, families and communities.
Marie	Reimersunino	Uniondale	Please take into consideration the damage the casino will do to our way of life most importantly our health with the emission of 100,000.00 tons of CO2 annually and please bear in mind this data came from the Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS). Thank you for your time.
Katie	Rezler	East Meadow	We are absolutely opposed to using the coliseum as a space to build a casino. It will bring terrible traffic accidents, increased crime, a strain on the infrastructure, and it's too close to the schools and residential areas.
Paul	Rezler	East Meadow	This MUST NOT be approved
Patricia	Riew	Westbury	Nothing good about Atlantic City, don't bring that kind of environment to Nassau County.
Stephen	Ripp	Garden City	A gross overreach of power by the County Executive and the Nassau County Legislature
Janet	Rizzo-Hannafin	Malverne	The taxpayers of Nassau County think that money from having a casino here will benefit us greatly financially which is so untrue. Nassau County will get a crumb only a crumb of the money and Blakeman and his supporters are not forth coming at all on the revenue issue. The house always wins and the Sands is the house. In addition the Sands has been throwing so much money around to all the local businesses and organizations blinding them with their bribes, convincing all of these money takers that gambling is okay when it is not. The Sands is a predator and Nassau County is its prey. This is so wrong for the future of our beautiful county!!!!!!
Theresa	Robitaille	Garden City	Nassau County does not need a massive casino that will cause huge increases in traffic congestion on already overtaxed roads. Please listen to the actual people who will needlessly suffer from this money grab.
Dave	Rodgers		Just remember at election time what administration is shoving this down our throat!
Ana	Rodriguez	East Meadow	We do not want to make profits from gambling. That is taking advantage of people with an addiction.
Steve	Rolston	Baldwin	Economists Lucy Dadayan and Professor Earl Grinols are among the many educators whose research confirms that Casinos do not lift up local economies. They actually drain local economies, creating $3 in social costs for each $1 in so-called revenue. Hofstra's Public Policy Paper titled "The Economic Unsuitability of a Casino at the Nassau County "Hub" offers better options. The business model of a casino is immoral. Their profits come from the gamblers' losses. Please don't allow a casino in Nassau County. It will drain our local economy. My neighbors' losses will only benefit Las Vegas Sands.
Shawn	Roser	Wantagh	This area of Nassau county already faces problems with congestion and traffic. There are plenty of other things the county should be prioritizing! Not opening a casino that will result in numerous problems for the residents who live here! They care more about their own financial gain and what's best for the people they represent

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Allison	Ruhlman	Garden City	Although I am an avid Ranger fan, I voted yes for the new Islander facility way back because I saw the value for the County/Long Island. I cannot, however, vote yes for a Casino! I see way too many negative impacts - lowered property values; increased traffic and crime; and most importantly, gambling addiction issues. PLEASE DO NOT PROCEED WITH THE CASINO PROJECT! There are so many other options that will increase property values/tax base that will not hurt people!
Kristina	Russo	Garden City	What happens when the biz model of this casino isn't supported? Some second rate operator turns this into a depressed down on its luck operation? Stop this project NOW!!!
Kathleen	Ryan	Merrick	We have enough casinos, 30 minutes to the casino in Queens, at Aquaduct race track and 30 minutes east to Jake 58
Timothy	Ryan	Garden City	A casino is not the answer
Gary	Ryder	Westbury	People move to Nassau County for the educational institutions; the built for family recreational facilities; the fine renowned health care availability; natural resources and the little flavor of country still remaining in our Community minded and tranquil envied Suburbia. I'm disgusted but not 'Stunned' at our Leaders once again putting their own desires ($$$), manipulating their fellow representatives overriding the 'Quality of Life' of the Nassau County 1,400,000. Residents ,(400,000 SENIORS). The Huge COVENTA RECYCLING PLANT approved in the mid 1990's allowed in " East Garden City " with its 400 foot smokestack and with 250 smelly, heavy on our roads, tractor trailers visiting daily has been an unnecessary Black Eye FOREVER to Nassau County residents who adamantly opposed it's location in the middle of Nassau County. I'm smelling the toxic emissions and feeling particles dropping from the sky in Westbury regularly #. I suggest you take a VOTE on Election Day regarding the Nasssu County Resident's position on the CASINO proposal. It will be SMASHED DOWN !!
Lucas	Ryder	Westbury	I don't want ALL the problems of increased crime, family ruination and a Times Square City out in the middle of Nassau County #
Staci	Salomon	East Meadow	Gambling the next opioid crisis. Addictions and suicide are real.
William	Sanders	Williston Park	Casinos succeed only if more money is LOST than won. Period, end of story!
Jujo	Sanjana	Garden City	There is so much traffic congestion during rush hour all over Nassau already, compounding it by building a casino would be intolerable. Also think of crime and addiction will increase where casinos are!
Lorraine	Sapanara	Mineola	I take the Meadowbrook Parkway to Jones Beach and points south of Mineola. We do not need additional cars on this busy roadway day and night .Some people of bad character and criminal background are definitely associated with casinos.
Christian	Sartini	Garden City	This is an abomination right across a University are you people out of your minds.
Jasmina	Sartini	Garden City	A casino next to a University? You're promoting drug use & illegal activity. You're putting unnecessary pressure on a small pocket of a very affluent area diminishing the value of their homes. A casino can go further East where they have large pockets of land not in this suburban pocket.
Lawrence	Schena	Garden City	This will be nothing but detrimental for our quality of life to all residents living in Nassau County, crime, traffic, pollution encouraging gambling addiction. We do not want or need this atrocity forced upon us by a governor & politicians who hate Long Island!

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Mary	Schwartz	Bellmore	Saving 400 jobs while ruining all the surrounding towns, and putting schools in jeapordy is just not sensible in any way. It is likely those jobs will not be saved long-term.
Tara	Schwartz	Plainview	NO NO NO
Stefanie	Seitz	Manhasset	No one needs a casino on our island! Money is better spent on something ALL can enjoy that doesn't burden our neighborhoods, schools, environment, and infrastructure.
Michael	Seltenreich	Garden City	Adding an estimated 20,000 cars to this area will make it intolerable with increased risk in mobility. Further pressure on our water source will place a great burden on health and well being of communities in Nassau County. What is the price to transform an area that is desirable and a solid middle class today to an undesirable area. Will result in an increase of exiting of long island.
Mary Lynn	Simmons	Garden City	This proposed casino will be nothing short of a DISASTER for our surrounding towns!
Jarnail	Singh	East Meadow	No casino
Paul	Sokol	New Hyde Park	Aqueduct, and Jake's 58 are both planning massive increases to their casinos, plus Aqueduct is planning a future convention center once Belmont is finished. Please do not ram thus massive complex in the middle of our beautiful RESIDENTIAL neighborhoods!
Christine	Solomonyuk	East Meadow	Please DO NOT bring this to our neighborhood. We don't want it and we don't need it.
Anita	Sookpaul	Nassau County	NO CASINO
Elizabeth	Spitaleri	Garden City	We already have too much traffic and crime this is blocks away from my home and raises serious concerns
June	Stamatas	West Hempstead	Increased population has led to more cars than ever on the roads. Adding the additional traffic related to this casino complex is nothing short of insanity! I started driving 70 years ago, and driving around Nassau was like a ride in the country. Too many drivers today are selfish and inconsiderate; their knowledge of, and adherence to the rules of the road is limited. How much more can this county sustain? When the Coliseum was built, traffic going to and leaving events held there blocked the nearby streets and highways, inconveniencing a lot of people. How much more traffic with this mega-mess? Gambling may be a boon for some, but it has caused serious financial and interpersonal problems for people who are addicted and their families. With Hofstra, Adelphi, and Molloy, and Nassau Community Colleges nearby, I dread potential problems. Yes, I am opposed to the casino - vehemently!
Helen	Stapleton	Seaford	Casino will bring crime and misery to the community.

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Felicia	Stephens	Uniondale	As a fourth-generation Black American Long Islander, a Kellenberg Memorial graduate, and someone who participated in Hofstra extracurricular activities from childhood, I find the proposal to build a casino here deeply disappointing and a betrayal of what remains of our community's legacy. My grandfather, Charles Penner (Pena), contributed to this area's rich history by building and flying aircraft in what is now the Cradle of Aviation Museum. A casino on this land dishonors his contributions and the proud heritage of families like mine who have been staples of this community for generations. Personally, I've experienced the devastating effects of addiction, having lost my father to struggles with drugs and alcohol—issues that have already taken a toll on our neighborhoods. A casino would only exacerbate these problems, preying on vulnerable residents while enriching a select few with no regard for the wellbeing of Uniondale, Hempstead, and Roosevelt. The Black community in these areas deserves investment in institutions that uplift and empower, not establishments that risk further destabilization. Let us preserve and celebrate our land, focusing on initiatives that inspire growth, pride, and opportunity—not greed and exploitation. We refuse to let this area become another example of neglect, like parts of Queens. This community deserves better.
Brent	Stranathan	Garden City	We do not want this Casino in our back yard!!!
Elizabeth	Stranathan	Garden City	Studies show that casinos only benefit the corporation…the surrounding communities suffer and pay a hefty price!
Bob	Stringer	Franklin Square	We don't want this terrible for the community is environmental disaster. The impact will do to the neighborhoods. It's a loose Long Island !
Denise	Stronge	East Williston	Can't handle the traffic now! Absolutely a hard do!
Xiaojuan	Sun	East Meadow	No !
Margaret Mary	Sutcliffe	Garden City	Besides the environmental issues of building this monstrosity, I don't want a casino a mile or so from my home. This is not what Nassau County needs. Also, is Nassau County ready for serious over crowding at our beaches?
Megan	Sutcliffe	Garden City	A large casino will line Sands and politicians pockets but will be detrimental to our way of life here in Garden City and the Hub's surrounding communities.
Bernadette	Taormina	Franklin Square	Absolutely no casino.
Juan Carlos	Tapia	East Meadow	I say no to the casino

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Mary	Tedaldi	Oceanside	Bottom line gambling is an addiction and providing access to a casino in our community especially young people could destroy their lives. They already went through so much with Covid, lack of proper schooling for two years, lost internships, unable to find work in career they went to school for. And addiction is already high with opioids and fentynal lacing gambling just adds to it. Not to mention increase in alcohol intake another addiction. As adults we owe it to our young people to give them a safe environment fostering growth and success. As for the traffic, look what happened to the Cross Island Parkway with the UBS arena. It was already a traffic nightmare and during an event many people will go out of their way and use Meadow Brook pkway which will now become another traffic nightmare for our community - it will not be able to handle the volume.
Camille	Teichman	East Meadow	I live in a senior community. I moved here for peace and quiet. A casino will impact on my real estate investment, lowering my property value and will create traffic headaches. We are right down the road from the coliseum. I and my community OBJECT!!!
Mark	Tepper	East Meadow	The Republican group that is selling out the people of Nassau have lost all credibility of "protecting our suburban life" when they criticize others. Send a message; Dump Blakeman.
JoAnne	Thacker	East Meadow	I am a Professor at Nassau Community College and do not share the college Administration's support for the casino. Many of my colleagues are against it as well.
Ram	Thiruvengadam	Roslyn Heights	NO CASINO IN NASSAU COUNTY
Margaret	Timko	Nirth Bellmore	We don't want a casino in our area.
Marc	Tosi	Garden City	Casinos have never improved a single community. Casinos have no place being so close to colleges.
Judy	Touseull	East Meadow	No casino in Nassau county-we the taxpayers do not want it, our politicians want it and they are not listening to us!!!
Michelle	Truitt	East Meadow	If this casino is built, lives will be lost and armed. The ones who say yes to the casino WILL HAVE BLOOD ON THEIR HANDS. All have to answer for their actions and inactions one day.
Brian	Tully	Garden City	I would like to suggest that members of the Gaming Commission visit the the site of Sands proposed casino. You will see the local roads can no way handle the traffic that this would generate. GPS systems will surely route cars thru close towns and residential areas. One of the roads in Garden City has a grammar school. There is no doubt a Las Vegas Sands casino will have a huge detrimental effect on our quality of life and it would be for decades. Two colleges and a high school are in close proximity to the proposed site. Sands should not be awarded a casino at Nassau Coliseum
Debra	Tundis	Garden City	Our neighborhood is already less safe due to an increase in " cut through" traffic. They speed and disregard stop signs. Unsafe especially for our kids
Jane	Turchiano	Garden City	The casino is a disgrace
Janice	Twibell	Westbury	No more traffic!!!!!!

