

Hon. John Venditto  
Supervisor, Town of Oyster Bay  
54 Audrey Avenue  
Oyster Bay, New York 11771

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Supervisor Venditto,

I am writing to let you know that I am opposed to the development of apartments at 594 So. Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801 (aka Bagga property), or any similar apartment development within the Hamlet of Hicksville.

Apartments above commercial properties were common when it was common for the store owner to live above the store. That is now the exception. Most store owners do not live above their stores. I question why such a code which allows apartments to be built above commercial establishments was rewritten in 2006 (two years after the Bagga Property was purchased and one year after 500 angry residents stood in opposition to the motel that was being proposed on this site).

On February 1, 2005 members of the community met with the developer of this site, Mr. Darsha Bagga, Councilwoman Rose Marie Walker and Assistant to the Supervisor Richard Pfaender, representing the Town of Oyster Bay. At the meeting Mr. Pfaender stated publicly that **“this project will not be entertained by the Town of Oyster Bay. There will be no hotel on this site and there will be no apartments on this site. We made some phone calls during the day to the residents within a 300’ radius of the site to let them know that we’ve listened to the community, that this is not the right proposal for this site.”**

I ask that this commitment by the Town of Oyster Bay be honored and that the Town Board take whatever measures necessary to ensure that you keep your word to our community and that there be **no hotel or apartments on this site.**

I also request that the current Town code that allows the construction of apartments over commercial/retail property be amended to prevent developments such as the one proposed for this site. I believe that such developments would be detrimental to an equitable homeowner tax distribution, place a burden on our school district, contribute to increased traffic in an already overburdened area (with the soon to open Lowe’s followed by Sleepy’s headquarters and the proposed Lunar Module) and also set an unwanted example for similar developments in Hicksville.

Sincerely,

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