



Incorporated Village of LLOYD HARBOR

March 28, 2023

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I write to confirm that your overwhelming response in opposition to the Governor's NY Housing Compact, with its assault on local government via mandates & penalties, has been transmitted (over). **Below is the joint statement of the Suffolk County & Nassau County Village Officials Associations (SCVOA & NCVOA.)**



MAYOR
JEAN M. THATCHER

I am the current President of SCVOA and, in this position, am particularly focused on the Housing Compact issue. SCVOA & NCVOA jointly represent 96 Villages (32 in Suffolk & 64 in Nassau), and some 650,000 residents. Long Island is an enormous source of tax revenue to NY State. The Governor's NY Housing Compact with its focus on mandated density is an assault on local government & zoning control. It is an affront to all residents who choose to live on Long Island, and who understand its particular conditions and specific issues. Included among these are environmental impacts, ground & drinking water issues, sewer & sanitation systems, utilities, emergency services, traffic, parking, school system capacity... the list is endless.

SCVOA & NCVOA work to inform, support and advocate on behalf of Long Island villages. These efforts enable Village governments in Suffolk & Nassau Counties to best serve the interests of Village residents.



SCVOA & NCVOA ALERT: NYS Housing Compact

TO ALL VILLAGES:

Re: Governor's "NY Housing Compact"

Suffolk County Village Officials Association (SCVOA) & Nassau County Village Officials Association (NCVOA) jointly represent 96 Villages and roughly 650,000 Long Island residents. These constituents are appalled that Governor Hochul would introduce ANY measure that assaults "Home Rule" and attempts to over-ride local control. They are tremendously upset that the Governor would try to "backdoor" this measure by including it as a budget item tied to other funding, thus attempting to shield it from constituent scrutiny.

SCVOA & NCVOA stand united in our vigorous opposition to the Governor's "NY Housing Compact". This is a targeted assault which is based on mandates, penalties and elimination of critical environmental reviews. We are most appreciative of the excellent response to and support for our position provided by your State Senate and Assembly representatives. The proposals of both the Senate and Assembly removed language which included mandates; overrides of local control; minimum density around train stations and removal of critical environmental reviews. In both versions \$500 million was made available to incentivize development of new housing utilizing underdeveloped land.

Contrary to earlier reports, it appears that this matter is not yet on the way to negotiated resolution with the Governor. We ask that our Senate and Assembly representatives continue to stand firm in supporting the overwhelming sentiment of constituents. The NY Housing Compact and any similar measure needs to be removed from the 2023/24 and/or any future NYS budgets.

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NYS Assembly Minority Leader William Barclay
Dear Governor Hochul:

The enclosed letters contain roughly 1,000 signatures from Village and Huntington, LI area residents **extremely opposed to the NY Housing Compact. These 1,000 signatures were received within a single week, which gives a clear indication of the level of opposition to this item.**

Constituents are appalled that you would introduce any measure that assaults and attempts to over-ride local control and “Home Rule.” These are items guaranteed to local governments in the NY State Constitution. Local Governments understand critical items including, but not limited to, environmental impacts, sanitation, sewer systems, utilities, traffic, parking, emergency services, school system capacity, etc., etc... and are in the best position to respond to the needs and desires of their residents.

Voters are tremendously upset that you would try to “backdoor” such a measure by including it as a budget item, thus attempting to shield it from your constituents. The emails being sent out in your name are both misleading and deceptive as to the real details of the NY Housing Compact. They are designed to prey on uninformed constituents in an effort to garner “popular” support.

Attempts to govern by adversarial position, mandates and penalties only simply breed resentment, resistance and distrust of NY State government. This is no way to address any matter, and certainly no way to address the “out-migration” problem facing New York State.

We ask that you respect the overwhelming sentiment of your constituents and remove the NY Housing Compact or any similar measure from the 2023-24 and/or any future budgets.

Very Truly Yours,

Jean M. Thatcher
Mayor

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