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Farhan	Uddin	East Meadow	My family and I moved here to get away from the violence, drugs, gambling, and safety issues. All neighboring areas near casinos are dangerous, and have high levels of crime, and aren't safe for families. This is not the place to build this casino.
Arleen	Urban	Garden City	Don't destroy our the beautiful suburbs where we chose to live our lives over a half of a century ago.
Joseph	Urban	Garden City	You cannot do this to our town, and to our county,
Cynthia	Varughese	East Meadow	I have 4 young children ranging ages 4-14. I moved to Long Island to protect them and have them raised in a nice quiet trusting community. This casino would bring in a lot of people that would bring harm right in my backyard I don't want to see more families being broken due to this casino being added.
Robert	Vassalotti	Garden City	FOR LOCAL COLLEGE STUDENTS: I would think twice about registering as a commuter student at either Nassau Community College or Hofstra…. Imagine trying to drive to and from either of those schools with all the increased traffic… especially for the evening students. I commuted to both and just the students traffic alone is overwhelming!!
Anthony	Villaran	Hicksville	This is lunacy for a geographic location that can barely accommodate the traffic it has now!
Patrick	Violanti	Oceanside	I have a toddler and there is no benefit of having something with this much impact in our community.
Christopher	Vitale	Garden City	According to the Town of Hempstead's Full Environmental Assessment Form: "The site is proximate to remnants of the Hempstead Plains Grassland, which is identified by the New York Natural Heritage Program as being "critically imperiled" both in New York State and globally; and appropriate analysis should be undertaken to ensure that the proposed development does not have a secondary adverse impact on this important habitat area." NO APPROPRIATE ANALYSIS HAS YET TO BE TAKEN! The Hempstead Plains are home to all of the following: The Sandplain Agalinis - a rare and beautiful flowering plant that is both a state and federal protected endangered species. Soapwort Gentian, Eastern Silvery Aster and Britton's Coast Violet - all NY State protected endangered flowering plant. White Colicroot, Purple Milkweed, Green Milkweed, Bushy Rock Rose, Hairy Small-leaved Tick Trefoil, Nuttall's Milkwort, Blunt Mountain Mint, and Narrow-leaved White-topped Aster, - all rare flowering plants that are listed as threatened by NY state. Midland Sedge and Northern Gama Grass - grasses that are listed as threatened by NY State. Henslow's Sparrow, Upland Sandpiper, and the Northern Harrier - birds listed as threatened by NY state and are federally protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Frosted Elfin - an insect listed as threatened by NY State.
Yi	Wang	Garden City	Make the living environment unsafe
Todd	Warren	Bellmore	It's effectively impossible to overstate the magnitude of the negative impact this will have on living here.
Alan	Watson	Garden City	Say NO TO THE CASINO
Jake	Watson	Garden City	The environmental damages will really hurt our towns and birds/marine life.
Joanie	Watson	Garden City	This should never happen at this location. The traffic, congestion. Proximity to schools, environmental factors, drugs, prostitution and human trafficking are only some of the horrors of a casino at this location.
Kyle	Watson	Garden City	The casino is bad for the neigboring towns and residents.
Carol	Weidel	Roslyn	The outskirt of areas with legalized gambling always goes downhill. Niagara Falls, Atlantic City,all ruined. A casino does not promote family values. A poor choice for this large parcel of land. You will ruin the suburban look and feel that is Long Island. Gambling ruins families.

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Virginia	Wenzel	Garden City	I have worked at NUMC and for years this hospital and its surrounding buildings have need to be cleaned up to provide the medical personnel with adequate physical structure to help sick patients. I worked there through a major flood that filled the basement pharmacy. This is just one of the many improvements necessary to benefit all who live in Nassau. A Casino is not only a poor use of money but an immoral addition next to a college where students should see good values promoted all around them. This will only provide an atmosphere of drinking and gambling right next to a college of learning. Please do not allow this to happen. I have lived in Nassau County for 68 years and am strongly opposed to opening a Casino here.
Kris	Werz	Sea Cliff	Nassau County traffic is already a nightmare. This venue being so close to colleges and schools send a dangerous message to young people that could change the trajectory of their lives forever. The likelihood of drunk drivers will also greatly increase. And how does it benefit the residents????
Carol	Whalen	Garden City	Bruce Blakeman will be to Nassau County as Mr. Potter was to Bedford Falls!
Georgena	Wilson	Garden City	No. Don't want casino.
Rose Marie	Wilson	Uniondale	That area of Nassau County has more traffic during (and around) the rush hours than it can really support, so adding a casino to the area would literally BREAK our county! Traffic would become an intolerable hell. Delays would stretch for hours, and accidents would shut down traffic on major roads for whole days! In addition, the people of Long Island do not need the temptation for gambling right in their front yards (figuratively). Gambling addiction ruins marriages and families and disrupts lives. People would lose their homes, children would be pulled out of their schools. People here do not want the kind of crime and unsavory characters that gambling draws to an area. This is an area of solid, family oriented communities, and casinos do not belong in such a place.
Kathleen	Worthman	East Meadow	First and foremost, it is disgustingly embarrassing that my town wants to promote a gambling casino so close to so many universities and high schools, creating poisonous extracurricular activities that will negatively distract teenagers and young adults from their educational paths, eventually causing addictions, mental health issues and financial hardships. It is clear the town and Sands does NOT care about their future. Secondly I, nor anyone in my family gambles. I will never be able to afford any of the elaborate hotel rooms or entertainment Sands has planned at the sight. There is NOT 1 benefit to me/my family from this casino. The promise of money to the town is a joke. Yet there is a myriad of negative effects: -Traffic on Hempstead Turnpike will be impossible. I live a block from Hempstead turnpike and getting to or coming from my house every day will be a headache. -Our beautiful Eisenhower Park will be impossible to get to -Crime will go up in my neighborhood -My home value will decrease -Air, water, noise pollution I don't understand why the town cant build something in our town, that can benefit the actual people of the town - the families, the older and younger generations. How about an amusement park? When I attended a casino meeting, the majority of the people who wanted the Casino were unions (so build something - just not a casino), and people who live in Suffolk county or towns in Nassau who wont be affected by the traffic, water, noise,& air pollution, crime, and decreasing home values (so build a casino in their town!). Please listen to the residents of the area. We DO NOT want a casino in our neighborhood.
Kathie	Wysocki	Garden City	A CASINO IS INAPPROPRIATE and DANGEROUS for this area.

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Veronica	Yong	Nassau County	NO to casino, Casino in this town caused DAMAGE TO OUR CHILDREN'S FURURE IN OUR SAFE HOMELAND!!!
Amir	Zafar	Bellmore	We don’t want that gambling facility in our county.Right next to colleges .It will bring crimes and traffic in our county.We pay very high taxes and it reduce our property values.We demand that our elected representatives refuse this plan,otherwise we will vote them put in next elections.
Pat	Zapf	Garden City	Traffic is crazy now. I can’t imagine more out of town people driving on our roads
Jiang	Zhang	Garden City	No casino
Peng	Zhang	Nassau County	No casino
Serena	Zhang	Garden City	THis will bring the potentially crime, drug, traffic nightmare to an area we live in. all my fridends an neighbors oppsoe this reckless proposal and we urge you to blcok the casino!
Mr. & Mrs. Michael	Zino	Manhasset	The proposed use for this site is completely out of character with the surrounding area. The site should be used to enhance the historic, cultural, and intellectual potential of Nassau County. The utilization of this unique property to further add to the number of gambling establishments in New York State and particularly on Long Island would be a travesty.
Jenny	Zou	Garden City	Say NO to casino.
John	Zsurka	Freeport	Long Island is a family oriented place to live, we do not wish this to become like Las Vegas or Atlantic City. No Casino !!
Jon	Zucker	East Meadow	I am an East Meadow resident for 32 years and I am appalled that anyone thinks this is a good idea. We do not want this. It will ruin our community and it will absolutely have a negative environmental impact. NO CASINO !!!
Brianna		Hempstead	This will affect the local community in many ways.
Ofelia		Hempstead	This will greatly affect the community and not in a beneficial way.

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RE: Sands Casino NY DEIS Report
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To whom It May Concern:

My name is Stacey Richardson, President for the Uniondale Empowerment Resource Ctr. The residents of Uniondale have completed the entire review of the DEIS report presented by Sands Casino and noted several issues that need to be addressed and corrected. Uniondale is the most directly impacted community by the Sands Casino NY project. We the people of the Hamlett of Uniondale believe that the Uniondale residents that the DEIS report should reflect as such. We believe that the report should be centered around the Hamlet of Uniondale and then the impact of the other secondary surrounding towns that will be directly affected by the Project Plans of the Sands Casino. It is also noted that the report is out of date and persons referenced in the report have either died or they are no longer in the role. We the people believe that Sand NY has the means and technology to make the report current with more updated information.

The Residents of Uniondale will like to have some keys points established by the DEIS Report

1. There is no East Garden City. We the people of Uniondale along with many other elected officials have clearly stated throughout the years and documented the same There is no East Garden City. It does not exist. Please see Attachments
   Review of the DEIS report has repeatedly shown the name East Garden City on maps and verbiage. This must be removed and replaced with the Hamlet of Uniondale. Only the zip codes used by the United States Post Office showing the designated Federal area codes of the Hammelt of Uniondale should be referred to on all maps and verbiage when referencing the Hamlet of Uniondale. All deeded map lines and zip codes must reflect the Uniondale Hamlet

2. Uniondale is the main site of the entire project it is only fair, that we the people of Uniondale request that analysis be done showing the main impacted community of Uniondale and its total

resources as a Stand Alone Analysis of all the factors, economic, Financial, social , tax benefits etc. Uniondale Residents who are the most impacted community of this project.

3. We the People object to the Pilot Program on page 77 of the DEIS Text. Most times the residents of Uniondale do not see the benefit of these pilot programs. Our taxes continue to rise every year. Sand NY has a plan to make billions of dollars but it should not be at the expense of the Uniondale Residents. There is no breakdown showing Uniondale Residents apportionment of the $4mil. The Resident taxes should be allotted for in the $4mil. It must be clearly stated in the DEIS report the residents of Uniondale pilot portion and the Uniondale School Pilot portion.

4. A review of the Report did not show the land elevation which relates to the slope of the land across Hempstead Turnpike and down Uniondale Ave and through the densely populated residential area of Uniondale. If you are not aware, our library and other institutions in Uniondale have been experiencing a rise in water levels.

5. We the People would like to have an analysis showing how Sands NY came to the amount of $25mil for community based programs and the amount allocated to Uniondale of $10mil and East Meadow $10mil and to Hempstead $5mil. Uniondale is the most impacted community. The site of the project. Therefore, it is important for the Resident of Uniondale to identify how Sands NY came to the allotted amounts. We believe the ratio is not truly reflective of the most impacted underserved community which is that of the Uniondale Hamlet.

6. We the People of Uniondale would like to have a complete list of the Community Based Programs that were identified in the DEIS report showing the organizations selected by Sands NY. Also, to be included in the listing is how the money of $10mil will be allocated among the listed Uniondale Community Based Programs and who will be holding the money in Escrow and the distribution criteria of the monies and its timelines for receiving etc. We would like to suggest that all monies be given to the Town of Hempstead in an Escrow account for the Uniondale of Hamlett so that accountability and transparency of all funds can be documented and traced.

7. On pge 40 of the DEIS TEXT- We the people need a clear understanding of “Other Community Facilities”. This must be clearly identified and must not be rented facilities. We the people would like investments to infrastructure be on facilities that are owned by the Community in a legal deeded format with a management by the Town of Hempstead. To promote community access to all without bias.

8. The Hamlet of Uniondale uses the Auxiliary Police of the 1st Precinct. We the People would like to see in the Report the resources extended by the 1st precinct to Uniondale and a complete analysis of how resources will be allocated to the Auxiliary police that govern the Uniondale Area. The DEIS report showed the 3rd Precinct, however resident of the Uniondale Community calls is answered by the 1st Precinct. The Report shows a statement on the Third Precinct on pg. 775 of the DEIS Text., Please provide a report on the 1st Precinct as it pertains to the most impacted Community of Uniondale.

9. The Uniondale Empowerment Resource Ctr requests on behalf of the residents of Uniondale to be added to the Community Advisory Committee. We represent the Residents of Uniondale and continue to be a bridge of information. Many times, the Residents are not informed and too many conflicts of interest of board members are found on many advisory boards. Therefore, the People of Uniondale would like to have a neutral party on the Advisory Board seeking their interest only.

I hope that some of our concerns, identified will be reviewed and applied to respect the opinions of the residents of Uniondale

Sincerely,

Stacey Richardson
President
Uniondale Empowerment Resource Ctr

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To All:

Please see attached.

Several answers to earlier questions that have been asked.

Nassau County and NC IDA granted more than $4 Million to developer Bruce Ratner in 2015. Will they payback or deduct from SandsNY Planned County incentives. Same with Marriott Uniondale 20-year tax break.

Re: Draft Environmental Impact Statement Sands New York, Integrated Resort.

There are many questions that needs an explanation by SandsNY.

Question: Has Nassau County Office of Emergency Management Commissioner Mr. Tim Cooper or Deputy Commissioner Mr. Richard Corbett provided feedback on this project?

Memorial Sloan, Kettering Cancer Center owns and occupies 1101 Hempstead Turnpike (Section 44-Block F-Lot 413) this property will remain zoned within the existing Mitchell field, mixed -use District.

Has Sands NY project details shared with MSK? Does MSK have any objections?

Is MSK okay with planned culvert moving, sewer disposal and revised flood plan?

Oversized hotels will surround MSK Cancer Center according to proposed plans, will cause shadows and block sunlight on the Cancer Center and potentially more.

Research shows that cancer victims need to have positive outlook on their treatments. Lack of sunlight has proven to cause depression and anxiety.

