

PETITION TO NASSAU COUNTY EXECUTIVE ED MANGANO, LEGISLATORS DENISE FORD AND HOWARD KOPEL, DISTRICT ATTORNEY KATHLEEN RICE, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR DR. IMHOFF, DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION ACTING DIRECTOR JOHN D. FOWLE, AND NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF PAROLE CHAIRWOMAN ANDREA EVANS:

We, the undersigned residents of Island Park, demand that our elected representatives in Nassau County:

(1) IMMEDIATELY STOP DIRECTING CONVICTED FELONS, PAROLEES AND REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS TO THE LONG BEACH MOTOR INN AND THE PLANTATION MOTEL; AND

(2) IMMEDIATELY STOP PLACING HOMELESS FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS AT THESE UNFIT AND UNSAFE MOTELS FOR LONGER THAN THE 28 DAYS REQUIRED BY LAW

WITH RESPECT TO HOUSING CONVICTED FELONS, PAROLEES AND SEX OFFENDERS AT THESE MOTELS:

1. Housing convicted felons, parolees and sex offenders in our small community jeopardizes our safety. Last year a man staying at the Long Beach Motor Inn who had been previously arrested for manslaughter, rape, burglary and robbery was arrested again and charged with rape, aggravated sexual abuse, kidnapping and robbery.
2. The Long Beach Motor Inn is within walking distance of the Lincoln Orens Middle School and the Little Village Nursery School.
3. While the Long Beach Motor Inn's front property is on a major road, the back of the property is residential.
4. The Plantation Motel is also in a residential community.

WITH RESPECT TO PERMANENTLY HOUSING HOMELESS AT THESE MOTELS:

1. Nassau County Social Services routinely places individuals at both the Long Beach Motor Inn and Plantation Motel, exceeding the 28 day stay requirement by moving these individuals from room to room.
2. A motel is not a home. Nassau County must find more suitable housing for these people.
3. By paying approximately \$90 per night, Nassau County is keeping these motels in business. Anyone with other alternatives would never stay at these motels.
4. Nassau County Social Services places families in need of emergency shelter, including vulnerable children, at the Long Beach Motor Inn while simultaneously placing convicted felons, parolees and sex offenders at this same location. This puts these unfortunate families in the position of choosing between a shelter for their family and the safety of their children.
5. The Long Beach Motor Inn has violated fire codes on numerous occasions, creating an unsafe environment.

Print Name	Signature	Address

