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## A MESSAGE TO OUR FELLOW RESIDENTS

The primary responsibility of any Township Committee, be it 1970, 1990 or 2019 is to manage and maintain Wall's quality of life by utilizing prudent fiscal policies and smart, creative land use management. In performing these duties, we welcome, even encourage, public scrutiny, residents' input and informed constructive criticism.

Beginning in 1985 Wall has successfully managed its Round 1 and Round 2 "Mt. Laurel Affordable" housing obligations using multiple techniques and fulfilling both our legal and moral mandates and protecting our "Builders Immunity". However, after 10 years of litigation by multiple municipalities, in 2015 the NJ Supreme Court assumed the oversight of Mt. Laurel and mandated that towns must again comply, now with a Round 3. Since 2015, Wall has been in Court, litigating, negotiating and developing a plan that will be acceptable to the Court, all the while with builders / developers standing on our doorstep awaiting the outcome. It has been a long, arduous, complex process with Round 3 being much more challenging than Rounds 1 and 2. While not yet finalized it's coming to an end in the near future at which time we will have informational meetings and specifics for you. But why do we tell you this now?

Wall recently proposed a Zone change ordinance for the Peddler's Village property with the residents' public comments hearing and discussion scheduled at the May 22, 2019 Township Committee meeting. A Wall resident in that area immediately promoted an opposition, sponsoring a residents meeting on 5-8-19. He, along with an attorney he invited, presented "the facts" as they saw them to the residents.

We have seen the videos of the meeting; we have the original flyer; we have the Petition with the inaccurate and inflammatory wording; we know the defamatory comments he and the attorney made about the Township Committee; most of all, we know exactly what his intent is with the many innuendoes, the purpose of which was not to inform but to incite. While we accept the fact that sometimes we must confront misinformation and disinformation offered by opponents on any particular issue as part of the job, we will never accept, nor let go unchallenged, false, baseless personal attacks upon our character. Moreover, nor will we sit idly by and leave unanswered the disparagement of others as well. These type comments and innuendoes shall never be tolerated at a public Wall Township Committee meeting.

The misinformation, disinformation, untruths and innuendoes at this 5-8-19 meeting were a disservice to residents, making it impossible to have a constructive, informed public hearing and dialogue. As a result, please be advised that the public hearings scheduled for this Zone change at the May 20, 2019 Planning Board meeting and the May 22, 2019 Township Committee meeting are hereby cancelled. This matter has been tabled and will be re-visited at the appropriate time.