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Township of Howell NJ
Howell Municipal Building
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October 7, 2020

The Honorable Mayor Raymond Cole
Township of Lakewood
231 3rd Street
Lakewood, NJ 08701

Re: **Public Safety Concern**

Dear Mayor Cole:

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing regarding a matter of the utmost importance to the Township of Howell; the safety of our residents and of course those of Lakewood. Specifically, I am writing to request your immediate assistance in addressing a public safety matter related to COVID 19.

As you likely are aware, as a neighboring community, many Lakewood residents visit the beautiful parks in Howell. As you are also aware, due to the pandemic the CDC, state of NJ and other regulatory agencies have established certain safety and social distancing requirements for all to comply with. Recent activities in our parks caused Howell officials to temporarily close our parks due to some guests not adhering to safety requirements. This was an unfortunate issue for our residents and one we believe could have been avoided. Since many Lakewood residents use our public parks, I am respectfully requesting that you help in communicating the required safety protocols for such use. This includes small gatherings, the use of social- distancing and the use of masks. These are measures designed to protect us all. Please help us by re-communicating and sharing these measures with Lakewood residents.

My goal in sending this letter is to get your help in this regard and to keep residents of Howell and those that enjoy our beautiful parks safe. We also do not want the actions of some to force us to close the parks for Howell residents or to require us to take other action needed to protect Howell.

I am hoping our communities can work together on this important matter. Please have your Township Manager speak to our Manager or call me personally so we can work in collaboration for the common good in battling COVID-19. Thank you for your consideration and prompt action with this matter.

Respectfully,

Evelyn O'Donnell

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Deputy Mayor

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