

Dear Executive Mangano,

I live in Island Park, a small south shore community in Nassau County. I am appealing to you for help. The Long Beach Motor Inn at 3915 Austin Blvd, Island Park has been a source of illegal activities and housing people with extensive criminal backgrounds. The Island Park Civic Association has been working with various departments and elected officials regarding this matter for the last few years. In October of 2009 the civic association held a community meeting with Dr. Imhoff of Nassau County Social Services, Nassau County Legislator Denise Ford, Assemblyman Harvey Weisenberg and Nassau County Sex Crimes Unit. At this meeting the community expressed their concerns for the safety of our neighbors and children. At one point there were three registered sex offenders placed there at the same time. On December 5, 2009 a man that was residing at the Long Beach Motor Inn raped and beat a young girl until she was unrecognizable in Long Beach. This motel directly abuts a neighborhood. There are school bus stops in this neighborhood, a church, nursery school and middle school within walking distance.

We have asked that the Long Beach Motor Inn be taken off the social services and housing departments list of suggested motels. Nassau County Social Services told the community that the other suggested motels on the county list are in industrial/commercial areas not residential. The county is keeping this motel in business. My community is in the process of organizing a rally at the Long Beach Motor Inn on May 22, in an effort to close the doors indefinitely. Legislator Denise Ford has pledged her support in our endeavor and has stated that she will participate in the rally. We hope you can join us.

Safety is a basic, human fundamental need. When we no longer feel safe in our communities it is our elected officials that we turn to for help. We ask that you support us in our endeavor and help provide us with a safe environment in which to raise our children.

Sincerely,