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January 23, 2020

Supervisor Joseph Saladino
Oyster Bay Town Hall
54 Audrey Avenue
Oyster Bay, NY 11771

Re: Town of Oyster Bay Draft Local Solid Waste Management Plan & Old Bethpage Solid Waste Disposal Complex– Request for Public Hearing

Dear Supervisor Saladino:

I am writing to you today as a lifelong resident of the Plainview-Old Bethpage community and as the representative on the Nassau County Legislature for our great community to express serious concerns regarding the projected use of the property at the Town's solid-waste facility in Old Bethpage.

As you know, the above-referenced property has been the subject of much community consternation for decades, originating from its former use as a repository dump for garbage collected by the Town of Oyster Bay Sanitary Collection Services Division, and concomitantly, the determination that the landfill that was deemed environmentally hazardous and a threat to the health and safety of residents.

I am grateful to learn that the public commentary period concerning the Draft Local Solid Waste Management Plan has been extended beyond its initial 45-day period. In furtherance of your efforts, and in order to prevent a potential avalanche of community outrage regarding the ultimate use of this property due to uncertainty and lack of knowledge or input in the expansion and development of this property, which is in close proximity to the Old Bethpage Elementary School and to numerous residential homes and senior citizen living facilities, I ask that you schedule a public hearing to allow for comment and questions by all residents in this community. Further, I request that this public hearing be scheduled in the evening so as offer maximum participation by all residents.

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As always, it is wise and prudent to exercise more caution and deliberation beyond what may be minimally required, and in consideration of the circumstances described herein, I urge you to explore all options in order to provide our residents with the greatest possible number of opportunities for civic engagement.

I look forward to your anticipated courtesy and attention in the best interest of our mutual constituents. Please feel free to contact me by phone at (516) 571-6216 or via email at ADrucker@nassaucountyny.gov to discuss this matter in further detail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arnold W. Drucker".

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