Depression leads to a poorer quality of life (QOL)and compromises patient outcomes with depression, resulting in higher mortality in cancer. See National Institute of Health.

Will the entire Sands casino, entertainment center, hotels and garages be smoke free?

How will these oversized very tall buildings affect extremely sensitive equipment?

Question: How will MSK cancer doctors, nurses & patients handle noise, odors, & light during construction, and when entire casino complex is up and running?

What mitigation will Sands New York use in preventing these extreme noises, odors, and bright lights during all phases of construction?

During operation of the casino?

During operation of the entertainment complex and hotels?

Question: Please provide specific details of sustainable transportation, including busing, ride sharing and details to/from LIRR station(s). Details on Casino only and when entire project is complete.

Has NYSDOT approved this project for their roadway(s) earlier?

NYSDOTa does not have any Meadowbrook widening, bridge construction, nor Hempstead Turnpike construction, outside of repaving in their capital plan. Expected construction would be 2033 at the earliest. Drivers in around the Casino and most of Nassau County would be in traffic jams for a decade.

Environmental- Why is SandsNY using NY City Environmental Quality Review for a guideline? Project is in Nassau County.

NYSDEC has completed a recent Community Air Monitoring project that is different from the SandsNY project has. Legislators should contact the NYSDEC for the facts.

No mention of building materials used to prevent “Bird Strikes.” Screens and nettings installed on windows can reduce reflection and prevent injuries. Is bird friendly glass being used?

How much does horizontally building composition prioritized over vertically affect bird strikes. Having a green rooftop is nice but can attract birds.

How many EV charging stations? For Casino and when entire project is complete? There are many types of EV chargers. What type(s)?

3 garages- How many vehicles will be able to park each garage? Include breakdown for taxis, ride share, limousines, and large commuter buses. Details on casino and when the entire project is complete. For weekdays and weekends?

Do all three garages include employee parking? If no, where will they park?

What is the number of employees daily and weekends. For the casino? When completed for the entire complex?

Because construction workers are notorious in parking outside the job site. This way they avoid construction truck accidents and are away from construction debris. How will Sands Casino keep workers from only parking in the job site?

About the planned Police Substation…

What is the total estimated cost of the Sands Casino Police Substation? To SandsNY?

Nassau County taxpayers?

Geographically, Nassau Counties 3rd Precinct is the largest police precinct in the county.

The entire casino must be supported round-the-clock for public safety. Nassau County should create another police precinct, include Samanea Mall Police Substation, Roosevelt Field Mall, and surrounding areas. Additional police personnel will be required to support the new precinct. What is this cost?

Rational is that during holiday season most 3rd Precinct POP officers were assigned to Roosevelt Field Mall. Leaving no POP office coverage for the rest of the 3rd Precinct.

Is Nassau County picking up the tab for the proposed new North-South Road connecting Lindbergh Blvd to Hempstead Turnpike? If no, whom?

When completed will this be a new public use road? State, County, or Town road?

How will this potentially affect other area businesses and Meadowbrook Parkway?

The integrated resort is planning to be connected to Roosevelt industrial area, sewer district of Nassau County for sewer disposal (with discharge to the cedar creek water pollution control plant). It is my understanding that Cedar Creek water control plant will be closing and will direct sewage treatment to Bay Park. Is this correct? Timeframe? Will it be at taxpayers' expense?

Regarding, Sands payments to Nassau County…

The financial numbers used throughout are fictitious. They do not decide gaming tax revenue to Nassau County, local governments, local schools.

Why does SandsNY include payment of $27 Million to Suffolk County? This project is in Nassau County.

How much will the county budget for mental health and addiction services?

Community Benefit Payments (CBP)…

The Proposed Advisory Committee has far too many public officials. The Community Benefit Payment system is designed to benefit only the communities affected. Not Nassau County, or Hempstead Town. CBF should not be included in the counties or towns general fund.

The affected communities are Uniondale, Westbury, Carle Place, Hempstead village, Garden City, East Meadow, and Roosevelt.

The part of Uniondale who label their location as East Garden City (fictional town) should not be included in CBP. This includes Roosevelt Field Mall.

Requirement of inclusion of the future hospital on Nassau Community College is purely fictional.

Public has not viewed the Hospital environmental proposed plans. How can anyone including Sands New York Casino factually provide.

Observation- Jake's 58 Casino Hotel is about 31 minutes away. Aqueduct Resorts World Casino & hotel is about 25 minutes away.

Sincerely,

Pete Gaffney

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Dear Nassau County Legislators:

I am a resident of Nassau County and strongly oppose the proposed Sands casino project at the site of the Nassau Coliseum. Large casinos such as the one proposed do not belong in the middle of densely populated areas especially one with as fragile an environmental eco system as Long Island. Are we looking to turn Nassau County into Atlantic City? How has that worked out for their residents?

The inevitable increases in traffic (including potentially drunk or otherwise impaired drivers), crime, pollution (air, ground and water), addiction, and demands on local emergency response resources will result in enormous and irreversible socio and economic cost to the surrounding communities and all of Long Island. The extreme

demands on an already taxed aquifer system on which all residents are dependent are alone an unacceptable cost to bear.
People visit and ultimately choose to make their homes here on Long Island for its natural beauty and small-town charm. This casino will ruin much of that and in all likelihood result in a greater overall economic cost than anything the casino can hope to provide and for whose benefit?

These are all obvious and foreseeable outcomes from this proposed development for which there are no acceptable mitigation plans.

Please take action now to put a stop to this proposal to protect our residents and Nassau County's future.

Sincerely,
Robert Polke
Garden City, NY

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Hi just wondering if the tiny bit of the hempstead plains that are left by the coliseum will still be protected. Thank you, Shaun walters

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am submitting these comments regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Sands Casino and Resort. My name is Dr. Hildur Palsdottir, I hold a PhD in Biochemistry from Johann-Wolfgang Goethe University, conducted research at the Max-Planck Institute of Biophysics, Frankfurt am Main, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and NYU Medical school and now serve as the President of the Board of Trustees at the Science Museum of Long Island. I am the co-founder of Rewild Long Island and steering committee member of Transition Town Port Washington.

Overdevelopment continues to threaten Long Island's natural resources. I am deeply concerned about the potential health and environmental impacts of this project. Specifically, I urge careful evaluation of the risks associated with groundwater contamination, resource depletion and associated air pollution.

Groundwater Contamination Risks
The proposed project site lies near multiple Superfund sites and locations with documented fuel spills, creating significant risks for contamination of the region's sole-source aquifer. Drawing excessive water from aquifers beneath Mitchel Field could lower the water table, causing a "cone of depression" that may mobilize contaminants into the aquifer.

The contaminants at risk include:
• Heavy metals such as chromium, cadmium, lead, and arsenic
• Organic pollutants including trichloroethylene (TCE), methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE), solvents, and pesticides

• Radioactive materials

These toxic substances are linked to severe health effects, including various cancers, neurological damage, hormone disruption, and developmental issues.

The surrounding area contains 11 identified Superfund sites and numerous additional contamination sources, including sites of fuel spills. These sites include:
Superfund Sites Near Mitchell Field:
1. Fulton Ave, 150 Fulton Ave., North Hempstead, NY 11550
2. Old Roosevelt Field Contaminated Groundwater Area, Clinton Rd. and Old Country Rd.
3. Pasley Solvents and Chemicals, Inc., 565 Commercial Ave., Hempstead, NY 11530
4. Franklin Cleaners, 206-208B S. Franklin St., Hempstead, NY 11550
5. Simkins Industries, Orlando Ave., West Hempstead, NY 11552
6. Laboratory Furniture, 115 Old Country Rd., Carle Place, NY 11514
7. Roosevelt USARC, 101 Oak St., Hempstead, NY 11554
8. Hempstead Gas Plant, 2nd Ave. and Franklin Ave., Hempstead, NY 11550
9. Star Carting Company, 94 Denton Ave., Garden City, NY 11040
10. Frann Paper Corp, 450 Endo Blvd., Garden City, NY 11530
11. Purex Corp Baron Blakesly Div, 195 Commercial Ave., Garden City, NY 11530

Additionally, documented fuel spills have occurred near the area, posing further risks.

Air Quality and Health Impacts

Air quality in central Nassau County is already compromised by the congested rush hour traffic, shopping malls, and densely developed suburban communities that surround the Nassau Hub.

Much of the congested and highly developed suburban areas of the county south of the Long Island Expressway are considered Non-Attainment Zones on several of the Criteria Pollutants as defined by the Clean Air Act.

The proposed casino and resort would exacerbate air pollution in central Nassau County, an area already burdened by traffic congestion and dense suburban development. The intersection of the Meadowbrook Parkway, Hempstead Turnpike, and Merrick Avenue frequently experiences Ozone levels exceeding Clean Air Act standards.

Ozone and other pollutants pose serious risks to public health, contributing to:
• Emphysema, asthma, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
• Cardiovascular diseases, especially among children, the elderly, and individuals with pre-existing conditions

Given the rise in respiratory illnesses such as COVID-19, influenza, and RSV, the cumulative impact of increased air pollution warrants significant attention. In a time when respiratory diseases are on the rise, this is especially concerning for children, the elderly, and others who are vulnerable to these maladies.

Requested Amendments to the DEIS
To fully evaluate and mitigate the potential environmental and health risks of the proposed project, the DEIS should include careful analysis of the following:

1. The current status of all 11 Superfund sites and any additional contamination sources.
2. The current status of all mentioned fuel spill sites and any others in the surrounding area.
3. Scientific modeling of predicted drawdown of the water table due to construction and operation.
4. Scientific modeling of contaminant leaching from Superfund sites and spill locations.
5. Detailed plans for monitoring wells in neighboring communities (Uniondale, Hempstead, Westbury, Carle Place, East Meadow, and Garden City).
6. Mitigation plans for groundwater contamination risks.
7. Current levels of air pollutants, including ozone and other criteria pollutants.
8. Scientific modeling of anticipated air quality impacts from increased traffic and emissions.
9. Projections of health impacts, specifically cardiopulmonary diseases, caused by increased pollution levels.
10. Mitigation measures to reduce air quality impacts, such as:
• Electrified shuttle buses and mass transit options for the resort.
• Free electric vehicle charging stations.
• Tree planting in impacted neighborhoods such as Uniondale, Hempstead, Garden City, and Westbury.

Conclusion
This project has the potential to significantly impact public health and the environment, particularly in communities already burdened by pollution and overdevelopment. I urge the inclusion of the amendments above to ensure the DEIS thoroughly evaluates and mitigates these risks.
Respectfully submitted,

Hildur Palsdottir

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Plandome, NY

References:
According to the U.S. E.P.A Superfund Website
https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csitinfo.cfm?id=0204234)
and
Homefacts.com (https://www.homefacts.com/zip-code/New-York/Nassau-County/Garden-City/11530.html)

Three polluters in the immediate vicinity include:
MTA Long Island Bus Mitchell field Depot, 700 Commercial Avenue, Garden City 11530
Continental Extrusion corp, Endo Blvd, Garden City 11530
Ametek thermal systems DBA Ametek Hughes Treitler, Endo Blvd, Garden City 11530
In addition, there have been spills of gas, oil, and other petroleum fuels at locations near Mitchell Field, including the following:

17 in Garden City:
NYTANK6211, 636, 1460, 635, 1636, 627, 1195, 1345, 1446, 1575, 638, 1121, 610, 631, 620, 1505, and 1504

18 in Hempstead:
NYTANK618, 670, 651, 1557, 1087, 1555, 851, 1009, 1593, 1131, 1724, 1115, 628, 1621, 851, 1009, 1593, 1131, 1734, 1115, 628, 1621, 1753, 1089, 1200, and 729

8 in Uniondale:
NYTANK914, 1859, 1858, 1098, 924, 787, 28204, and 1870

25 in Westbury:
NYTANK974, 660, 1814, 1576, 25963, 639, 1479, 1800, and 1389

6 in Carle Place:
NYTANK963, 960, 805, 1573 Well #5, 1143 Well #2, and 1571 Wells 3&4

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I have additional concerns that need be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the LV Sands Casino project at the Nassau Hub. Please include these comments as part of the public record.

On December 6, 2024 Las Vegas Sands posted its Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("DEIS") - a 28,000-page document describing how its massive casino project will impact

Nassau County. While the majority of Nassau residents oppose this project, only a small number are likely aware of the document and even fewer will read it, and that's by design.

This proposal to build a 4.5 million square-foot resort at the Nassau Hub, the heart of which will be the country's second-largest casino will have profound impacts on our county for decades to come, yet the powers that be held the review hearing on a weekday evening (December 9 at 5PM) during the holiday season in the legislative chamber that holds just 200 people.

When I arrived at 4:15 pm on December 9 the legislature was packed with union workers who were paid to sit in the audience. They were holding green Sands signs and placing signs on empty seats to reserve them. I witnessed opponents of the Sands who were systematically denied entrance while a Sands rep and Sands-hired consultant David Paterson and his entourage were escorted in despite the "Fire Marshal's orders". Nassau County Police wouldn't let a resident in to the environmental review but lots of paid Sands supporters and lobbyists walked right past her. Many of the anti-casino supporters were stuck in the waiting room outside the chamber and the door was blocked by a NCPO enforcing "fire marshal's orders." Most of those in the waiting area were anti-casino. All by design... I guess fire safety rules don't apply equally in Nassau.

