

Response to Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Spring Newsletter
Article: “A New Day is Dawning At Creedmoor”

April 18, 2024

Dear Borough President Richards:

We acknowledge receipt of your Spring 2024 Newsletter. We regret that we must object to your characterization of the New Day article regarding the Creedmoor Redevelopment plan as a “community-led effort.” We are the civic groups and leaders surrounding Creedmoor and we say that the plan as it exists is NOT led by or even acceptable to Queens Village, Bellerose, Glen Oaks and Floral Park communities. Since January of 2023, civic leaders in this adjacent area have presented a unified front in requesting that the new neighborhood on the Creedmoor campus reflect the character of the communities surrounding the complex – that is a low-density, low-rise area comprised of one- and two-family homes and garden apartments.

The plan by Empire State Development is not acceptable. The layout is primarily four story, six story and eight story buildings, which are not compatible with our communities. In fact, except for one six story apartment building at 259th Street you will not find anything on the Hillside Avenue corridor from Winchester Boulevard to the city line higher than two stories.

As currently presented the plan cannot be called a community-led effort, at least not led by the host communities nearest the facility.

We stand by the Queens Community Board 13 resolutions which endorse our community’s recommendation. And after the proposed scheme got released, CB13 resolved with our full support that any development at Creedmoor be no more than 1,000 units.

Concurred:

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