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VIA EMAIL

Dear Board of Education President Victoria Tipp and Members of the Chappaqua Board of Education:

The Town Board has received your letter dated November 17, 2020 regarding the Board of Education's decision to retain the Chazen Companies and Econsult Solutions, Inc. ("ESI") to create customized multipliers and enrollment projections, and to prepare a fiscal impact analysis for CCSD related to the proposed rezoning of the Chappaqua hamlet. We also understand that you have retained KG&D architects to conduct a District-wide Capacity Study. We welcome these additional analyses on the proposed Form Based Code. As you have decided to hire your own experts, in lieu of first utilizing the Town's professional consultants as offered, we will direct our staff to await the results of these analyses and to be ready to partner with your consultants to provide any information or other inputs they deem necessary to complete their work.

We believe that the best way to demonstrate our shared desire to work together in the best interests of the community is by coming together in the spirit of partnership and collaboration at a public meeting. To that end, the Town Board again invites the BOE, CCSD Administration, and your consultants to attend a **joint work session**. Should you be available, we welcome the opportunity to meet with you on **Tuesday, January 12th at 7PM**. The purpose of this work session would be to review and discuss the results of your consultants' analyses. Please note that all Town Board work sessions are open to the public.

Assuming this date and time meet with your approval, the Town Board would hold an additional public hearing after the joint meeting, on January 19th, at which time the public can provide comments based on the material presentation on January 12th. Please note, the Town Board has already committed to holding open the written public comment period on the DGEIS for at least 30 days after the close of the public hearing.

As you are aware, the Form Based Code is still a draft and the Town is fully committed to taking the time to get it right. Rest assured we have received and absorbed your feedback, and we are taking it to heart. The current draft will change, and we look forward to working collaboratively with you to address your comments. All five members of the Town Board have kids in CCSD, and none of us would support a code that would adversely impact our children's education. We are listening and we remain grateful for your feedback. Your engagement makes this code – and our community – stronger.

Sincerely,

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