

January 23, 2009

The Honorable Thomas R. Suozzi  
Nassau County Executive  
1550 Franklin Avenue  
Mineola, New York 11501

Dear County Executive Suozzi:

We, the undersigned, appreciate your efforts to work with us in creating a unified vision for the future of downtown Hicksville. We are grateful for your offer to have Nassau County fund a visioning study which would help us in our efforts to make downtown Hicksville a welcoming destination for both residents and visitors alike.

We are enclosing a map, which outlines our downtown area. This area would serve as the preliminary study area for the visioning study. In particular, we would like the visioning study to explore the following issues:

1. Options for calming traffic so as to make downtown a destination and not merely a drive thru corridor;
2. Options for creating safe, visibly appealing, walkable spaces that would link recreational, food and cultural venues;
3. Options for making downtown Hicksville a "Cool Downtown" that integrates its housing, transportation, retail and commercial functions into a vibrant and desirable destination; and
4. Options for encouraging and supporting further economic development in the downtown area.

Our organizations are committed to making Hicksville a place where community-based businesses have the support they need to thrive and grow, as well as a place where people want to live, work and recreate. The proposed visioning study is a necessary first step if we are to succeed and we look forward to working with you and your staff in bringing it to fruition.

On behalf of our organization, we would like to thank you for your assistance and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Hicksville Chamber of Commerce  
Duffy Park Civic Association  
Hicksville Community Council  
Hicksville Gardens Civic Association  
Midland Civic Association  
Northwest Civic Association  
West Green Civic Association