

-via electronic transmission to GBaptista@oysterbay-ny.gov
and certified mail, return receipt requested-

October 30, 2018

George Baptista, Jr., Deputy Commissioner
Town of Oyster Bay
29 Spring Street
Oyster Bay, New York 11771

Re:*Proposed Syosset Park Project*
Status of Independent Testing

Dear Mr. Baptista:

This letter is sent on behalf of the Syosset Central School District (the "School District"). As you are aware, for reasons beyond its control, the School District previously requested an extension of the period to submit comments concerning the Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("DEIS") for the above-referenced Proposed Project. The School District has also voiced concerns to the Town regarding the subject property and supported requests for the Town to undertake "Independent Testing" of this property, which includes the former Cerro Wire and Syosset Landfill sites. The Syosset Landfill site is located adjacent to the South Grove Elementary School and both sites are in close proximity to the Robbins Lane Elementary School. Notably, seven of our schools are located within one mile of these sites.

Subsequent to the School District's request for an extension, the comment period for the DEIS was extended to August 31, 2018 and the comment period deadline for "Independent Testing" set as January 31, 2019. We certainly appreciate the Town's agreement to provide the School District and the public with additional time to comment on these matters and to address the environmental concerns that have been raised. In response to the DEIS, the School District submitted extensive comments to the Town on August 31st in opposition to the Proposed Project and by way of resolution, the Board of Education reserved its right to submit comments on the Independent Testing component. This reservation is likewise contained in the School District's August 31st submission.

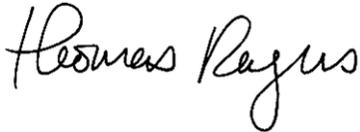
With respect to the Independent Testing, the Town announced plans to move forward with independent environmental and health testing of sites in June of 2018. As reported on the Town's website, an *ad hoc* Citizens Advisory Committee ("CAC") was "formed and charged with utilizing the developers' funds to recommend an environmental firm to test the site and analyze the results." The information released by the Town states that the CAC first met on September 20, 2018 and that it will continue to meet regularly and determine the best path forward, including recommendations for the hiring of an expert in the field to guide the committee, solicit environmental testing firms, recommend their retention and review the results. The Town has further stated that "[t]o ensure residents have a voice in the process, the Town will

continue to accept comments from the public until the independent testing results are finalized and citizens have had an opportunity to comprehend their findings.”

As I am sure you can appreciate, the School District has expended a great deal of resources and time to provide the Town with a comprehensive submission to the DEIS, which included input and analysis by School District Administrators, School District representatives and various consultants engaged by the School District. While comments on the Independent Testing are not due until January 31, 2019, no date for the release of the testing results has been announced and there does not appear to be any further update on the Town’s website concerning the status of the Independent Testing. The School District is growing concerned that ample time will not be afforded to adequately and thoroughly review the information released regarding Independent Testing and the testing results in advance of the deadline for comments. Accordingly, the School District would greatly appreciate it if the Town could provide an update on the status of the Independent Testing and a timeline for when the testing results are expected to be released so that the School District can implement measures to provide a thorough review and timely response. I trust that the Town will consider an extension of the deadline, if necessary, to provide the School District and the public with ample opportunity to comprehend the findings once released.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Rogers".

Dr. Thomas Rogers
Superintendent of Schools