

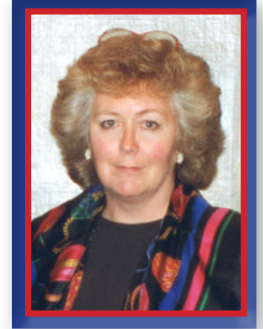


Incorporated Village of LLOYD HARBOR

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Governor's Assault on "Home Rule"

I write to alert you to an alarming provision in the proposed 2022-23 State budget. Section AA would MANDATE multi-family housing across New York State. **This is an outrageous and egregious assault on "Home Rule," a concept embedded in the NYS Constitution (Article IX) which allows villages, towns and municipal entities to control local zoning, "property affairs and government."**



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You should know that State government "mandates" are a deadly slippery slope. The issue of the moment is eliminating single family zoning and mandating multi-family housing (accessory dwelling units or ADU's) across New York State. The stealth technique is to add an amendment to the budget, which forces legislators to vote against the entire budget in order to eliminate a single provision. Once the State gets into the "mandate" business with regard to local government, anything is fair game. Mandating public access to your Village Park; dissolution of local Police; control and (lack of) maintenance/plowing of roads; whether elected officials are forced to run on a national party line as opposed to independently.... the mandate list is endless. **These and so much more are local issues and should be decided by local residents and local governments who know the needs and desires of the local community.**

In the case of ADU's, the State knows NOTHING about your local community and has not even given the slightest thought to items such as environmental implications, utilities, emergency services, traffic, parking, sanitation, sewer systems, etc., etc..... let alone the type of community in which you want to live. Governor Kathy Hochul is a former Town Councilwoman who, had she learned anything, would fundamentally understand the importance of local control in response to the needs of local residents. Clearly the lure of raw power trumps any modicum of comprehension, common sense or regard for the desires of her constituents.

SCVOA (Suffolk County Village Officials Association) and its Counsel Peter Bee (Bee Ready Fishbein, Hatter & Donovan) have alerted all 32 Villages in Suffolk County to this matter. SCVOA is working with municipalities in Nassau County and across the State in opposition to this budget amendment and its ramifications. →



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State Senator James Gaughran & Assemblyman Steve Stern have registered their vehement and articulate opposition to Senate Bill (S-7574) & Assembly Bill (A-4854A) respectively, which support this budget amendment.

Your voice is critical to preserving local control over the character of local communities. We urge you to contact Governor Kathy Hochul immediately and register your extreme opposition to Section AA of proposed NYS 2022-23 budget.

Sincerely,

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