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Statement from the Village of Mamaroneck Regarding LMC Media

The Village of Mamaroneck would like to provide additional context regarding the ongoing contract discussions between the Village and LMC Media.

Since the dissolution of the Board of Control, the participating municipalities were required to treat LMC as a vendor and execute separate service contracts. The Village of Larchmont and the Town of Mamaroneck each entered into their own independent agreements with LMC Media. Those agreements include fees for specific services rendered.

Approximately two years ago, the Village began discussions regarding its own agreement with LMC Media. Due to multiple changes in staffing, those discussions did not move forward at that time. In the interim, the Village continued to provide 100 percent of its cable franchise and PEG fee revenue to LMC Media to support organizational stability following the dissolution of the Board of Control and to assist with the completion of the new studio on Mamaroneck Avenue. During this period, the Village provided more than \$1.2 million to LMC Media in less than three years. By comparison, the agreements for the Village of Larchmont and the Town of Mamaroneck provide less than \$300,000 per year combined.

The Village is unable to provide continued funding to LMC Media without a contract that clearly identifies the services being provided and the fees associated with those services. Similar agreements already exist with the other participating municipalities, and the Village has offered to use those agreements as a model. However, the Village is currently being asked to provide more funding than the other two municipalities combined, without specific fees tied to defined services.

Village staff have been negotiating with LMC Media for several months, and the Village remains committed to reaching a fair and legally appropriate agreement. This is not about the Village's support for LMC Media's mission. It is about finalizing a service agreement that clearly defines services, costs, and responsibilities.

The Village supports LMC Media and recognizes the important role it plays in the community. However, the Board of Trustees and the Village Manager have a fiduciary obligation to monitor the spending of public funds and to ensure that any agreement is consistent with New York State and Village procurement requirements.

The goal is not to create division, but to finalize a fair agreement that clearly outlines services, costs, and responsibilities.

Regardless of whether a contract is finalized, the Village will make sure that public meetings and important Village events continue to be recorded and live-streamed.