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BARRAGA: NEWS FROM THE 11TH DISTRICT **BARRAGA OPPOSES PROPOSED 7-ELEVEN IN WEST ISLIP**



Shown above L-R at the southeast corner of Udall Road and Muncey Road; the proposed 7-Eleven site, are Billy Roth owner of West Islip Bagels and Suffolk County Legislator Tom Barraga (R-West Islip)

Suffolk County Legislator Tom Barraga (R- West Islip) once again strongly opposes the proposed building of a 24 hour 7-Eleven on the southeast corner of Muncey Road in West Islip.

In previous letters to the Islip Town Supervisor, the Commissioner of Planning, the Chairman of the Islip Town Planning Board and the Board members Barraga urged rejection of the proposal. “A large number of residents living in the area have raised very serious objections to a 24 hour store from the stand point of traffic congestion, safety and noise” –said Barraga.

It was over four years ago that several hundred residents, mainly those living on the north side of the hamlet, turned out at a Town Planning Board meeting to voice their displeasure with the

proposal to close the gas & repair station and build a 7-Eleven on the southeast corner of Udall and Muncey Roads.

“Those residing in homes surrounding the proposed location purchased their homes in a quiet residential area and a 24 hour operation such as 7-Eleven will not only increase traffic, but also increase noise, litter and other problems associated with a 24 hour establishment. I am in favor of promoting the growth of new business in West Islip, but the building of another 24 hour 7-Eleven at this location is not in the best interests of my constituents and definitely does not protect the quality of life they deserve. I strongly urge the Islip Town Planning Board to reject this application for a change of zone”-said Barraga.