

There has been a lot of residential development in Farmingdale. The Woodland Civic Association is a member of The Civic Coalition of Long Island. We have been trying to confine the activities of the Industrial Development Agency to the purposes the law provides, which is INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, which brings jobs to our region. When the IDA begins giving tax breaks to residential developers, there are very few long term jobs created and highly limited tax dollars for the new school children that will need to attend our schools. CURRENT HOMEOWNERS WILL HAVE TO COVER THESE TAX COSTS! If these apartment complexes continue to receive – to the tune of 30-40 year tax abatements – homeowners will be footing the huge difference in school and property tax bills, in addition the renters will pay nothing for the education of their children. Homeowners will also pick up the costs for police, emergency and fire protection, waste removal, etc.

**PLEASE READ AND SIGN OUR ONLINE PETITION:**<https://www.change.org/p/taxpaying-long-islanders-stop-l-i-i-d-a-s-from-increasing-your-property-taxes?recruiter=499382153&> Compatible with our goals, **NYSUT** (New York State United Teachers) wants legislation to force the IDA to inform them about the impact on school districts if residential development is considered. NYSUT wants enough time to properly respond before these abatements are granted.