



BOROUGH OF MANVILLE

Office of the Mayor

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Dear Carmen D. Diaz, Acting Secretary of the NJ Board of Public Utilities,

I have been informed that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) is seeking public comments regarding a program to have utilities convert existing streetlights to LED lights. On behalf of Manville Borough, I want to share our support for the proposal, which would benefit my town and our residents.

The Borough of Manville is the best town to showcase such a program and here's why. We are a walkable 2 square mile Borough that has a least 4 different styles of streetlights throughout town, some on the same block. The aesthetics are not desirable, and the quality of the lighting produced by older models is poor. Manville is broken up in to 5 sections of town and if one section a year can be changed to LED that would be something we would be thankful for.

LED lights are brighter, last longer and use much less electricity than the existing streetlights. Converting to LED would help the Borough save on its utility bills while making it safer for our residents to walk and drive around our town. We are a financially distressed town due to the devastation left behind by Hurricane Ida in 2021. So, we welcome any savings we can find to reduce our operational expenses.

Upgrading to LED streetlights would also allow Manville and other towns to manage the streetlights. With the installation of smart controllers, towns could control the dimming of lights and turn them on and off. We would also be able to detect burned-out or malfunctioning lights more easily.

Thank you for the opportunity to endorse a program that provides for better public safety. We recently changed out our entire main street business district to LED and boy what a difference it made. Based on our experience working closely with PSE&G after numerous floods, we are confident that PSE&G can successfully implement the program.

Sincerely,

Mayor Richard M. Onderko