

Dear David,

I received the press release from Councilman Stanzione dated September 30, 2011 as a FOIA request that describes the NYS Economic Impacts of Aviation report. I found the NYS DOT report online after the Town failed to respond to a FOIA request. The Councilman's characterization and description of the report is false to the extent, in my opinion, it is fraudulent. Clearly this should be considered an intentional deception for political gain when East Hampton Airport is being hotly debated this election cycle.

The Councilman begins by stating the NYS DOT report "concluded that East Hampton Airport generates 91 jobs and that it pours \$12.6 million into our local economy." Throughout the release he uses phrases such as, "our local economy", "our community" and "local economic enterprises". He characterizes the report as "important evidence of the economic contribution of the airport to every taxpayer in our community". The first statement of the report defines the purpose and it is highlighted in its own box, "***The purpose of this study is to highlight the impacts of the aviation sector - specifically the impacts derived from public-use airports - to the economy of the state.***"

I don't believe there is a community elsewhere that more clearly defines "local" than East Hampton. When the word "local" is used it refers to full time residents and the local community of East Hampton. In fact, to many, the word "local" refers more specifically to those who trace their roots to the Mayflower. The report makes absolutely no reference to our community or our local economy. These are NYS jobs and money pouring into the NYS economy. In fact when the report defines "local" in paragraph 2.5, *Local Economic Context*, it uses Walmart Stores as the example. There are no Walmart Stores in East Hampton, we can't relate to such a context.

I was so taken back by the disparity between the Councilman's press release and the NYS report that I gave the Councilman an opportunity to explain his statements. I filed a FOIA request asking him specifically to name the local jobs and give details on the \$12.6 million pouring into our community. Since the report was released in May, he should have had sufficient time to substantiate his claims. No response was received.

The NYS DOT report emphasizes Elmira/Corning Regional Airport; there is a helicopter manufacturing plant (Sikorsky) at the airport. That airport contributes \$1.54 billion to New York State economy and is supporting 3,377 jobs in New York State. This report makes it painfully clear that we are paying dearly by the degradation of peaceful enjoyment of our property, the assault from helicopters, jets and seaplanes torturing our lives for the benefit of Elmira's economy and filling the coffers of New York State. We are paying a huge price for a form of transportation that is not necessary for our economy nor contributing to it.

I collected photo evidence of almost every helicopter landing in East Hampton Airport. I identified owners of each helicopter and where they originate from. The majority of helicopters are based in New York City, New Jersey, Dutchess County and Westchester County. One only has to drive by the airport now, during the week, to see the airport is empty. The majority of the corporate jets and seaplanes are based outside East Hampton as well. Where are the local jobs? Even the airport manager is not local. Show me the money. I bet the crumbs benefiting East

Hampton economy doesn't cover the loss of tax base from plummeting property values under the helicopter routes. Why are East Hampton residents paying the price to support economies in NYC, New Jersey, Dutchess County, Westchester County and Elmira? Why is deception required to support the increase in airport activities? Ask yourself these questions when you pull the lever on Election Day. This is your opportunity to send a message.

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