**Anti-NIMBYism Action Plan**

It is the policy of the City of Sweeny to discourage ‘NIMBYism’ within our community. NIMBY is an acronym for “Not In My Backyard”. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development defines NIMBYism as “a mentality adopted by those who reject certain changes to their communities.” The NIMBY mentality makes it difficult for communities to consider compromise, recognize personal property rights, and/or seek alternatives, all which can impact growth and development.

The City understands the importance of informed residents, the importance of fair housing, and a diversified tax base. Sweeny will strive to see that new developments, including those that offer fair and affordable housing opportunities within the City, are considered with cooperation and understanding.

To address NIMBYism, the City of Sweeny will:

1. Increase awareness by distributing and making accessible clear and accurate information on proposed developments through available community resources.
2. Respond to community concerns at public forums.
3. Provide a copy of this plan to local elected and non-elected officials to raise awareness of NIMBYism.
4. Encourage developers to construct well-designed buildings that compliment surrounding neighborhoods.
5. Inform developers of potential NIMBY concerns during pre-development meetings with City staff. Staff will share previous experiences with issues which created NIMBYism in the community and encourage the developer to work within the adjoining neighborhoods to ensure the proposed project compliments the neighborhood and can become an asset to the City.

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