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Mayor Timothy P. Dougherty
Town of Morristown
200 South Street
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Dear Mayor Dougherty:

The Office of Planning Advocacy is in receipt of your request to waive Step 2, the appointment of the Plan Endorsement Citizens' Advisory Committee and Step 5, Community Visioning of the Plan Endorsement Process (N.J.A.C. 5:85-7.8)

Based on facts identified below and in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:85-7.6, I approve Morristown's request for waivers for Step 2, the appointment of the Plan Endorsement Citizens' Advisory Committee and Step 5, Community Visioning.

Morristown's vision as stated in the 2014 Master Plan is "to become the most welcoming, beautiful, healthy, resilient, and sustainable place to live, work, and play in New Jersey."

This approval is based on the following information:

- Morristown updated its Master Plan in 2014, and Master Plan Reexamination, Zoning Ordinance and Fair Share Housing Element all in 2018.
- Before creating these documents, the Morristown Planning Division established a Municipal Steering Committee (MSC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The MSC consisted Town Hall staff along with representatives from the Town Council, Planning Board, and Zoning Board. The TAC, meanwhile, was led jointly by Morristown and NJTPA and consisted of non-municipal officials and stakeholders, including representatives from Morris County, NJDOT, NJTPA, NJ TRANSIT, the Morristown Parking Authority, and the Morristown Partnership.
- Input also came from workshops and public meetings that were held between 2013 and 2018 where in total approximately 500 people attended the different meetings.
- Morristown continues to notice their participation in the Plan Endorsement.

- Morristown's vision was developed through extensive public participation mentioned above. It includes:
 - Community Form Planning
 - Strategies for moving forward in terms of circulation and mobility
 - Implementation
 - Housing Elements and Fair Sharing obligation

Given Morristown's rich history of ensuring public participation in developing its positive community vision to develop its land use strategies, and since the most recent update to the Master Plan Reexamination is within the last two years, and given that they continue to rely on the community vision in subsequent plans like their Fair Share Housing Plan, approval of your waiver request is granted.

I look forward to working with the Morristown to complete the Plan Endorsement process. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself (donna.rendeiro@sos.nj.gov) or Barry Ableman, Principal Planner for Morris County (barry.ableman@sos.nj.gov).

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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