



September 20th, 2023

Town of Islip
Planning Board
655 Main St.
Islip, NY, 11751

RE: Letter of Support for the Belmont at Eastview Development Project

Dear Chairman Friedland and Planning Board Members,

On behalf of the Long Island Builders Institute, the largest residential home building trade association in New York State, and in acknowledgment of the prevailing housing crisis on Long Island, we wish to express our support for the Belmont at Eastview development project, which includes a total of 364 rental apartments; alongside the inclusion of amenities like a clubhouse, playing fields, community gardens, exercise trails, dog parks, an expansive pool deck and lounge, as well as much more. I fully believe this project will not only contribute to the economic growth and beautification of Central Islip, but will also address the pressing need for additional housing in our area.

The development plan aims to transform the site into a vibrant and welcoming space for both families and seniors alike. With board's approval of the project, the forthcoming construction will breathe new life into the area by allowing for the development of a mixed-use space of housing, retail shops, marketplaces, and cafes, as well as a medical arts facility. The development project will not only create hundreds of direct and indirect jobs for the area, but also will have a positive impact on the local economy. Upon its completion, the site will yield 726 residential homes and incorporate green building technologies to reduce its carbon footprint and promote sustainable building practices.

This project is a "gateway project" to service the population of Central Islip, meaning that it will serve as a catalyst to spur smart growth and much needed development for the area, as well as improving a large parcel that has laid dormant for approximately a decade. It has received tremendous support from local civic organizations, adjoining condominium boards, and local officials.

Considering the significant advantages this development project offers, I wholeheartedly support its approval and implementation. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that you will make a decision that best upholds the interests of the residents of the Town of Islip.

Yours Sincerely,

Mike Florio
CEO of Long Island Builders Institute