County government efforts to raise awareness of this project and its impact have been minimal. As a resident I have never received any mailers from the County or any legislator about the casino project. As if to underscore the county's unwillingness to be transparent, on December 17, the Legislature voted to designate the New York Post as the official newspaper of Nassau County, which puts the Post in line for hundreds of thousands of dollars of advertising in legal notices, Newsday, which has held that designation until then has a readership in Nassau that vastly exceeds that of the Post. Do county leaders truly believe that individuals needing information about county-wide issues are looking for it in a city-based newspaper, or is this yet another strategy to obscure their actions from residents and taxpayers?

I believe this move was made because casino opposition has grown as word has spread about this ill-conceived project. Perhaps news of the anticipated 10 million visitors a year and the need to reconfigure parkways in a token attempt to accommodate the traffic onslaught will get more people's attention.

I urge this Legislature to comply with the rules set in the State Environmental Review Act (https://dec.ny.gov/regulatory/permits-licenses/seqr). If an agency has made an improper decision or does not follow SEQR, members of the public may take legal action against the deciding agency under Article 78 of the New York State Civil Practice Law and Rules. The NYS court system has a long history of ruling in favor of SEQR compliance and may cancel project approvals and require a new environmental review. To date the county's actions with regard to this project reflect very poorly on those members of the legislature who've voted in support of this project. I urge you each to reconsider and to follow the will of the people who you purport to represent by never allowing this casino in our county.

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To Whom it May Concern,
Here is my personal opinion: Nassau County is violating the public trust, and is violating the spirit of New York State SEQR law by conducting an environmental review that is a complete farce. The County is the sponsor of this project, and our county executive is it's top promoter. Eighteen out of our Nineteen County Legislators are his enablers. The County has

demonstrated many times that it does not want resident input, and that it prefers a citizenship that is disengaged and uninformed. To that end, the County has relentlessly messaged constituents that "It's a Done Deal", and purposefully withheld information from the public. County leadership has worked hand in hand with the casino operator for years in a concerted effort to stifle opposition and tamp down community voices. The County often claims that the casino proposal has broad based public support. Nothing could be further from the truth.

1.) Public meetings are either improperly noticed, or given the absolute bare minimum of 7 days public notice. Written public notices are buried in the fine print pages of Newsday or buried on the County website. Recently, and outdated message about summer camp registration for summer of 2024 was on the Nassau County website home page. Information about an upcoming SEQR hearing was much more difficult to find.
2.) There are no advertisements in the paper, on the County website, on Facebook, or on Instagram about the casino process, or how to find out more information, or how to get involved. The county does not seek public support, in my opinion, because they know that residents will oppose the casino.
3.) There are no informational town halls hosted by the County Executive or by individual legislators. I know of only one exception: our County Executive gave a presentation at Stewart School in Garden City. Sands employees were on hand to gate keep questions from the audience. Attendees began shouting complaints. The Executive stopped taking questions, and filibustered for another 20 minutes before making a hasty exit. When our Executive spoke about the casino at Nassau Community College, he was enthusiastically booed. After these occasions, he limited his casino comments to tightly controlled PR events.
4.) Information posted on the County website is difficult to find, and incredibly poorly labeled. For instance, a proposed lease agreement between the County and the casino operator is labeled as 173-24 Updated Version Redacted. The County has been told of this for months, and that label is still in use.
5.) Meetings are scheduled at inconvenient times. When the Town of Hempstead conducted a SEQR scoping hearing in 2024, they rented out a hotel ballroom and hosted TWO 3 hour sessions: one during the day and one that started at 7:30 PM that gave working people a chance to commute home, eat dinner, and come to the hearing. By contrast, the County holds meetings in a 200 person capacity room, and schedules a 5:00 pm start time. At a December 9th 5:00 pm meeting, many residents were turned away, as the room had filled up BEFORE 5:00.
6.) The County gives no information about future events and deadlines in the casino process. Residents are left wondering what the next step is? The county could easily provide a time line to residents. Instead, they wait until 4:45 PM on the last possible day to give a scant 7 days of notice for meetings - - with no additional information about the future.
7.) There is no information about who is advising the County Legislature on the DEIS. A consultant spoke at a hearing, but he was not introduced by Legislative head Kopel.
8.) At a November legislative session, we learned that residents had sent *"thousands of emails"* (I'm quoting the consultant referenced in #7), but they were forwarded from the Clerk of the Legislature directly to the casino operator. Legislators on the dais seemed unaware of these emails, had not seen them, and questioned the clerk about them.

9.) The Clerk of the Legislature has received repeated FOIL requests for these emails. He responded by giving our group (Say No to the Casino) 9 emails. We continue to make our FOIL requests, and we have not received an answer.
10.) How can legislators that have served on casino operator committees, and in some cases **chaired** casino operator committees, objectively vote on such an important issue?
11.) How can legislators that accepted campaign contributions from the casino operator's lobbyists objectively represent their constituents? At the very least, those legislators should disclose those campaign contributions, and should recuse themselves from voting on any casino matters.

There is more, but you get the picture,

Monica Kiely

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The Sands “Draft Environmental Impact Statement” (DEIS) doesn’t do enough to protect the the endangered ecosystem of the last remaining acres of the Hempstead Plains and the rare, threatened and endangered species that live there.
Please address all of the concerns raised in the Comments submitted to you, most especially those being presented by the South Shore Audubon Society.
Failure to act responsibly now will have far-reaching negative consequences.

Regards,
Annabel Bazante

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The DFIS does not address the strain on the surrounding Village Police Departments, and Fire Departments. The Police Departments would have to deal with an uptick in driving while impaired arrests as well speeding tickets and accidents. When there is a situation where 20,000 people will be visiting the Casino almost daily it's inevitable that these driving issues will spread to the immediate surrounding communities. That would be Garden City, Hempstead, Uniondale and East Meadow. In the case of Garden City, it's 50 man Police force will definitely be strained. Traffic from the Casino will definitely spill on to the streets of Garden City. There is a strong possibility Garden City will have to increase it's Police force to cope with it.

The Fire Departments will also have to be prepared to fight fires in what will be one of the tallest and biggest structures on Long Island. The Sands Casino will be the third largest Casino in the country. Even though the Uniondale Fire Department would be the first on the scene at a fire at the Casino, the Garden City, Hempstead, and East Meadow Fire Departments would be the Mutual Aid departments and would have to be on the scene responding as well.

In addition these Departments would each have to purchase an additional Ladder Truck. A Ladder Truck that would reach to the top of the Casino. The cost for a Ladder Truck would be over 2 million dollars. This would strain Village Budgets.

It's clear the Sands Casino would increase the expenses and add to the info structure costs for the surrounding Villages. The Sands Casino should not be built. I urge the Legislature to stop it now.

Bruce Chester
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Dear Nassau County Legislators and Public Officials,

My name is Dr. J Bret Bennington and I am a Professor and Chair of the Department of Geology, Environment, and Sustainability at Hofstra University and a resident of West Hempstead in Nassau County, NY. I am writing to bring to your attention my concerns with the Sands Casino project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). My qualifications for commenting on the DEIS are that I teach a course at Hofstra (GEOL 121 Hydrology) that focuses on the groundwater hydrology of Long Island, as well as other courses that explore environmental issues on Long Island and the challenges of sustainability managing our natural resources. I have been teaching about these issues for over 30 years

and I have trained many former students who now work in environmental consulting and groundwater management on Long Island.

The biggest red flag in the DEIS is the demand for new groundwater pumping to supply the full build of the project- 763,400 gpd (gallons per day) requiring a new pumping well in the Magothy aquifer. Average groundwater demand per person in Uniondale Water District is 395 gpd, so this represents enough water for about 2000 people (or roughly 500 households). This is a significant increase in demand on the aquifer system, which is already overstressed.

To understand why an additional groundwater well in the area presents a problem, it helps to understand how the aquifer system in Nassau County works. The two aquifers that are relevant to the discussion are the Upper Glacial (sand and gravel from the surface down to about sea level in the area of the Coliseum) and the Magothy (sands from sea level down to -600 ft). These two aquifers are in contact with one another so that there is only one water table (the upper surface of the saturated volume where all pore spaces are filled with water) but in some ways they behave as separate aquifers. For example, most groundwater flow in the Upper Glacial is shallow and stays within the Upper Glacial. For water to flow deep enough from the surface to enter the Magothy Aquifer it has to start out at a high elevation, so that the surface areas that provide rainwater recharge for the Magothy are located within a 5-mile wide, east-west strip of land that follows the elevated glacial moraines to the north. South of the moraines, where the Coliseum is located, the rainwater that infiltrates into the ground flows along a shallow path and doesn't penetrate down to the Magothy under normal conditions. Because central and southern Nassau County is sewered, the groundwater from the deeper aquifer that is pumped and utilized either evaporates off of lawns from sprinkling or ends up in the wastewater stream, eventually being treated and discharged offshore, where it is lost to the aquifer system. All of the water in the aquifers is moving – gravity creates pressure that causes groundwater to flow and eventually return to the surface, either discharging into freshwater wetlands (shallow flow) or along the shoreline (deeper flow). Where the water table intersects the surface of the land, groundwater discharges to supply streams, ponds, and springs. Without groundwater discharge, surface water bodies go dry. Groundwater discharging along the coast is what prevents saltwater from moving inland into the aquifers. Reducing the amount of coastal groundwater flow results in saltwater encroachment, which can impact wells located near the shoreline.

The main implications for Nassau County of how our aquifer system works are:

1. The amount of water flowing through streams and the size of ponds and lakes on the surface is dictated by the elevation of the water table. A higher water table = more flow, larger area. A lower water table = less flow, drying up.
2. Adding or removing water from either the Magothy or the Upper Glacial aquifers will change the elevation of the water table and impact surface water bodies. If the water table drops, wetlands dry up. Over the past 60 years, population growth and associated groundwater pumping and sewering has resulted in a significant drop in the regional water table and the loss or diminishing of our streams and freshwater wetlands in Nassau County. Measurements of stream discharge made by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) show that East Meadow Brook has lost almost half of its historical flow during this time.
3. Encouraging surface recharge on the site of the Coliseum will raise the local water table and contribute water to East Meadow Brook, but not by much.
4. Surface recharge in the vicinity of the Coliseum will NOT recharge the Magothy aquifer – the water does not penetrate to the deeper aquifer.
5. Pumping additional groundwater from the Magothy in the vicinity of the Coliseum will lower the water table and diminish the flow in East Meadow Brook. Determining how big of an impact pumping will have will require testing or computer modeling.
6. Pumping additional groundwater from the Magothy in the vicinity of the Coliseum will have an impact on existing public supply wells. There is a finite amount of water moving through the aquifer and all wells in a region are competing to capture that flow. Determining the impact of a new well on existing wells will require aquifer tests and / or computer modeling, which have not been done as of the writing of the DEIS.
7. Aquifer tests and computer modeling are also needed to determine the impact of a new pumping well on the movement of existing groundwater contamination in the aquifers. The Old Roosevelt

Field Contaminated Groundwater Area (USEPA ID No. NYSFN0204234) and New Cassel/Hicksville Groundwater Contamination (USEPA ID No. NY0001095363) are two NPL (Superfund) sites located over 4,000 feet north and upgradient of the casino project. Both sites are considered to have contributed to a chlorinated solvent groundwater plume that has impacted public supply wells in the area. Contaminants of concern include carbon tetrachloride, 1,1-DCE, PCE, and TCE. Current remediation projects rely on pumping the contaminated groundwater and treating it, which cleans up the water and helps contain the movement of contamination deeper into the aquifers. It is unknown how a new supply well will impact these remediation projects.

The DEIS highlights that the new landscaping on the casino site will increase direct recharge of stormwater into the ground through the use of permeable surfaces and a decrease in paved surfaces relative to the existing site. We can make a back-of-the-napkin estimate of how much additional recharge will result from the 8% reduction of impervious surfaces quoted in the DEIS. The total area of the Coliseum site is 71.6 acres. This is equal to .112 square miles x .08 = .00896 square miles of additional recharge surface. Average recharge for Nassau County is approximately 1,000,000 gallons per square mile per day. So, 1 million gallons x .00896 = 8960 gallons per day additional recharge. Relative to pumping about 750,000 gallons per day to supply the full build of the casino, this isn't much of a help (it's about 1% of the daily pumping). Even allowing for inaccuracies in our estimates, the additional aquifer recharge is a drop in the bucket.

