TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY EMPLOYEE PROTECTION WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY

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If any employee of the Town of North Hempstead Community Development Agency (the "Agency") reasonably believes that some policy, practice, or activity of the Agency is in violation of law, a written complaint must be filed by that employee with the Executive Director or the Chairman.

It is the intent of the Agency to adhere to all laws and regulations that apply to the organization and the underlying purpose of this policy is to support the organization's goal of legal compliance. The support of all employees is necessary to achieving compliance with various laws and regulations. An employee is protected from retaliation only if the employee brings the alleged unlawful activity, policy, or practice to the attention of the Agency and provides the Agency with a reasonable opportunity to investigate and correct the alleged unlawful activity. The protection described below is only available to employees that comply with this requirement.

The Agency will not retaliate against an employee who in good faith, has made a protest or raised a complaint against some practice of the Agency, or of another individual or entity with whom the Agency has a business relationship, on the basis of a reasonable belief that the practice is in violation of law, or a clear mandate of public policy.

The Agency will not retaliate against employees who disclose or threaten to disclose to a supervisor or a public body, any activity, policy, or practice of the Agency that the employee reasonably believes is in violation of a law, or a rule, or regulation mandated pursuant to law or is in violation of a clear mandate or public policy concerning the health, safety, welfare, or protection of the environment.