



[LIREALTOR.COM](http://LIREALTOR.COM)

P. 631-661-4800  
E. [info@lirealtor.com](mailto:info@lirealtor.com)

300 W. Sunrise Highway  
West Babylon, New York 11704

**2023 OFFICERS**

**GINA MARIE BETTENHAUSER**  
*President*

**KEVIN LEATHERMAN**  
*President Elect*

**MARY ALICE RUPPERT**  
*Secretary Treasurer*

**TESSA HULTZ**  
*Chief Executive Officer*

June 13, 2023

Supervisor Ed Emyth  
Town Council  
Town of Huntington  
100 Main Street  
Huntington, NY 11743

Dear Supervisor Smyth and Huntington Town Council Members:

On behalf of the Long Island Board of REALTORS® 30,000 members, please accept this testimony as support for your efforts with Local Law No. 13-2023- to amend the Town of Huntington Code to allow ADU's.

It's no secret that the lack of affordable housing options has ALL generations leaving the state in search of ways to make their dollars stretch. LIBOR supports the use of ADUs for both rental and non-rental purposes to increase the supply of more affordable housing options in the market. LIBOR further supports regulations on ADUs pertaining to safety and privacy of both ADU tenants and neighborhood residents.

Building stronger communities is at the core of what REALTORS® do. That's why LIBOR is committed to working with local government on zoning to create safe, responsible and affordable housing opportunities, such as ADU's that are within reach for individuals on their own, working families and seniors on a fixed income. ADU's have the potential to increase the supply of affordable housing because they can increase the availability of housing by leveraging the existing housing stock on already developed land.

According to a 2021 report by the National Association of REALTORS®, a recent study of America's biggest cities showed that a home with an ADU is priced 35% higher, on average, than a home without one. This is why we commend our supportive town council members for seeing the **crucial need** for the addition of ADU's in the town; that it can help homeowners balance their budgets, young families and seniors make a home for themselves, renters in finding sustainable housing, and help the Town of Huntington's create a stronger economic future.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

  
Marlo Paventi  
Sr. Director of Public Policy & Government Affairs, Chief Lobbyist  
[mpaventi@lirealtor.com](mailto:mpaventi@lirealtor.com)

**REALTOR® SERVICE CENTERS**

75-35 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 207  
Jackson Heights, NY 11370

185 Old Country Road, Suite 1  
Riverhead, NY 11901

100 Crossways Park Dr. West, Ste. 106  
Woodbury, NY 11797