I would also like to bring to your attention deficiencies in the DEIS as they relate to sustainability and the preservation of what remains of the historical ecosystems of southern Nassau County, particularly the unique Hempstead Plains grassland. Although the DEIS states,
"The Hempstead Plains grassland community, located beyond James Doolittle Boulevard to the east of the subject property, and to the north-northeast within NCC, would not be physically disturbed or directly impacted by the proposed action." (ES 28) I find that the DEIS downplays the importance of the last remnants of Hempstead Plains grasslands to the north and east of the casino project and undervalues the East Meadow Brook wetlands, which are described as a "drainage ditch" in the document. As I note above, the East Meadow Brook has already been severely impacted by development in Nassau County and will be further stressed by the additional groundwater extraction proposed by the project. The two nature preserves and associated undeveloped land that are all that remains of the Hempstead Plains are unique historical and ecological resources for Nassau County and any impacts to their flora and fauna should be carefully weighed against the potential benefits of redevelopment of the Nassau Coliseum site. Although the DEIS claims that landscaping for the casino project will add additional native plant habitat to the site, this may be an idle boast, as the DEIS states, "The landscape plan is composed of native and **native-adaptive** plant species" (ES30). Native-adaptive plants are non-native species that, while not considered invasive, will NOT provide suitable habitat for native insects and birds. The admission in the DEIS that Sands is allowing non-native species in their landscaping calls into question their commitment to creating additional useful habit.

Finally, I would like to highlight other areas of environmental impact that are outside of my professional expertise such as the increase in truck, car, and bus traffic and associate air pollution that the casino project will bring and their impacts on the surrounding communities. As someone who lives and works within 5 miles of the proposed casino I question the cost-benefit ratio of this project for citizens such as myself and particularly for the people who live in the communities of Hempstead Village, Uniondale, and East Meadow who will be disproportionately impacted. One only has to look at the project alternative (Alternative CMP – p.622) outlined in the DEIS (Redevelopment of the Coliseum Property, Assuming a Gaming License is Not Awarded) to appreciate the reality that there are ways to develop the Coliseum site that provide much more benefit to the surrounding communities with much lower environmental impact. If a gaming license is denied, Sands proposes a redevelopment that includes residential housing, an entertainment complex, retail space, medical offices, and offices to support businesses doing research and development. This alternative would provide much more benefit to the residents of Nassau County and the surrounding institutions such as NCC, Hofstra, and Kellenberg Memorial High School and would bring higher paying, skilled jobs to the site. This is the kind of development that we need in Nassau County and the kind that is worth the negative tradeoffs, which, in any case, would be considerably fewer than for the casino project. Furthermore, my personal observations of casinos in other locations (e.g.

Nevada, Colorado, Pennsylvania) is that they generally do not support economic activity and small businesses outside of the casino. Visit any small town in Colorado where casinos were allowed in to help revitalize the local economy and you will find that the only business left in town is the casino. I see the same future for the Nassau Hub ten years down the road.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. J Bret Bennington
West Hempstead, NY

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Citizens Campaign for the Environment
DEIS Comments -Sands New York DEIS
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Citizens Campaign for the Environment (CCE) is a 120,000 member, non-profit, non-partisan advocacy organization working to empower communities and advocate solutions that protect public health and our natural environment. CCE works on a wide variety of issues, including drinking and surface water protection, curbing the use toxic chemicals, waste reduction, toxic plume remediation, recycling programs, land preservation, and more.

CCE works to advance the preservation of our green spaces on Long Island and prevent the destruction of wooded lands. This is why CCE supports redevelopment of parcels that are already paved over and can be purposed. The proposed Sands Resort would be located in the heart of Nassau County and is a redevelopment of existing property that is paved over and does not contain vegetated lands. The site is described in the DEIS as 90.4% composed of impervious surfaces and the remainder of the site is landscaped[1]. The Sands development would decrease the impervious surface. Over the years there have been several proposals to redevelop the site, without any progress. In fact, the proposed Lighthouse Development was proposed in 2007, - 17 years ago, without any progress. This massive parking lot still stands there as a testament to conflict and lack of leadership.

The Sands DEIS provides a comprehensive environmental analysis of this development proposal and CCE applauds the level of detail and the attention to environmental sensitivities in Nassau County. Stakeholder input provided a wide range of comments that were raised in community forums, workshops, and through public comments. The DEIS provides details for this development that, if built to the promises, would set a new high standard for green development on Long Island.

CCE submits the following comments on the DEIS:

Establish a Stakeholder Working Group

CCE served on the Sands NY Sustainability Working Group. We submitted comprehensive comments during the public scoping process. We were pleased that each comment from our submission is addressed in the DEIS. There are many proposals offered in the DEIS to mitigate environmental and community impacts. However, they need to be incorporated in the final

[1] DEIS, page 61

design of the project. This is why we are strongly encouraging Sands to create a sustainability workgroup that would meet twice a year to review the environmental goals of this development project and to evaluate progress over time. Such goals would include but not be limited to waste reduction, recycling, capturing food waste, water conservation, water efficiency, water reuse, use of renewable energy generation and more. This workgroup would allow Sands to be held accountable to all the goals they have committed to in the DEIS and to ensure an open and transparent process, should the development move forward.

Water Protection

Long Island relies on a sole-source aquifer, which has caused our island to have drinking water quality and quantity challenges throughout Nassau County.

- ### Usage

The DEIS notes that the Sands development phase 1 will require 109,792 gpd of water. This is 12.9% more water than is currently being used on this site. However, full build-out will require 763, 400 gpd of water. This total includes an assumption of 62,000 gpd of water for irrigation. The DEIS also notes that this analysis does not account for the use of low-flow fixtures and energy star appliances. Installation of these devices will reduce water by 25%. The calculations for the irrigation does not account for the use of native plants and no-mow lawns that are being proposed. This would substantially reduce the use of water in the peak summer months.

Recommendation: *Water consumption is one of the most important environmental impacts for any large-scale development on Long Island. It is conflicting, confusing and unnecessary to include in a DEIS the amount of water consumption with water conservation devices and methodologies and without these steps. Either Sands' is committing to installing low flow fixtures, energy stars appliances and native vegetation or they are not. The DEIS needs to make a choice and provide water consumption projections based on those choices. CCE recommends that Sands commit to water reduction practices such as installing low-flow fixtures and purchasing energy star appliances.* ***The reduction of water by 25% is highly significant in a large-scale development proposal.*** *When installed at construction, costs of installation will be minimal, while savings to Long Island water resources is priceless.*

In addition, CCE urges Sands to incorporate the use of native landscaping and no-mow lawns in the design of their resort for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Irrigation is the number one use of groundwater on Long Island and native landscaping will help reduce the need for irrigation. Native landscaping will also assist with stormwater run-off management since native plants tend to have deeper more robust root systems that allow them to take up more water in a rain event. CCE recommends that Sands work with a local ecologist when designing landscaped areas and source plants from local Long Island vendors.

Emerging Contaminants

One of the greatest threats to Long Island drinking water quality are the emerging contaminants PFAS and 1,4-Dioxane. New York State is a leader in the fight against emerging contaminants, having adopted the strongest, enforceable standards in the nation for PFOA, PFOS, and 1,4-dioxane. These toxic contaminants are widespread in drinking water supplies across the state. On Long Island alone, there are about 1,100 public water supply wells. Of those, 35% have had detections on PFOA and PFOS and 50% have had detections of 1,4-dioxane.

The DEIS notes that Sands will bear the cost of drilling a new water supply well that will have the capacity to pump 1.98 million gallons a day. This new well will be managed by the Town of Hempstead Water District.

To address potential contamination that could be detected in the new water supply well Sands has proposed to pay for any needed treatment technologies. This would include ion exchange for nitrate removal, air stripping for volatile organic compounds (VOC) removal, advanced oxidation for 1,4-dioxane removal, and granular activated carbon for filtering of potentially harmful chemicals[2].

The DEIS contains a cost analysis of the new well and treatment conducted by H2M. It is estimated that the total cost related to the new supply well would be approximately $18 million, with $3 million in new well construction, $10 million in treatment construction and $5 million in water main construction. Sands has committed to funding the $18 million. The DEIS does note that if significant additional users of the well are identified, cost-sharing may be employed.[3]

Recommendation: *CCE encourages Sands to work with the USGS and the Town of Hempstead Water District to assess any impact that may result from this new well to local streams and tributaries to the South Shore Estuary Reserve. Measures proposed in the DEIS that include water re-use and recharge can reduce the stress on the aquifer system and mitigate any impacts on surface water streams and tributaries.*

Legacy Contamination

The Sands development location is a heavily developed/industrial area, which means there is a high likelihood of legacy pollution. The DEIS noted that there may be PFAS contamination during the excavation portion of construction. The DEIS also noted that the PFAS contamination will be treated before water is discharged to a water recharge basin.

Recommendation: *CCE recommends that Sands treat PFAS to the new EPA standard of 4 ppt. Currently NY has a drinking water standard for PFAS at 10ppt. This will change as the federal EPA standard is phased into place and will be fully in place by 2029. Sands needs to be proactive and plan for treatment of PFAS at 4ppt.*

Stormwater Management

It is necessary to employ stormwater management and green methodology wherever possible. Stormwater runoff has been traditionally treated as a by-product of development to be disposed of as quickly as possible. The result has often been increased flooding, degradation of surface and subsurface water quality, and degradation of water quality in Long Island rivers, streams, tributaries and bays.

A necessary component of stormwater management is “Green Infrastructure” practices. These include Best Management Practices (BMPs) which are structural, vegetative, and managerial practices designed to treat, prevent, or reduce degradation of water quality due to stormwater runoff. According to the US EPA “The natural infiltration capabilities of green infrastructure technologies can improve the rate at which groundwater aquifers are 'recharged' or replenished.”

[2] Sands DEIS, Page 100
[3] Sands DEIS, page 101

The EPA has recently endorsed source controls or "green infrastructure" as a way that municipalities can control stormwater.

The Sands DEIS notes that approximately 90.4 percent of the subject property is composed of impervious surfaces and the remainder of the site is landscaped[4]. They are proposing to reduce the impervious surface on the development site by 7.4 acres. The current developed area is 78 acres, under Sands proposal it would drop to 70.6 acres thereby increasing permeable surfaces by approximately 10%. This increase will allow more stormwater to be reabsorbed into the ground providing increased groundwater recharge compared with the current land use. The reduction of impervious surface will also result in an overall 8% reduction of stormwater generated from the site[5]. The Sands proposal also includes the installation of landscaped terraces/ green roofs and gardens[6]. Planting terraces and roofs will further help reduce stormwater run-off.

Recommendation: *CCE recommends Sands work with local landscaping professionals to ensure planted areas are also designed to capture, slow down, and treat polluted run-off from the site. Rain gardens and bioswales with native landscaping can be an important part of beatification efforts and also help to control stormwater run-off.*

Recommendation*: CCE recommends that Sands explore permeable pavements in walkways or parking lots to further reduce impervious pavement. Municipalities, libraries and multifamily developments on Long Island have had immense success with installation of permeable pavements.*

Recommendation*: CCE recommends Sands NY utilize stormwater filtration systems, which greatly reduce polluted runoff, and ensure these filtration systems are properly maintained for lasting environmental benefits. There are several innovative technologies that can be incorporated into catch basins, rain gardens, or bioswales that will further reduce nitrogen and bacteria, as well as larger centralized and decentralized stormwater treatment systems that have proven benefits. Catch basins on drains and individual stormwater outfall systems can treat stormwater at the source. For example, several products from FABCO, a Long Island manufacturer, are EPA-approved as technologies that filter bacteria and reduce nitrogen and other pollutants from entering nearby waterways.*

Water Reuse

Water Reuse captures stormwater, wastewater, or non-sewage "gray water" for reuse, usually in irrigation, landscaping, or other uses. It reduces the strain on our aquifer system and reduces polluted stormwater runoff. There are some local large scale re-use projects on Long Island, these include:

- The Indian Island Golf Course in Riverhead Town use reclaimed water from a wastewater treatment plant and prevents use of 100 million gallons per year.
- A water reuse project at the Cedar Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant is using recycled water from their operations to save 1 million gallons per day.

[4] DEIS page 61
[5] DEIS page ES-26, Water Resources, page 105
[6] DEIS Water Resources, page 110

It is easier to incorporate water re-use during construction of a project, rather than trying to retro-fit an existing project. Sands is proposing the use of a central rainwater capture and reuse system that collects, filters and stores rainwater for reuse. "This system (for no-contact irrigation use, decorative fountains and possibly for exterior non-contact surface cleaning, if acceptable based upon consultation with the appropriate agencies of Nassau County [NCDPW and/or NCDH]) would be a sustainable source of non-potable water use in the project and, therefore, would reduce the demand for potable water[7]."

Recommendation: *CCE recommends that Sands work closely with the appropriate Nassau County agencies and state agencies (NYSDEC and NYSDOH) to implement a water re-use program on site. Capturing, treating, and re-using rainwater is an excellent way to reduce water consumption and control stormwater run-off.*

Pesticide and Fertilizer Use

Long Island has a long history of contamination within the aquifer system from various pesticides and constituents of fertilizer application, including nitrates. In fact, there are 117 pesticides detected in Long Island's groundwater. Nitrates, found in fertilizers, are extremely difficult and expensive to remove from our drinking water. During rainstorms, nitrogen-rich fertilizer flows into nearby waterways and contributes to our nitrogen pollution problem. Nearly every water body on Long Island is impaired from nitrogen pollution and we regularly see fish die offs, hypoxia, harmful algal blooms, beach closures, and more.

