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The Honorable Andrew Lucas Manalapan Township 120 Rte 522 Manalapan, NJ 07726

Dear Mayor Lucas:

The purpose of this letter is to follow up on my telephone call to you regarding the adjournment of the Council on Affordable Housing's (COAH) action on Manalapan Township's petition for third round substantive certification. As I noted, the adopted Housing Element and Fair Share Plan proposes 208 affordable rental units on one site (Block 66.21, Lot 1) to address the Township's growth share obligation. If Manalapan intends to rely on the 80-unit Ingerman project (Block 47, Lot 17) in addition to the 208-unit affordable rental development at Block 66.21, Lot 1, the Township must amend its adopted Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and re-petition in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:97-3.4 within 60 days, or by May 11, 2010.

In addition, the re-petition should include the revisions to the Lewis Street site. The original Housing Element and Fair Share Plan proposed that the Lewis Street site would be developed with two affordable units. The mediation agreement between the Township and the owner of the property, which was executed on January 13, 2010, provides that the Township will purchase the Lewis Street site from the owner and that Manalapan, in conjunction with the Affordable Housing Alliance, will construct 10 affordable for-sale townhouse units on the site.

If you have any questions or need further information, please call Maria Connolly, COAH planner at (609) 292-4317.

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