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To whom it may concern:

The applicant's attorney's suggestion at the public hearing, that the Kiryas Joel expansion not be limited to the Town of Monroe but dispersed throughout the county received thunderous applause. Initially I mistook the applause as a sign that county residents welcomed the idea of Orthodox Jews living in their neighborhoods. That is until I did a reality check.

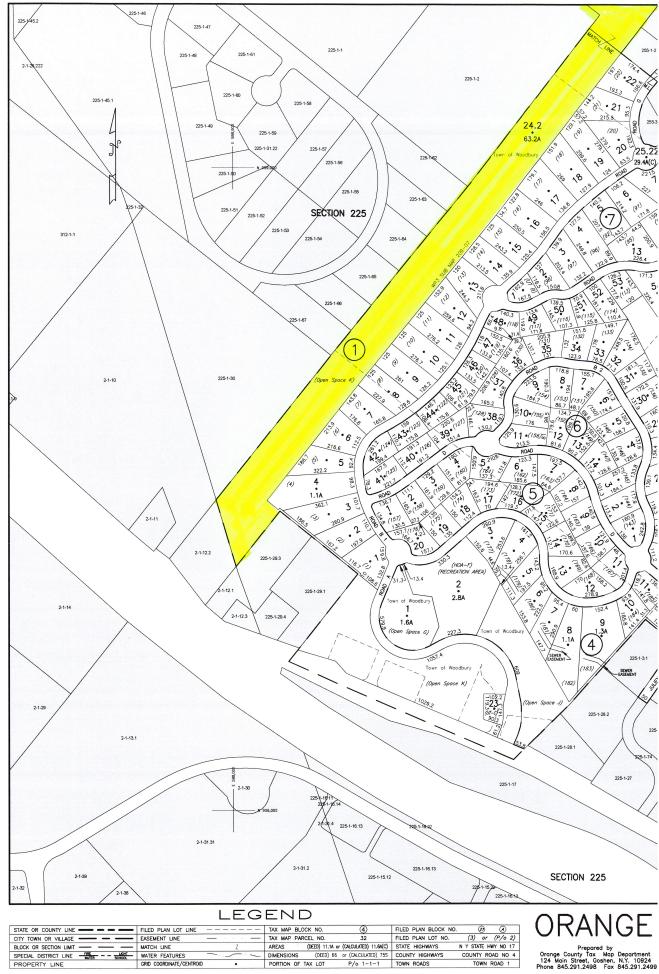
Enclosed is a Town of Woodbury map in the vicinity of the Village of Kiryas Joel. The highlighted area on the map is a town-owned open-space buffer. This buffer was part of a deal between the developer of Woodbury Junction and the Town of Woodbury. This 450 acre parcel was zoned R3 but the owner threatened to sell the land to Kiryas Joel unless it was down-zoned to R1. The town acquiesced and demanded the buffer in exchange.

Homes in that development would have been ideal for Orthodox Jews who are prohibited from driving on Shabbos, because of its close proximity to Kiryas Joel's Shuls and kosher infrastructure. But this open-space buffer denies potential Orthodox buyers that option.

As such, to prove their sincerity I tell our neighbors' "tear down that buffer." Otherwise, their public rhetoric notwithstanding, our neighbors not only do not welcome us in their communities they are actively doing all they can to prevent us from growing our own community. In 21<sup>st</sup> century America this should not stand! Please approve the proposed annexation.

Sincerely,

Judah Spitzer



AREAS (DEED) 11.1A or (CALCULATED) 11.6A(C) STATE HIGHWAYS

DIMENSIONS (DEED) 66 or (CALCULATED) 12.6C DIMENSIONS (DEED) 66 or (CALCULATED) 75S COUNTY HIGHWAYS

PORTION OF TAX LOT P/O 1-1-1 TOWN ROADS

## (3) or (P/o 2) N Y STATE HWY NO 17 COUNTY ROAD NO 4

TOWN ROAD 1

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