In the Sands DEIS, Sands committed to the installation of low growing shrubs and "no mow" grasses throughout the property instead of high maintenance turf grasses that require regular mowing, fertilizer, and pesticide/herbicide applications. This represents a significant positive departure from traditional landscape practices that would result in substantial ecological benefits to wildlife, as well as air quality and groundwater improvements. Additionally, as part of the landscaping plan no ecocides or neonicotinoids would be used as part of the proposed action[8].

The Sands DEIS states, "the proposed 15.7± acres of vegetated areas to be installed under the proposed action would consist of a greater variety of habitat types characterized by high species diversity, including meadow habitats planted with native herbaceous plants and grasses, vegetated public parks, plazas, and gardens, as well as parking lot islands/borders, medians, shaded planters, and streetscapes planted with native trees, shrubs, forbs (e.g., all herbaceous plants with the exception of grasses), and no-mow grasses. Additionally, the proposed action includes the installation of terraced landscaping/ green rooftop open space. As such, the proposed action would result in the introduction of ecological communities that do not currently occur at the subject property and would substantially increase the abundance and diversity of native vegetation, as compared to exiting conditions.[9]"

Recommendation: *The use of native landscaping and no mow turf will substantially reduce the need for traditional pesticides. CCE commends Sands commitment to not using neonicotinoids and recommends that Sands adopt an organic pest control method for greenspaces.*

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[7] DEIS page ES-25
[8] DEIS page 125
[9] DEIS 3.3 Ecological Resources, Page 124

Recommendation: *Sands should continue to work with Long Island landscaping experts to incorporate pollinator gardens into the landscape design to provide ideal habitat for butterflies, bees, and other important pollinators. The Sands DEIS does state that meadow habitats will be installed along northern and southern site perimeters and at other locations within the central portions of the subject property would consist of communities of native grasses, forbs, and flowering perennials, interspersed with communities dominated by no mow Fescue grasses (Festuca spp.), to form a patchwork mosaic of early successional habitats. These plantings will attract an array of pollinators and birds.*

Energy Use and Climate Change Impacts

New York State is a leader in the fight against climate change and national champion for offshore wind, having passed the strongest climate change law in the nation in 2019. New York is working towards achieving mandates of 70% renewable energy by 2030, carbon neutral electricity by 2040, and a net zero carbon economy by 2050. It is necessary that large developments like Sands NY do whatever possible to curb their climate impacts, including energy use, energy generation, building and transportation emissions. The Sands DEIS identifies several strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, invest in renewable energy, and set the bar as a corporate leader in NY.

The DEIS outlines an approach and strategies to develop a nearly 100% all electric and highly efficient resort property; emphasizing their commitment to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. To achieve this, Sands NY plans for the Integrated Resort Property to achieve LEED certification; with an ambitious goal of attaining LEED Gold Certification. In addition to Federal, State, and local standards, Sands NY promises to go above and beyond by following specific guidelines for highest level certification outlined in the third-party rating system, LEED Building Design and Construction[10]. Additionally, **Sands NY has set up renewable energy targets of: 60% by 2030, 90% by 2040, 100% by 2050[11]. This target goes beyond the New York State mandate of 70% electricity from renewable electricity by 2030.**

Renewable Energy:

Sands NY has a goal of producing a minimum of 8% of their total energy consumption from on-site renewable generation[12]. PV panels (8,400 kW solar array) [13]will be installed throughout the development including parking garages, meeting/conference spaces, and entertainment venues. Additionally, they will *explore options* to **consume at least 20% off-site renewable energy generation** via PPA with PSEG LI[14].

Recommendation*: CCE recommends that Sands NY establish a subcommittee that actively explores and recommends options for off-site renewable energies. A DEIS that states they will "explore options" is incomplete in the planning process. Expanding the use of renewable energy at the resort will help NY advance clean energy goals and provide cleaner air to the surrounding*

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[10] Chapter 1.3.13 pp. ES-66 and ES-68; Chapter 3.13 pp. 519-520; Chapter 3.13.3 pp. 526-527

[11] **In alignment with Climate Group RE100 international reporting guidelines. RE100 is the global corporate renewable energy initiative that brings together hundreds of large and ambitious businesses committed to 100% renewable electricity.** Chapter 1.3.14 p. ES-69; Chapter 1.13.2 p. 525

[12] Chapter 1.3.13 p. ES-67

[13] **Solar arrays would be installed on top of parking garages A, B, C, meeting/conference venues, and entertainment venue.** Chapter 3.13.2 p. 525; Appendix 3.13-2

[14] Chapter 1.3.13 p. ES-67; Chapter 3.13.2 p. 525

communities. Exploration for additional renewable energy opportunities should happen prior to construction where possible but continue as new technology is developed.

Sands NY should install Solar PV panels on ALL building roof structures suitable for solar; following proper Building and Fire Safety Codes and regulations (Renewable Energy - up to 5pts). Sands NY should aim for more than 8% on-site renewable energy generation.

Energy Efficiency:

Sands NY is committed to **exceeding the New York State Energy Code Standard by at least 8%** (through installation of PV panels and taking additional energy efficiency measures).[15]Sands NY is committed to only using Energy Star products and LED, illuminance-controlled light fixtures[16]. Daylighting will be prioritized wherever possible to minimize energy consumption. All other devices will be controlled via load management system that will switch devices off automatically when unoccupied. Smart meters will be included to inform and display all building energy information for operations and maintenance[17]. CCE is extremely supportive of Sands' pledge that state, "Public spaces will also display this data for its occupants". Providing public transparency will inspire individual and other corporate actions on energy efficiency[18].

Recommendation: *Sands should set yearly energy efficiency goals and include these in the public display at the Resort showcasing their energy efficiency measures and their success in achieving their goals. Public transparency energy efficiency measures will inspire other local and corporate action and hold Sands NY accountable to their pledges.*

The property should participate in PSEG Long Island's demand response (DR) program. This may also include a comprehensive plan to meet yearly DR commitment (Grid Harmonization - up to 2pts)

Natural Gas:

Sands is proposing natural gas for use in commercial-grade kitchens. The DEIS proposes to build 2 additional natural gas connection points which they stated is required for its commercial kitchens and 2 back-up diesel emergency generators, all supplied by National Grid[19]. Sands NY is committed to reduce natural gas consumption by at least 10% through the incorporation of Energy Star natural gas appliances; equating to 1,938 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions (CO2e) avoided per year[20].

Recommendation: *CCFE recommends that Sands NY explores all-electric kitchens, with induction ranges. These are a growing trend in the movement away from natural gas appliances. Sands can pilot the technology in their kitchens, reducing the need for natural gas.*

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[15] Chapter 1.3.14 p. ES-69; Chapter 3.14.2.5 p. 543
[16] Chapter 1.3.13 p. ES-67; Chapter 3.13.3 pp. 526-527; Chapter 3.14.2.5 p. 543

[17] Chapter 3.13.2 p. 522
[18] Chapter 1.13.2 p. 525
[19] **The two diesel fuel generators would only operate during testing and emergency conditions. Renewable natural gas is also being considered**. Chapter 1.3.13 p. ES-65; Chapter 3.13.2 p. 520; Chapter 3.14.2.1 p. 535
[20] **10% natural gas reduction equates to 328,347 MMBtu per year.** Chapter 1.3.14 p. ES-68; Chapter 3.14.2.1 p. 535; Appendix 3.14-1

The property should consider implementing all-electric load flexibility and management strategies instead of utilizing diesel generators, such as a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) for emergency backup power and a chilled water thermal storage system for cooling capacity (Grid Harmonization - up to 2pts).

Vehicle Emissions:

The DEIS states that vehicle emissions will be responsible for 390 metric tons CO2e every year[21]. These include primarily shuttle buses, security, and maintenance vehicles[22].

Recommendation*: The Integrated Resort should commit to investing in all-electric fleet—buses, security, and maintenance vehicles.* *Most significantly, as Sands NY promotes and encourages patrons to take alternative modes of transportation -- by providing transportation to/from the Hempstead LIRR station and New York City -- they should consider electrifying those vehicles as well. This would reduce their primary source of scope 1 emissions – shuttle buses activities. CCE also supports the plan to include electric vehicle charging stations on site.*

Waste Reduction

Long Island is on the verge of a solid waste crisis, with the Brookhaven Landfill due to close in a few short years and no plan to manage or reduce our waste stream. Recycling rates on Long Island are lackluster and we have a litter and plastic pollution challenge throughout our island. Large scale developments have the potential to generate significant waste and further exacerbate this solid waste management problem.

CCE offers the following suggestions:

Solid Waste and Recycling:

The DEIS states that the comprehensive waste management plan for the Integrated Resort would incorporate strategies such as composting if reasonably available, recycling, and waste reduction programs and would primarily focus on managing the largest waste streams, which are food service and construction[23].

Sands is expected to generate 623 tons of waste/month and recycle 157 tons/month. For construction waste, the DEIS states Sands NY will create a recycling plan with a LEEDS target of 50% reduction and an overall goal of 75% reduction.

Recommendation*: Sands should implement similar hard targets for overall solid waste reduction and recycling as they are for construction waste. 157 tons/month should be the baseline and should be exceeded by implementing the comprehensive plan. The goal of this plan should be as close to zero waste as possible. It should include at minimum:*

- *Plans to install water fountains and refill stations to encourage the use of reusable bottles and discourage the use of plastic water bottles.*

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[21] **There is no mention of EV shuttle bus use for the proposed project. Sands NY states they will consider converting to low-emission vehicles in the future.** Chapter 3.14.2.1 pp. 536-537; Chapter 3.14.2.3 p. 540 (Table 124)

[22] **US EPA GHG mandatory reporting standard 25,000 metric tons CO2e**. Chapter 1.3.14 p. ES-68; Chapter 3.14.2.1 p. 536

[23] Page ES3-ES4; Page 420, 3.10.2.4 Solid Waste

- *Ensuring restaurants and other vendors only use reusable or non-plastic single use alternatives for straws, utensils, and to-go containers.*
- *Ensuring business in the development do not use any forms of plastic bag and reduce plastic packaging in their daily operations.*
- *Implementing a recycling program including recycling bins that are well advertised and conveniently located.*
- *Conducting education on limiting single use plastic use and providing reusable alternatives for guests.*

***Recommendation**: Sands NY should create an Advisory Board to help guide the creation and implementation of a recycling and solid waste reduction strategy to ensure Sands is meeting or exceeding their goals.*

Food Waste

The DEIS states that food waste would be addressed through a three-pronged strategy: prevention of food waste (reduction of food waste generation by, for example, avoiding overproduction by obtaining accurate guest counts), food rescue (donation of recovered food to benefit people and causes in communities), and diversion (treating food waste using anaerobic digesters or other waste processing technologies). Sands NY will also conduct periodic audits and waste-characterization studies to understand the amount of food going into the general waste stream as well as measure pre- and post-consumption food in the team member dining rooms and use digester data logs to track food waste.[24]

***Recommendation**: Sands should use this sort of pre- and post- consumption data and digester data logs for tracking throughout its general waste steam wherever possible, not only team member dining rooms. Sands NY has the opportunity to be a leader in food waste reduction, not only highlighting the importance of composting and anaerobic digestion but also in providing excess food to those in need in the area. Collecting good data on this program could serve as a model for other large businesses in the area.*

Dark skies lighting

Dark sky lighting is important and is addressed in the DEIS. Dark-sky lighting uses only the amount of light necessary, which greatly reduces wasted energy consumption; therefore, reducing light pollution. About 30% of all outdoor lighting in the United States is wasted, and $3.3 billion a year is spent on this wasted light. It reduces dangerous disability glare for drivers and pedestrians.

Humans are not the only ones who are adversely affected by light pollution. Wildlife and other organisms use natural light as both a resource and a source of information about their environment. Artificial light disrupts these natural processes in both plants and animals. Prolonged exposure to artificial lighting prevents trees from adjusting to changing seasons and can alter behaviors, foraging areas, and breeding cycles for insects, turtles, birds, fish, reptiles and other wildlife species. Ecosystems are complex networks of interacting organisms; when one species is disturbed by light pollution, the chain of an entire habitat can be harmed. Migrant birds, especially nocturnal migrants, are vulnerable to fatal light attraction to artificial lights.

[24] ES-59 Executive Summary; Page 422 3.10.2.4 Solid Waste

Nocturnal migrants naturally use constellations and celestial cues as a way to guide their flight pattern, but today's abundant artificial lights confuse the birds. Each year countless birds are being killed by either flying off course or colliding with buildings.

The principal purpose of most lighting regulations is to limit light pollution, promote energy conservation, regulate outdoor lighting fixtures, and to create a unifying, community-wide approach to outdoor lighting. The more effective your lighting code, the more successful your reduction of light pollution.

Dark-sky lighting still gives us light but in a safer way while also greatly reducing the scope and distance light pollution travels.

The DEIS states that Sands conducted tests to determine if planned lighting designs would affect the nearby Hempstead Plains. The DEIS concluded the Hempstead Plains would not be affected by lighting, due to light trespass being maintained within the boundaries of the Sands site. as well as the utilization of light pollution avoidance measures. A "shadow analysis" was also conducted for the DEIS which substantiates this finding.

