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Dear Supervisor DeSena and Councilmembers,

The League of Woman Voters of Port Washington-Manhasset asks the TONH Board to reject the DEIS (Developmental Environmental Impact Statement) submitted by Southern Land Corporation (SLC) in support of its building a seven-story structure at 145 West Shore Road.

The League has supported the preservation of our natural resources for a hundred years. In New York, we advocate to ensure clean drinking water by protecting watersheds, by requiring municipalities to properly maintain and safeguard water and sewage infrastructure, and by seeking to eliminate threats to watersheds. We do this to “promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest.”

The DEIS submitted by SLC is silent on the proposed project’s impact on the watershed, its potential threats to drinking water, and any evaluation of managing land resources that uses appropriate conservation and sustainability criteria.

As many speakers at the TONH meeting September 28th noted, the DEIS report also ignored consequential violations. The League urges you to ensure these concerns be addressed:

- **The study of contaminants is incomplete:** It notes only petroleum contaminants, ignoring nitrates, air vapor contaminants, and other known toxins.
- **The sewage treatment planning is inadequate:** Analyses of current/future treatment capacity and projections of new infrastructure necessitated by this project are needed.
- **The project exaggerates its available acreage:** Underwater land is not buildable.
- **Analysis of the threat to flood control is inadequate:** This is a FEMA/DEC designated flood zone and any massive hardening of landscapes threatens neighboring vicinities.
- **Emergency evacuation analysis is lacking:** The combination of uncontrollable flooding and increasingly frequent severe weather requires addressing threats to public safety.

The League supports measures to reduce water pollution and policies to improve water quality. All development proposals must include comprehensive analysis of their potential to increase pollution in our water, soil, and air so they do not endanger the health and safety of Port