

RE: Resolutions 2017-700 and 2017-667

The Long Island Builders Institute, New York's Largest Residential Trade Organization, would like to express its support for both Resolution 2017-700, which amends the town code chapter 123 to require I/A OWTS in high priority areas, and Resolution 2017-667, which will waive town fees related to the construction of affordable housing.

In regards to Resolution 2017-700, LIBI has always believed that the best way to tackle Long Island's water quality problems is by first determining the areas of the highest risk and making them a priority. We'd like to thank the town for taking into consideration our views of focusing first on the high-risk areas, that have the most effect on water quality in the town, with this legislation. It has often been stated that just by targeting the high priority areas alone, we could see vast improvements to L.I.'s water quality in 25 years.

Resolution 2017-667 is another important piece of legislation that will help promote the construction of affordable housing units within the Town of Southampton. One of the biggest issues with building affordable housing units is keeping the costs of development down so that the construction costs make economic sense for the builder. Without the incentive of a reasonable profit, no developer will be interested pursuing affordable housing projects. We believe that this legislation will help promote the construction of affordable housing that is necessary to sustaining a healthy local economy.

Based on the aforementioned, the Long Island Builders Institute urges you to vote in support of both resolutions.