As described in Section 3.11, Aesthetic Resources, "The lighting plan incorporates a variety of light pollution avoidance and minimization measures, including, but not limited to, concealed and integrated exterior building lighting, fully shielded lighting systems to mark access points, pole-mounted full-cutoff luminaires at surface parking areas, soft, indirect cove lights at the hotel entry drop-off points, perimeter walking paths illuminated with low-level bollards, in-grade paver lights at the proposed veterans memorial plaza, parking garage interiors lit with non-directional, shielded, surface-mounted cylinders that would directs light downward to minimize potential light-spill, and vertical mullions at windows to baffle interior lighting as viewed from exterior areas.

To avoid potential adverse impacts to avian navigation and migrator behavior, the lighting plan design avoids or minimizes the potential for glare, skyglow, light trespass and light spill. The lighting plan design would not result in light trespass beyond the boundaries of the subject property, thereby avoiding light pollution impacts to the Hempstead Plains and its resident fauna, including birds[25]."

CCE commends Sands for their efforts to prevent and control light pollution on their development, in compliance with dark sky codes, and with respect to protecting the Hempstead Plains. The conduction of a shadow analysis, allowed for meaningful review concluding that the development will not negatively impact the Hempstead Plains, therefore no disruption to the flora, fauna, birds and other organisms in the area should be expected.

Recommendation: *CCE is supportive of the measures taken by SANDS to reduce light pollution in its DEIS. All outside lighting should be in compliance with dark skies coding. According to the draft, the Hempstead Plains, located next to the proposed site, would not be affected by lighting, due to light trespass being maintained within the boundaries of the Sands site. Sands conducted thorough tests to determine if planned lighting designs would affect the nearby Hempstead Plains, as well as light pollution avoidance.*

[25] Page 129, 3.3 Ecological Resources

Hempstead Plains

The development is near an ecologically significant native habitat known as Hempstead Plains. Hempstead Plains once covered 40,000 acres in central Nassau County. Now there are 65 acres left, with 19 acres managed by the Friends of Hempstead Plains. Hempstead Plains is a native grassland prairie. It is home to 250 species of plants, including some 6-state rare and/or endangered species.

The aesthetic resources that will be utilized on the development may provide some benefit to the Hempstead Plains, since plantings will complement the existing state of the Plains, incorporating similar plants on the property, which will increase populations and biodiversity in the Hempstead Plains. During construction, an increase in noise levels is expected which may affect the wildlife fauna in the Plains, but that is temporary and expected to end at the end of construction. "Where possible, construction equipment would be sited on the subject property as far from noise-sensitive receptors as possible, including the Hempstead Plains South.[26]"

Recommendation: *CCE supports Sands proposal to buffer the prairie grasslands and protect rare species that depend on it. Plantings on site that use the same species as the prairie grasslands, paired with educational signage can educate guests on the importance of the grasslands.*

CCE implores the County to work to ensure the prairie grasslands are protected for future generations.

Sewage Infrastructure

The Cedar Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) is located in southeastern Nassau County on the Wantagh State Parkway, one mile south of Merrick Road, adjacent to Cedar Creek Park. The plant serves Nassau County's Sewage Disposal District 3, which has a population of approximately 600,000, treating domestic, commercial, and industrial wastewater generated within its service area. This project will be connected to the Roosevelt Industrial Area Sewer District of the Nassau County sewer system for sewage disposal with discharge to Cedar Creek.

The ***Bay Park Conveyance Project,*** is almost completed and will reduce nitrogen pollution from entering the Western Bays by over 90%. The project is designed to divert effluent to the Cedar Creek Sewage Treatment Plant's ocean outfall pipe. As part of this project the Bay Park STP is installing 2 nitrogen removal technologies: Seasonal BNR and Sidestream Treatment. Collectively these processes will remove 50% or more of the total nitrogen. This will be the first time an STP connected to an ocean outfall pipe will have nitrogen removal technology in New York State.

The DEIS states the project will create 701,400± gallons per day (gpd) of sewage at full-build. The existing treatment at Cedar Creek is 63.8± mgd with a capacity of 72 mgd. The addition of new sewage from Sands NY (0.70± mgd) would not result in an exceedance of the treatment capacity. However, there will need to be sewage infrastructure built on-site but no additions/improvements to off-site sewer infrastructure are anticipated.[27]

[26] Page 127, 3.3 Ecological Resources
[27] Page 103-104, 3.2.2.3 Sanitary Flow/Sewage Disposal

Recommendation: *CCE recommends that Sands pilot nitrogen diversion technologies at their facilities. This could be done in men's restrooms. The diverted nitrogen could marketed for re-use as fertilizer to other businesses. Excessive nitrogen in our ocean, bays, and harbors can exacerbate toxic tides cause poor water quality. A pilot nitrogen diversion program can be a model for other large developments on Long Island and in NYS.*

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. CCE looks forward to working with Sands on the most responsible environmentally friendly development. Any questions about these scoping comments should be directed to Adrienne Esposito, Executive Director of Citizens Campaign for the Environment. 516-390-7150 office or 631-384-1378 cell

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Resending:

Dear Nassau County Legislators,

By now, I'm sure you've received many emails speaking out against the casino. I write today as yet another one of those voices. I wanted to add a few additional viewpoints to consider as this process is being run:

- **Impact on Youth, Families, and Educational Institutions**
  - **Family well-being**: Casinos often lead to social harms such as increased bankruptcy, domestic disputes, and financial stress that can destabilize families, particularly when gambling addiction escalates.
  - **Influence on college students and minors**: Locating a casino near Nassau Community College, Hofstra University, and a Catholic high school could expose students to targeted marketing and increased susceptibility to gambling. This proximity raises the risk of developing addictive behaviors during formative years.
- **Predatory Lending and Financial Exploitation**
  - **Payday lending and loan sharking**: Casinos often attract predatory lenders and loan sharks who target vulnerable and indebted gamblers. This puts already at-risk individuals into deeper financial hardship and cycles of debt.
  - **Money laundering**: Casinos can be used to launder illicit funds, posing reputational, regulatory, and public safety risks to the wider community and county officials.
- **Quality and Types of Jobs Created**
  - **Low-wage, high-turnover jobs**: While casinos promise employment, many positions are part-time or relatively low-paying, with high turnover rates. These jobs may not provide the kind of stable career pathways that genuinely help local economies thrive.

    - **Automation and technology**: Modern casinos increasingly use automated systems (e.g., cashless gaming, self-serve kiosks), reducing the actual number of long-term jobs created. Over time, any initially touted employment benefits may dwindle.
- **Strain on Public Services Beyond Police & Fire**
    - **Healthcare and social services**: The letter alludes to health impacts, but it does not explicitly address increased strain on local hospitals, mental health services, and addiction treatment centers due to spikes in problem gambling and associated mental health crises.
    - **Public works and sanitation**: Large-scale hospitality venues often generate more waste (solid waste, hazardous materials, etc.). Local municipalities may have to invest heavily in expanding waste management and sanitation infrastructure.
- **Negative Branding and Image for the Region**
    - **Destination vs. deterrent**: The presence of a casino could overshadow other cultural or family-friendly attractions, potentially deterring "quality-of-life" businesses and family-oriented visitors.
    - **Reputation for gambling**: Once a region becomes synonymous with a casino destination, it can be harder to attract diversified economic development—such as tech startups, corporate headquarters, or educational initiatives—that prefer a more professional, family-friendly environment.
- **Housing Market Implications**
    - **Rent increases and displacement**: An influx of casino-related employees or tourists seeking short-term accommodation (e.g., Airbnb) could drive up local rents, leading to housing instability for longer-term residents.
    - **Investor speculation**: Property near the casino site may be scooped up by speculators, possibly accelerating gentrification and pushing out residents and locally owned small businesses.
- **Moral and Ethical Considerations**
    - **Exploiting vulnerable populations**: Casinos profit disproportionately from individuals with gambling addictions. Public officials should weigh whether revenue derived from this industry aligns with their community's ethical standards.
    - **Long-term social burdens**: While some short-term financial gains (e.g., licensing fees, some jobs) might be realized, the broader ethical question remains: is it right to rely on a revenue stream that often causes harm to those least able to bear it?
- **Limited Transparency and Public Oversight**
    - **Complex financial arrangements**: Casino developments often involve complex partnerships, tax incentives, and profit-sharing agreements. The public may not have clear visibility into where revenues go or what the county's long-term financial obligations might be.
    - **Potential for political corruption**: Historically, casino developments can invite backdoor deals, lobbying, and special interests that undermine trust in local governance.
- **Opportunity Cost for the Site**

- **Loss of alternative development**: The Nassau Hub is a critical piece of land. Once committed to casino use, it cannot easily pivot to other, potentially more

beneficial projects (e.g., health facilities, research and development hubs, green tech centers, or education-oriented expansions).

- **Misalignment with community priorities**: The county's master plans or comprehensive plans likely emphasize balanced growth, environmental sustainability, and livable communities. A casino may detract from those publicly stated goals.

The towns surrounding the proposed Casino site are upstanding communities where young families come to thrive. This casino project threatens the fabric and traditions of these communities, and must be struck down immediately.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Ed Lynch
Garden City

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Hi,

As a lifelong resident of Garden City for 40 years and recent homeowner I am writting to convey my opposition to this project. If the majority of the community opposes the project why do you support it moving forward? Traffic is already horrible in this area and the projected traffic counts would make life miserable in the surrounding area. The VHB DEIS attempts to frame the traffic as reasonable because they project less cars than a sellout Islanders game against Toronto against John Tavares in April 2019. NHL teams play 41 home games in a regular season. They are scattered throughout the

week between October through April and generally take place at 7/7:30pm at night, with sell-outs only occuring occasionaly. Even if the trips generated per the DEIS are accurate, they would be comparable to a sell-out Islanders game every single day of the year. The windows where you can drive and avoid traffic in these areas are basically non-existent already. I commute to work through this area on a daily basis and the traffic is brutal without this project. The scale of the project is totally excessive and does not have popular support. So why are you supporting it?

Sincerely,

Mark Wenzel
(516) 987-1032

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Dear Nassau County Legislators:

Dear Nassau County Legislators:

I am opposed to the proposed casino. The Draft Environmental Impact Study or DEIS clearly demonstrated that the overwhelmingly negative environmental, societal, economic and financial impacts are impossible to mitigate. The destructive drain on our environment, our local economy, and our social fabric is too great a cost for our community to bear.

1) The casino will average 10 million annual visitors or approx. 27,000 per day. Along with the estimated 5,000 employees and the lack of mass transportation, this enormous increase in traffic volume will negatively impact residents throughout Nassau County. The number of casino visitors will peak during evening hours and weekends and most of them will arrive by car and by bus. The resulting traffic and air pollution levels cannot be mitigated.

The only reason why LVS is proposing to expand the Meadowbrook Parkway and other surrounding roads is because the 10 million visitors they expect per year will otherwise overwhelm our already inadequate traffic infrastructure. After years of inconvenience during road construction, traffic will remain just as bad if not worse. Our congested roads are simply not designed to handle an additional 20,000+ vehicles per day.

2) Imposing more traffic induced pollution on communities with high asthma rates would be a social injustice. Several disadvantaged communities surrounding the Nassau Hub have been designated by the NYS DEC as already overburdened from the impacts of air pollution and climate change.

3) Studies have shown an increase in crime in counties that host casinos. In one study, 8.6% of property crime and 12.6% of violent crime in counties with casinos was due to the presence of the casino. This increase in crime rate translates into substantial increases in financial costs for Nassau County. Using the same method used in the source analysis and accounting for inflation and Nassau

County's adult population, county costs—and our taxes—could potentially need to increase by $165 million to cover the criminal costs generated by a casino, excluding other social costs.

4) Our sole source aquifer is contaminated, and our supply of water is limited. We do not have 760,000+ gallons per day for a massive casino. In addition, we cannot risk spreading plumes of contaminants in our aquifer through excessive pumping. Our aquifers are already under significant stress from drought, over-pumping, saltwater intrusion, and pollution. The study is inadequate as it is lacking any analysis or modeling of groundwater impacts from the new proposed well including the potential impacts to adjacent wells, streams and waterways.

5) Even with minimal 'mitigation.' LVS expects to dump 120,000 tons of CO2 into our air each year, after 'mitigating' from 137,000 tons. At this enormous scale, it would take more than 5 million new trees to remove the dangerous pollutant.

6) The socioeconomic analysis in the DEIS is lacking and biased as it did not analyze:

- the impact on our locally owned restaurants and businesses from the diversion of $2 billion into gambling losses and the resultant losses in local employment;
- the lost sales tax revenue from this diversion of dollars into gambling losses and the impact on the Roosevelt Field shopping district from increased traffic;
- the potential economic loss to homeowners near the casino from lower home values;
- the economic losses to Hofstra University and other local businesses.
- the increased social costs to our County, Town of Hempstead and local villages due to increase in traffic, crime and gambling addiction;
- the potential harm to our local tourism industry from the increase in traffic that will discourage visits to current destinations like the Hamptons/North Fork.

If the County was to perform a comprehensive economic analysis, it would be clear that the casino's many harmful impacts heavily outweigh any potential benefits.

7) We have a growing gambling addiction problem in our country due to existing casinos, lotteries and most recently, the explosion of online betting. Many are comparing this problem to the opioid crisis where for years the problem was ignored by our elected officials and only addressed after hundreds of thousands of lives were lost.

