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December 8, 2011

The Honorable Jeffrey Melchiondo  
900 West Bay Avenue  
Barnegat, NJ 08005

Re: **Approval of Barnegat Township's Petition for Initial Plan Endorsement,  
Designation of a Town Center, Core and Planning area amendments within the Township**

Dear Mayor Melchiondo:

On behalf of the Office for Planning Advocacy and the State Planning Commission, I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to Barnegat Township for receiving Initial Plan Endorsement of the Township's planning documents from the State Planning Commission on December 7<sup>th</sup> 2011. Throughout the Plan Endorsement process, Barnegat Township has exhibited an unwavering commitment towards sound planning. Barnegat Township serves as an example for other similarly situated communities across the State.

I have enclosed for your records a copy of the certified resolution from the December 7<sup>th</sup> 2011 State Planning Commission meeting indicating approval of the Township's Petition, a copy of the approved Planning and Implementation Agreement, and a copy of the notice of the State Planning Commission's action that will appear in the *New Jersey Register* on January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012.

Plan Endorsement is an on-going, dynamic process. We will continue to serve as a resource to assist you with your planning efforts and the implementation of your Planning and Implementation Agreement. Kate Meade will remain your primary point of contact at the Office for Planning Advocacy and can be reached at (609) 633-8573 or via email at [katherine.meade@sos.state.nj.us](mailto:katherine.meade@sos.state.nj.us).

Congratulations again on receiving Initial Plan Endorsement. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Gerry Scharfenberger  
Director

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