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Donna M. Campagna, RMC Administrator/Municipal Clerk Borough of Allenhurst 125 Corlies Avenue Allenhurst, New Jersey 07711

Dear Administrator Campagna:

Per your request of today, please accept this letter.

The Planning Board ("Board") had an opportunity to review Ordinance #2021-04 at the March 17, 2021 Board meeting. The Board found the Ordinance as drafted acceptable and recommend its passage.

The Board does request that Borough professionals undertake an examination/provide suggestions with regard to limiting living space to a limited number of stories/floors within a dwelling. Of particular concern for the Board is illegal bedrooms in basements. In their opinion, this creates a potential safety issue.

The Board suggests that Borough professionals consider expanding the definition of living space and habitable space. Additionally, it was requested that the professionals consider an ordinance limiting all living space to be required to be above grade. Under this regulatory framework, in the event a homeowner sought to construct living space below grade, Board approval would be required.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Erik Anderson

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