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April 20, 2022

Patrick Donnelly, Municipal Manager Township of Lakewood Municipal Building 231 Third St Lakewood. NJ 08701

Re:

FY 2023 Appropriations Request for Community Project Funding

Lakewood 9th to 14th St: Roads & Infrastructure to Improve Housing & Traffic Conditions

Letter of Support, Township of Lakewood, Ocean County, New Jersey

(Emailed and Mailed)

Dear Mr. Donnelly:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Ocean County Board of Commissioners in support of the application by the Township of Lakewood for funding for the project referenced above. We understand that the project will provide housing for students and their families in the Township's college district and will serve to provide an alternative means of transportation to the existing roadway system. The project provides for two new roadways, one of which will run parallel to State Highway Rt. 9 which will ease traffic congestion by taking commuters off the most congested roadways.

On behalf of the Commissioners, we would like to express our support for the Township of Lakewood's request to obtain funding through the Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations budget.

This project will be a product of the cooperation of two institutions of higher learning, Georgian Court University and Beth Medrash Govoha and the Township. The Ocean County Board of Commissioners has worked in cooperation with all three of these entities throughout the past several decades and understands the need for this funding given the multitude of demands already placed on these entities. The Federal funding that is being sought will help to alleviate the need for additional rental units in the area. The new construction will also provide new jobs and continue to foster the economic growth of the area.

We wish you every success in your efforts to secure funding for this project from the Federal Government.

Sincerely

John P. Kelly, Director

Board of County Commissioners

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Letter of Support, Township of Lakewood, Ocean County, New Jersey

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Township Committee of the Township of Lakewood to reiterate the Township Committee's support for our application for Community Project Funding for the project referenced above. This project proposes to construct the roads and infrastructure needed to facilitate the construction of much needed housing for students and their families in the Lakewood College District.

This project is the result of the cooperation of Lakewood's two institutions of higher learning, Georgian Court University and Beth Medrash Govoha as well as the Township. The Federal funding that is being sought will provide important funding for the infrastructure required to support the construction of much needed additional housing units in the area. The new construction will also provide new jobs and continue to foster the economic growth of the area.

We greatly appreciate the consideration that you, your staff, as well as all of those involved in the decision-making process will give to our request for funding for this worthwhile endeavor.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Raymond Coles

Mayor, Township of Lakewood



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April 19, 2022

Patrick Donnelly, Municipal Manager Township of Lakewood Municipal Building 231 Third Street Lakewood, NJ 08701

RE: FY 2023 Appropriations Request for Community Project Funding Lakewood 9th to 14th Street: Roads & Infrastructure to Improve Housing & Traffic Conditions Letter of Support Township of Lakewood

Dear Mr. Donnelly:

I am writing this letter in support of the Township of Lakewood's appropriation request for road and infrastructure improvements. This proposed project is located in Lakewood's college district and includes and area of currently undeveloped land that runs parallel to Forest Avenue and extends from 9th Street to 14th Street in North Lakewood. The property will be redeveloped into several hundred housing units. Construction of roadways, utility service and other related amenities will be necessary. The project includes construction of two (2) roads, sidewalks, street lighting and associated improvements, sanitary sewer mains and infrastructure, drinking water mains and infrastructure, stormwater management, draining infrastructure and landscaping.

This project is part of a collaboration between the Township and its two institutions of Higher Education: Georgian Court University and Beth Medrash Govoha. The purpose of the project is to ensure that infrastructure and roads are in place to allow for the construction of several hundred of rental housingfor families of students. This will alleviate the severe housing shortage present in the Township rental market, ease traffic congestion by taking commuters off the most congested roads and open a new

thoroughfare and exit roads from the College District. Lakewood Township is the fastest growing municipality in the state. As Lakewood has grown, it has also become an economic engine for Ocean County and the State of New Jersey.

I support the Township's efforts in pursuing funding and respectfully request your full consideration of the appropriation's request.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Singer Senator, District 30

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Providing Social Services, Information, Referral and Housing Counseling to the Lakewood and Ocean County Communities

April 19, 2022

Patrick Donnelly, Municipal Manager Township of Lakewood Municipal Building 231 Third Street Lakewood, NJ 08701

Re: FY 2023 Appropriations Request for Community Project Funding

Lakewood 9th to 14th St: Roads & Infrastructure to Improve Housing & Traffic Conditions

Letter of Support

Township of Lakewood, Ocean County, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Donnelly:

I am writing on behalf of the Lakewood Resource and Referral Center's (LRRC) Social Services Division in support of the Township of Lakewood's Community Project Funding request for road infrastructure improvement. As the Director of the Lakewood Resource and Referral Center Social Service Division, I would like to express my full support for the Township of Lakewood's proposal and appreciate any consideration that it be included in the Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations process.

The LRRC's mission is to help the residents of Ocean County and beyond to access government and private assistance that meet their basic life needs and help families chart a course to economic upward mobility and self-sufficiency. The LRRC Social Service division provides assistance with accessing a wide array of programs and services available to low-income families. Our housing department helps families seeking affordable housing options, including with application assistance for housing and for housing assistance programs; financial counseling on planning to afford rental and mortgage commitments; homebuyers education, and more.

Since we deal every day with families seeking help accessing housing and housing assistance, we are acutely aware of the current shortage of housing stock, particularly rental housing that meets the needs of young families. As such, we were very pleased to learn that the Township is submitting this Community Project Funding request to install the necessary public roads and infrastructure that will enable the construction of much needed housing units that will meet the needs of young families in Lakewood in the college area – and thereby free up competition for units in other parts of town as well.

This is a vitally important project for Lakewood and we support and encourage it fully. It cannot come soon enough. On behalf the Lakewood Resource and Referral Center, we support the Township's efforts in pursuing funding and respectfully request strong consideration of the appropriations request.

Sincerely,

Sarah Sternbach

Director, Social Services Division, LRRC



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Lakewood 9th to 14th St: Roads & Infrastructure to Improve Housing & Traffic

Conditions

Letter of Support

Township of Lakewood, Ocean County, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Donnelly:

As the Director of NJ HAND (NJ Housing and Neighborhood Development) I am writing to express our unequivocal support of the Township of Lakewood's Community Project Funding request for road construction and infrastructure improvement. We feel this is a strong proposal and much needed project and hope it can be included in the Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations process. If funded, this project is sure to have many vital impacts that benefit Township residents.

NJ HAND is an affordable housing development agency that works to address the need for additional options for housing for low and moderate income families in Lakewood, New Jersey. With our focus on families who are seeking housing and housing assistance, we can attest first hand to the dire shortage of housing opportunities for young families in the Township. As a nonprofit with a long history of partnering with government to maximize opportunities for low-income families, we uniquely appreciate the tremendous potential in the Township partnering with private, non-profit entities to achieve an overall goal by doing what government does best – ensuring that public roads and infrastructure are in place to serve the public and facilitate the ultimate best and highest uses.

We recognize further the tremendous benefit that the township will bring to mitigating traffic concerns on the main North-South corridor and associate thoroughfares by enabling Lakewood families to move close to where they need to be during the day and obviating the need for an arduous commute.

On behalf of NJ HAND, we reiterate our strong support for the Township's Funding Request and hope that our elected officials will prioritize it for consideration a

This is a vitally important project for Lakewood and we support and encourage it fully. It cannot come soon enough. On behalf of NJ HAND, we support the Township's efforts in pursuing funding and respectfully request strong consideration of the appropriations request.

Sincerely,

Kabbi Shmuel Lefkowitz

President