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Dear Mayor Greenbaum and Council,

We are writing today to express our overwhelming support for sewers being extended up Park Place. We deeply regret that there seems to be such force being exerted, by our elected leaders, in opposition to this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. All over our area, our backs are literally to the water. There is little to no room for the septic systems we need or soon will need. And, the questions that homeowners are being asked to respond to are ridiculous. What homeowners are going to announce that their septic system is near failure. What homeowners are going to risk losing a Certificate of Occupancy or an ability to ultimately sell? Sewers actually enhance property values and ratables.

Given the frightening way the cost of sewers have been presented to date (\$40,000-\$60,000 per household), everyone is understandably scared of the amounts they are being told they must pay. A \$4,000,000.00 cost? The sewer connection is already at the foot of our hill. Where is the in-depth research into developing a less expensive plan? Where is the search for un-used Grant money? What about Hurricane Sandy money? Where is the search for longer term, low-interest, financing? I do not believe bringing townspeople together to scare them is the most productive way to solve this problem.

And, why is there a general feeling that every effort is being utilized to frighten long-standing residents to primarily benefit the latest development and the newest arrivals to Mt. Olive. Doesn't anyone think they'll bring costs that we'll have to share in subsidizing?

What of all the costs we have incurred, and are daily incurring, to subsidize schools that we've never used.

Does anyone think that the residents of this area, presently silent, will forget being abandoned when they had the greatest need?

Respectfully yours,

*Gina Reo Darren Reo*  
March 18, 2013