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August 15, 2025

Town of Islip Planning Board
Attn: Edward Friedland, Chairman
Town Hall West
401 Main Street
Islip, NY 11751

Re: South Bay Village (formerly Island Hills Golf Course) Proposal

Dear Chairman Friedland,

On behalf of the Sayville School District Board of Education, we thank the Planning Board for inviting Rechler to publicly present the details of its newly proposed South Bay Village project at the July 16 meeting and for your careful consideration of whether it should move forward. We also appreciate the thoughtful questions raised by the Board, particularly regarding the lack of comprehensive planning and understanding of existing traffic patterns.

While we recognize that Rechler has sought community input and may believe the current proposal reflects an effort to address some concerns, it remains significantly out of step with what the community is prepared to support. The development's scale poses serious risks, including additional strain on already overextended emergency services — such as fire, ambulance, and police — potentially resulting in longer response times during critical situations, which can directly affect the safety of our students and the broader community. Residents have also voiced strong objections related to environmental impact, loss of community character, excessive density, and traffic congestion that far exceed what existing infrastructure can support. Although the project is not zoned within the Sayville School District and would not directly affect our student population, these impacts would still be felt by our community and, in turn, our schools.

For these reasons, the Sayville Board of Education cannot support the current proposal and respectfully urges the Planning Board to weigh carefully its long-term implications for public safety, infrastructure, and the overall well-being of our community.

Sincerely,

The Sayville Board of Education