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PAUL J. SCHRADER, P.E. MANHASSET-LAKEVILLE WATER DISTRICT 170 EAST SHORE ROAD GREAT NECK, NEW YORK 11023

MLWD Proposed Elevated Water Storage Tank in Munsey Park

Mr. Schrader:

Re:

As you are aware, the Village has asserted its jurisdictional authority over this project, as it is to be conducted within the boundaries of the Village. While the Village appreciates the District's efforts in hosting an 'informational meeting' as some future time, please be advised that the Village intends to continue to vigorously defend the rights and prerogatives of its residents with regard to this matter.

Our understanding is that the bids the District has received for this project vastly exceed the District's original \$3.2 million cost estimate. Prematurely executing a contract needlessly puts massive amounts of taxpayer money at risk. Regardless of the timing or the outcome of the Court's determination, the MLWD could assuredly avoid this risk by halting its current plans to immediately move forward with the contract for construction and instead work with the Village to ensure that taxpayer dollars are not needlessly wasted.

As you are aware, the Village has steadfastly demonstrated its commitment to the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Until a final determination has been rendered by the court, the Village's position remains that the District must comply with our laws and ordinances in proceeding with this project. Therefore, should the District decide to commence the construction on this project prior to the resolution of the ongoing litigation, the Village will seek to utilize every available judicial remedy to protect its jurisdictional authority.

Additionally, the residents of the District remain concerned that the MLWD has not yet subjected the project to the permissive referendum process. We believe both the originally estimated cost and the increased costs of this project, evidenced by recent bids, which well exceed the original estimate, require compliance with the state-mandated permissive referendum process.

It is our sincere hope that the Village and the District can move forward to find some common ground on this matter, to the benefit of all the residents.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT/MOJECI

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