



TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE

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Statement from the North Castle Town Board Regarding Governor Hochul's New York Housing Compact Initiative

The Town of North Castle has a long history of supporting and providing housing that meets the needs of the community while complying with the letter and the spirit of Federal, State and County Laws. To that end, the Town's local zoning code provides for multifamily housing, two-family housing, accessory dwelling units, affordable housing units, middle income units, age restricted units and the flexibility for North Castle to rezone to increase the density of any project. Specifically, the Town has consistently demonstrated a commitment to providing a wide variety of housing choice and maintaining and strengthening hamlet centers as service and higher-density residential areas. The Town will continue to support these efforts through their local boards and with the community's input.

The Governor's proposed Housing Compact, while sharing many of the same objectives as North Castle, undermines Home Rule and the ability for a resident(s) to appeal to their local boards and elected officials. The Housing Compact imposes requirements on where to develop and how much to develop, without consideration to the local zoning that is in place or the specific impacts on the environment, infrastructure, parking, emergency services both paid and volunteer, water and sewer and schools in our community. The Town of North Castle is in the best position to address the Town's housing needs and therefore is opposed to the proposed requirements currently described in the Housing Compact as stated in the Governor's State of the State address. In addition, the Town of North Castle is extremely concerned about the Governor's proposed appeal process which based upon the general description in the Housing Compact appears unduly severe.

The Town of North Castle is awaiting the details of the Governor's proposal to be released in early February, and looks forward to a constructive dialogue with the Governor and the State Legislature to achieve our shared goals.

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