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Subject: FW: Resolution Opposing State Proposal for the Sale of Greystone Property

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Dear Municipal Clerks:

Please share the attached with your Mayor and Governing Body.

Thank you.

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TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS
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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Jon S. Corzine, Governor of the State of New Jersey
The Honorable Richard J. Codey, President of the Senate
The Honorable Joseph J. Roberts, Jr., Speaker of the General Assembly

From: Judith I. Silver, Township Clerk 

Date: December 19, 2008

Re: **Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills Opposing State Proposal to Violate New Jersey State Statutes and Legislative Intent to Preserve Surplus Greystone Park Lands by Offering Greystone State Hospital Lands for Private Sale**

Enclosed please find a certified copy of the above captioned resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills at its meeting of December 16, 2008. The Governing Body unequivocally opposes the proposed actions by the State House Commission for the reasons set forth in the resolution.

Enclosure

cc: Mayor and Township Council, Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills
J. Lim, Business Administrator, Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills
Chairman of the State House Commission Gerald Cardinale (w/copy of resolution)
Members of the 26th Legislative District (w/copy of resolution)
All Morris County Municipalities (via email or fax w/copy of resolution)

December 16, 2008

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS OPPOSING STATE PROPOSAL TO VIOLATE NEW JERSEY STATE STATUTES AND LEGISLATIVE INTENT TO PRESERVE SURPLUS GREYSTONE PARK LANDS BY OFFERING GREYSTONE STATE HOSPITAL LANDS FOR PRIVATE SALE

WHEREAS, P.L. 1999, c. 188 requires that any surplus land transferred from Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital be designated for use as a state park, for County or Municipal use, to a land conservancy for open space, historic preservation or farmland preservation; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2001, c. 345 provides that any property of the Greystone Park Psychiatric property, not conveyed to the County of Morris, shall be used only for recreation, conservation, historic preservation, farmland preservation, or use for programs or administrative purposes by the New Jersey State Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, historic State legislative intent thus clearly obviates the sale of Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital property for any function other than clearly specified public use; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be efforts by the State House Commission to recommend the public auction of 130 acres of newly declared surplus property at Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital for private use; and

WHEREAS, this action would clearly violate existing State Law on this subject; and

WHEREAS, such private development is seriously inconsistent with the very substantial investment of time and resources made by Morris County in reliance upon the two statutory statements of legislative intent as to the future use of the Greystone property; and

WHEREAS, this action would generate problems for local municipalities with respect to zoning and planning regulations as well as potentially increase the cost of municipal support services and costs for local infrastructure maintenance and upkeep; and

WHEREAS, any amendments to existing state law to allow for the private development of a portion of the Greystone property would be inconsistent with and create problems related to: (a) the current and continued provision of psychiatric and social services at the Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital, (b) the newly implemented recreational and private not-for-profit social service uses on the adjacent Morris County Property and (c) the existing legislative plan for the use of the property carefully crafted over the past decade.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Parsippány-Troy Hills in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the Township of Parsippány-Troy Hills unequivocally opposes the proposed actions by the State House Commission;
2. That the Township of Parsippány-Troy Hills strongly opposes on principle any effort to amend existing legislation on this subject; and
3. That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Jon S. Corzine; Richard J. Codey, Senate President; Joseph J. Roberts, Jr., Assembly Speaker; Gerald Cardinale, Chairman of the State House Commission; the Members of the 26th Legislative District, and all Morris County municipalities.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE AND
LAWFUL COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY,
TROY HILLS, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AT ITS MEETING OF 12/16/08
Judith L. Silver
JUDITH L. SILVER, TOWNSHIP CLERK