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**FEDERAL COURT DISMISSES CUPON CHALLENGE OF
VILLAGE OF CHESTNUT RIDGE HOUSE OF WORSHIP LAW**

CHESTNUT RIDGE, NY – The United States District Court, Southern District of New York, dismissed CUPON’s (Citizens United to Protect Our Neighborhoods) federal lawsuit challenging the validity of the Village of Chestnut Ridge’s House of Worship Law.

Village Special Counsel, Alak Shah of Feerick Nugent MacCartney, stated “[t]he Village, in an effort to bridge the diverging views of its constituents on their preferred exercise of Religious Rights, consulted experts and professionals to enact its House of Worship Law to provide a legal and regulated path for Village residents to exercise those Constitutionally protected Religious Rights.”

Village Trustees Chaim Rose and Shmuli Fromovitz stated “[p]rior to the 2019 House of Worship law and since the founding of the village in 1986, there was no practical way to build a Shul or any other type of House of Worship in a residential neighborhood. Since the 2019 law has been enacted there has so far been 3 Shul approvals.”

Upon enactment, both those favoring and opposing the legislation sued the Village. The litigation brought by those favoring the Village law was dismissed a year ago. Now, this lengthy, well-reasoned Federal Court decision dismisses the District Court litigation brought by those opposing the legislation.

The Village Board is pleased with the Federal Court’s thorough review of its actions and the decision to dismiss the case. Village Mayor Rosario “Sam” Presti stated “[t]he Village will continue to act in the best interests of all of its residents, no matter how difficult the issue.” The other Trustees also thanked their esteemed and dedicated Mayor for steadfastly doing that which is right.