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Republican Caucus Statement on Latest Zoning Analysis

It is ironic that we are now seeing the federally appointed monitor and the feds at odds over zoning analysis. The truth is that they are both wrong. There was no need for the monitor to do an additional analysis due to the fact that Westchester County has already done several and all of the results showed that exclusionary zoning did not exist. The Monitor's assertion that out of 43 Westchester Municipalities he could only find 6 that have zoning practices he would consider exclusionary was never going to be a large enough sample for "HUD's grand experiment" of taking over local zoning. HUD is wrong in rejecting the analysis because the data doesn't support their predetermined judgment that Westchester communities are exclusionary. Regardless of what the empirical data shows HUD is determined to only accept findings of exclusionary zoning, which has been evidenced by their rejection of all 8 prior analysis of impediments that had been submitted by the county.

HUD approved the methodology that the Monitor proposed and then rejected his findings based on that very same methodology. This fact supports what the County Executive has been saying about his dealings with HUD and any report that the Monitor submits to the judge should reflect that HUD is unreasonable when it comes to zoning analyses and results.

Once again we call upon our federal delegation to break their silence on this matter and tell the hard working tax payers of Westchester where they stand.