Sands make the case that because we have an explosion of online gambling, no one should object to a massive casino. Common sense tells you that placing a massive casino in the heart of our community will only serve to make our gambling addiction crisis even worse.

Sands has provided no evidence that any of its mitigation practices are effective, they are just words on paper with no supporting studies to demonstrate that any of Sands' methods have ever been successful. Problem gamblers make up a large portion of the gambling losses, one recent study suggested up to 33%. It is estimated that for every job created at a casino, three people will experience gambling addiction. You cannot allow a massive casino to be built to raise taxes by exploiting County residents with gambling addictions and by making even more County residents addicted.

8) Placing a massive casino in the heart of a congested suburb, next to two colleges and a Catholic high school will inevitably lead to more lives lost to drunk and impaired driving. It could be deemed gross negligence by the courts and could open the County and to its Legislators personally to endless litigation each and every time a life is lost in a traffic accident caused by one of the 10 million annual casino visitors.

9) The casino project as proposed will put the survival of adjacent last remains of the historic Hempstead Plains in grave risk - this will be a tremendous loss to our community and our history.

10) NYU Langone plans to build a $3 billion hospital and healthcare center on Nassau Community College land. Approving a massive casino that will consume so many resources (water, electricity, etc.) and impose so much traffic in the heart of our County, will no doubt put this proposal in serious jeopardy of ever getting approved. This is a project that will save thousands of Nassau County lives, not destroy thousands of lives like the proposed casino will do.

Given the lack of transparency and openness by the County Legislature to date and recent holidays, we ask you to extend the period for comments on the DEIS for an additional two weeks.

I urge you to protect our County's future and your legacy by voting to stop this ill-conceived project, and to take a leadership role in bringing development to the Nassau Hub that you and county residents can truly be proud of.
Sincerely,Brian Murphy

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Dear Nassau County Legislators,
I Kevin O'Keeffe 2232 Devon Street East Meadow N.Y. 11554, a long time East Meadow & Nassau County resident and lifelong New York Resident, strongly opposes the Sands casino project at the site of the Nassau Coliseum. I can't believe a casino is the best solution for the Coliseum site. So many things showup in the DEIS that are troubling to me which I feel will create so many problems for residents & businesses of East Meadow and other surrounding communities to the coliseum. The construction period will alone destroy our quality of life. **Thomas Mckeviit & fellow Legislators please reconsider your decisions and listen to the community and withdraw the proposal.**
The Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS) clearly demonstrates that there are overwhelmingly negative environmental, societal, economic, and financial impacts that will impose destructive costs

on our environment, our local economy, and our social fabric – costs that will be imposed on my community in exchange for insufficient benefits.
1) The casino will average 10 million annual visitors or approx. 27,000 per day, along with the estimated 5,000 employees working on site. The lack of mass transportation to the site will impose an enormous increase in traffic volume that will negatively impact residents throughout Nassau County, but especially along the vital Meadowbrook Parkway and Hempstead Turnpike arteries. The number of casino visitors will peak during evening hours and weekends and most of them will arrive by car and by bus.

The proposal made by LVS to expand the Meadowbrook Parkway and other surrounding roads will not sufficiently accommodate the 10 million visitors they expect per year who will overwhelm our already inadequate traffic infrastructure. After years of inconvenience during road construction, traffic will remain just as bad if not worse. Our congested roads are simply not designed to handle an additional 20,000+ vehicles per day.

2) Nothing in the DEIS addresses the increase in air pollution that will be imposed on our communities from casino traffic, including carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, smog-causing volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxides, formaldehyde, benzene, and microparticulates. Imposing more traffic generated pollution on communities with high asthma rates would be a social injustice. Several disadvantaged communities surrounding the Nassau Hub have already been designated by the NYS DEC as overburdened from the impacts of air pollution and climate change.

3) Studies have shown an increase in crime in counties that host casinos. In one study, 8.6% of property crime and 12.6% of violent crime in counties with casinos was due to the presence of the casino. This increase in crime rate translates into substantial increases in financial costs for Nassau County. Using the same method used in the source analysis and accounting for inflation and Nassau County's adult population, county costs—and our taxes—could potentially need to increase by $165 million to cover the additional costs of criminal activity generated by a casino, to say nothing of the other social costs that come with an increase in crime.

4) The DEIS proposes the installation of a new groundwater supply well with a pumping capacity of up to 2 million gallons per day. This well would tap into the Magothy aquifer which is the sole source of drinking water for central Nassau County. This aquifer is already overutilized and under stress from contamination. We cannot spare another 760,000+ gallons per day for a massive casino.

Additional pumping of the Magothy aquifer risks pulling existing offsite contaminant plumes deeper into the aquifer, decreasing the flow of groundwater feeding Meadow Brook, and drawing water away from surrounding public supply wells. The DEIS is inadequate because it does not consider the impact of a new high-volume supply well on the local hydrologic system, risking negative impacts to existing community water supplies and surface waterways.

5) LVS expects to dump 120,000 tons of CO2 into our air each year, after 'mitigating' from 137,000 tons. At this enormous scale, it would take more than 5 million new trees to offset the impact of this dangerous, climate-change-causing pollutant.

6) The DEIS claims that off-site renewable energy sources will be used. However, Long Island has a limited amount of renewable energy resources and Nassau County is already at full capacity. If the casino was to draw from the available pool of renewable energy, current customers would be forced to revert to fossil fuel for their electricity needs.

7) The socioeconomic analysis in the DEIS is lacking and biased as it did not analyze:the impact on our locally owned restaurants and businesses from the diversion of $2 billion of disposable income into gambling losses and the resultant losses in local employment;

- the lost sales tax revenue from this diversion of dollars into gambling losses and the impact on the Roosevelt Field shopping district from increased traffic;
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- the increased social costs to our County, Town of Hempstead and local villages due to increases in traffic, crime and gambling addiction;
- the loss of potential economic activity from companies who will not want to expand in Nassau County due to the increase in traffic and other casino impacts; and
- the potential harm to our local tourism industry from the increase in traffic that will discourage visits to current destinations like the Hamptons/North Fork.

If the County was to perform a more comprehensive economic analysis, it would be clear that the casino's many harmful impacts heavily outweigh any potential benefits.

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Problem gamblers contribute to a large portion of gambling losses; one recent study suggested up to 33%. It is estimated that for every job created at a casino, three people will experience gambling addiction. Sands is marketing an addictive and highly profitable product in casino gambling. The DEIS does not address how much of the casino's profit will come directly from members of the surrounding communities with gambling addictions, nor how many new addicts the casino will create in our communities.

9) Placing a massive casino in the heart of a congested suburb, next to a community college, a major regional university, and a Catholic high school will inevitably lead to more citizens impacted by crime, including lives lost to drunk and impaired driving. It could be deemed gross negligence by the courts and could open the County and to its Legislators personally to endless litigation each and every time a life is lost in a traffic accident caused by one of the 10 million annual casino visitors.

10) The casino project as proposed will put the survival of adjacent last remains of the historic Hempstead Plains in grave risk - this will be a tremendous loss to our community and our history. The Plains are a unique ecosystem, vital to many species of birds, plants and animals.

11) The emergencies from this massive complex and its 27,000+ daily visitors will overwhelm our all-volunteer fire departments that are already challenged with meeting current community needs. A comprehensive assessment of the requirements and costs for police, fire, ambulance and health services must be conducted.

12) NYU Langone plans to build a $3 billion hospital and healthcare center on Nassau Community College land. Approving a massive casino that will consume so many resources (water, electricity, etc.) and impose so much traffic in the heart of our County, will no doubt put this proposal in serious jeopardy of ever getting approved.

A major hospital is a project that will save thousands of Nassau County lives, not destroy thousands of lives like the proposed casino will do. The Nassau Hub needs to be developed in a way that serves local communities and Long Island and improves, not diminishes, the quality of life of the residents and the businesses and institutions in the area.

In summary, I urge you to protect Nassau County’s future and your legacy by voting to stop this ill-conceived project, and to take a leadership role in bringing development to the Nassau Hub that you and county residents can truly be proud of.
ThanksKOKevin O’Keeffe2232 Devon stEast Meadow NY. 11554

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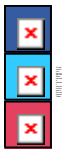

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I will remember where you stand & how you vote come Election Day. You represent the people of Nassau County. You should not consider groups or people outside of Nassau County opinions since they will not be voting for you come Election Day.

Your Voting Member of Nassau County,
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Now for the nuts and bolts.

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4) The DEIS proposes the installation of a new groundwater supply well with a pumping capacity of up to 2 million gallons per day. This well would tap into the Magothy aquifer which is the sole source of drinking water for central Nassau County. This aquifer is already overutilized and under stress from contamination. We cannot spare another 760,000+ gallons per day for a massive casino.

Additional pumping of the Magothy aquifer risks pulling existing offsite contaminant plumes deeper into the aquifer, decreasing the flow of groundwater feeding Meadow Brook, and drawing water away from surrounding public supply wells. The DEIS is inadequate because it does not consider the impact of a new high-volume supply well on the local hydrologic system, risking negative impacts to existing community water supplies and surface waterways.

5) LVS expects to dump 120,000 tons of CO2 into our air each year, after 'mitigating' from 137,000 tons. At this enormous scale, it would take more than 5 million new trees to offset the impact of this dangerous, climate-change-causing pollutant.

6) The DEIS claims that off-site renewable energy sources will be used. However, Long Island has a limited amount of renewable energy resources and Nassau County is already at full capacity. If the casino was to draw from the available pool of renewable energy, current customers would be forced to revert to fossil fuel for their electricity needs.

7) The socioeconomic analysis in the DEIS is lacking and biased as it did not analyze:

- the impact on our locally owned restaurants and businesses from the diversion of $2 billion of disposable income into gambling losses and the resultant losses in local employment;
- the lost sales tax revenue from this diversion of dollars into gambling losses and the impact on the Roosevelt Field shopping district from increased traffic;
- the potential economic loss to homeowners near the casino from lower home values;
- the economic losses to Hofstra University and other local businesses.
- the increased social costs to our County, Town of Hempstead and local villages due to increases in traffic, crime and gambling addiction;
- the loss of potential economic activity from companies who will not want to expand in Nassau County due to the increase in traffic and other casino impacts; and
- the potential harm to our local tourism industry from the increase in traffic that will discourage visits to current destinations like the Hamptons/North Fork.

If the County was to perform a more comprehensive economic analysis, it would be clear that the casino's many harmful impacts heavily outweigh any potential benefits.

8) We have an epidemic of gambling addiction in our country due to existing casinos, lotteries and most recently, the explosion of online betting. Many are comparing this problem to the opioid crisis where for years the problem was ignored by our elected officials and only addressed after hundreds of thousands of lives were ruined or lost. Sands makes the case that because we have an explosion of online gambling, no one should object to a massive casino. Common sense tells you that placing a massive casino in the heart of our community will only serve to make our gambling addiction crisis even worse.

Sands has provided no evidence that any of its mitigation practices are effective, they are just words on paper with no supporting studies to demonstrate that any of Sands' methods have ever been successful.

Problem gamblers contribute to a large portion of gambling losses; one recent study suggested up to 33%. It is estimated that for every job created at a casino, three people will experience gambling addiction. Sands is marketing an addictive and highly profitable product in casino gambling. The DEIS does not address how much of the casino's profit will come directly from members of the surrounding communities with gambling addictions, nor how many new addicts the casino will create in our communities.

9) Placing a massive casino in the heart of a congested suburb, next to a community college, a major regional university, and a Catholic high school will inevitably lead to more citizens impacted by crime, including lives lost to drunk and impaired driving. It could be deemed gross negligence by the courts and could open the County and to its Legislators personally to endless litigation each and every time a life is lost in a traffic accident caused by one of the 10 million annual casino visitors.

10) The casino project as proposed will put the survival of adjacent last remains of the historic Hempstead Plains in grave risk - this will be a tremendous loss to our community and our history. The Plains are a unique ecosystem, vital to many species of birds, plants and animals.

11) The emergencies from this massive complex and its 27,000+ daily visitors will overwhelm our all-volunteer fire departments that are already challenged with meeting current community needs. A comprehensive assessment of the requirements and costs for police, fire, ambulance and health services must be conducted.

12) NYU Langone plans to build a $3 billion hospital and healthcare center on Nassau Community College land. Approving a massive casino that will consume so many resources (water, electricity, etc.) and impose so much traffic in the heart of our County, will no doubt put this proposal in serious jeopardy of ever getting approved.

A major hospital is a project that will save thousands of Nassau County lives, not destroy thousands of lives like the proposed casino will do. The Nassau Hub needs to be developed in a way that serves local communities and Long Island and improves, not diminishes, the quality of life of the residents and the businesses and institutions in the area.

Given the volume of materials that comprise the DEIS and the recent holidays, the County should extend the comment period for at least two additional weeks to allow the public and involved parties to have a reasonable time period to provide comments.

In summary, I urge you to protect Nassau County's future and your legacy by voting to stop this ill-conceived project, and to take a leadership role in bringing development to the Nassau Hub that you and county residents can truly be proud of.

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