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James J. Tedesco III

County Executive

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Alex Lasry

Chief Executive Officer

FIFA World Cup 2026 New York/New Jersey Host Committee

Dear Mr. Lasry,

As preparations continue for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, Bergen County remains committed to working collaboratively with the NYNJ Host Committee and regional partners to help ensure a successful tournament for our entire region. As the host county for eight matches at MetLife Stadium, including the Final, Bergen County will play a central role in supporting the operations, logistics, public safety, and hospitality efforts surrounding the event.

I recently saw the announcement regarding the Host Committee's partnership with New York City to provide 1,000 subsidized \$50 tickets for New York City residents. I commend the Host Committee for recognizing the importance of ensuring that working families and local residents have an opportunity to experience this historic event firsthand.

Given Bergen County's central role in hosting the tournament, I respectfully request that the Host Committee establishes a similar ticket access program for Bergen County residents.

Our residents will experience the day-to-day impacts of hosting this tournament more directly than perhaps any other community in the region. Bergen County families will contend with increased traffic congestion, strained local roadways, heightened public safety demands, and the broader disruptions that naturally accompany an event of this magnitude. Our municipalities, first responders, transit personnel, and local communities will shoulder many of the responsibilities required to help make the World Cup successful.

For that reason among others, I believe it is important that Bergen County residents also have a meaningful opportunity to share in this historic experience. Providing affordable ticket access would ensure that the people helping host the world are not priced out of participating in the event taking place in their own backyard.

As you know, Bergen County is home to a diverse and deeply passionate soccer community representing nations from around the world. Providing affordable access to matches for local residents would help ensure that the excitement and benefits of the World Cup are shared by the communities helping make it possible.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further with you and your team. Bergen County looks forward to continuing our strong partnership with the Host Committee as we work together to deliver a safe, successful, and memorable tournament for the entire region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James J. Tedesco, III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "Tedesco" being the most prominent parts.

James J. Tedesco, III
County Executive

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