



# CHARTER SCHOOL

## HEMPSTEAD RESIDENTS ARE YOU AWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON?

**Hempstead residents are you aware of what is going on? A developer, 145 N. Franklin LLC, which shares offices with E&M Management at the same luxurious Five Towns building, is proposing to build nearly 250 apartments in between the Academy Charter School campuses on North Franklin Street. Hempstead residents are you aware of the collusion, lack of transparency, zoning and planning violations, tax burden on residents and the danger that the children will be placed in?**

### • Collusion and Conflicts

The proposal to build nearly 250 apartments in between the Academy Charter School's campuses is being fast tracked behind the scenes by E&M Management, which is being represented in other places by some of the same people who are advising and have been retained by the Village of Hempstead regarding this project. This dense money-making project is being engineered by people with powerful political allies. Various well-known figures in the Village colluded to deceive the residents of the Village and prey on our most valuable resources, our children. These unscrupulous and indifferent individuals have enticed power brokers to support and lobby for the approval of this project. Everyone has a right to make a living however, it is unethical to represent both sides of a transaction. Officials who should have taken a clear stand to ensure that the interests of the community are protected, have rubber stamped this project. Someone is going to make a lot of money; the developers, the investors, its consultants, and others who may be on its payroll that we can't identify.

### • No Transparency

In an effort to subvert the process, the developer changed its site plan submission to the Planning Board who plans to act without a hearing. Yes, without a hearing! The intent is to have a meeting on December 21, 2020. A meeting is quite different from a hearing. A meeting does not afford those being affected by this nearly 250 apartment complex the opportunity to be heard. Instead, it shrouds the process and allows the developer and his powerful political allies to make decisions that affect the people without hearing their voice. The developer has a hearing scheduled before the Zoning Board on January 7, 2021. A hearing that has no effect should their plans be approved at the December 21, 2020 meeting. On inquiring of the Village why we weren't notified as neighbors, we were informed that notification was sent to Jamaica, NY. Can you believe this? Obviously, it is well known that the school is located on North Franklin Street. The purple and yellow buildings. No disclosure affidavits whatsoever have been found in either the Village Planning Board or Village Board of Appeals files revealing that these consultants are advising both sides.

### • Zoning & Planning Violations

Business B	Downtown Overlay District	Residential G	No one criteria allows them to build nearly 250 apartments with adequate parking. That is why they are cherry picking in the dark with their political influencers
<del>Residential Apartments</del>	<del>130 Parking Spaces</del>	<del>230 Apartments</del>	

**NOTHING WORKS!**

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The approval of this project ignores the already fragile overburdened water-sewer system and schools. Why have planning regulations and zoning laws if no one obeys them?

### • The Tax Burden of Municipal Services and Real Estate Taxes Will Be Shifted to the Residents

Approval for this type of project will place an undue burden on the already overly taxed residents of Hempstead. The nearly 250 proposed apartment complex will be built based upon benefits sought and likely to be approved by the Town or County. They will more than likely be granted a PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes). Do you know who will be paying for that PILOT? You! The already overtaxed and overworked Hempstead resident. Moreover, the developer will be granted exemption from significant mortgage and sales tax obligations, which you the ordinary citizen will pay. This massive residential development will place a strain on the existing fire, sanitation and sewer services. You the resident will have to fund that. What can you expect? You can expect the profits to go into the pockets of the already extremely wealthy, politically connected outsiders. After the developers and its politically connected cronies have reaped the maximum profit and benefits, the common practice has been to resell the property. This will trigger the issuance of new tax benefits, where more profits will be sucked out and the residents will again have the tax burden shifted to them while the developers and cronies get another free ride.

### • Danger to Students

The traffic that will be generated by a nearly 250 proposed apartment complex poses a danger for children to literally be run over on their way to class. We are sounding the alarm! The questionable traffic study submitted by the developer leaves much to be desired. The study was performed during this pandemic when only 30% of the student body are attending school in person and a fair amount of the residents are sheltered in place. He has ignored that this is an extremely busy county road and he needs to be aware of the numerous children that have been hit and the fatalities that have occurred right in this vicinity. To address this problem the developer has suggested that the senior citizens ride bicycles. He has called for 120 bicycles as a means of addressing the traffic issue. The environmental impact study is not adequate. Demolishing this building will expose our children to dangerous asbestos pollutants. I guess our children's lives don't matter. Soon our children will be saying, "I can't breathe." Soon the entire Village will be saying, "I can't breathe."

**Our elected officials painted Main street with "Black Lives Matter." Prove it now!**



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