



TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

July 9, 2010

RE: Safe Harbor Retreat, LLC

To the OASAS Licensing Committee:

We, the undersigned are writing in support of the application of Safe Harbor Retreat, LLC for the issuance of a license to provide community residential treatment services in a facility to be opened in East Hampton, New York.

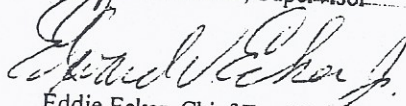
The Town of East Hampton is looking forward to what will be the first of its kind on the East Coast; a private pay comprehensive residential program. Now more than ever, the Hamptons are home to innumerable members of this heretofore unaddressed portion of the population. As a comparably affluent community, East Hampton is witness to the reality that the devastation wrought by untreated addiction knows no economic boundaries.

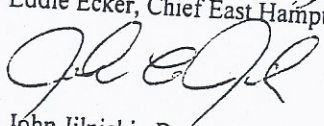
As a corollary measure, the Town's social service resources as well as the community at large are further impacted by the health and legal consequences attendant to this widespread crisis. We are especially pleased that Safe Harbor is fully privately financed and will not need municipal funding. One imagines that the conservation of public dollars is high on the state's agenda as well...

Finally, on a more personal note, we have met at length with Joe McKinsey, the founder and president of Safe Harbor Retreat LLC and Madeleine Narvilas, the Executive Director. Given the company's dedication to bringing together the best possible addiction resources under one roof and the Town's need for such, we urge you to grant their operating license as soon as possible. We unequivocally support and welcome this valuable addition to the Town.

Sincerely,


William Wilkinson, Supervisor


Eddie Ecker, Chief East Hampton Town Police


John Jilnicki, Deputy Town Attorney