

November 10, 2019

Kevin A. Cahill, New York State Assemblyman Governor Clinton Bldg. Suite G-4 1 Albany Ave Kingston, NY 12401 845-338-9610

RE: Kingston Meadows Senior Residence

Hurley Avenue & Washington Avenue

Kingston, New York

Dear Assemblyman Cahill:

The Kingston Interfaith Council demands the full resources of your office to assist with the development of the Kingston Meadows Senior Residence, an independent living complex targeted to senior citizens over the age of 62 years who are on fixed incomes.

For almost a decade, the Hudson Valley Housing Development Fund Company, Inc., a not-for-profit organization that has developed more than 300 apartments in the Mid-Hudson Region, has been completing the documents required for local approvals and at this point in time only requires a crossing over the County owned Ulster & Delaware (U & D) Railroad bed.

As the City of Kingston has not had senior housing built for more than 16 years, and as a 2009 Needs Assessment documented a need for more than 1,000 new apartments in the City of Kingston by the years 2020, and less than 100 apartments have been built to date, there is an extraordinary needs for senior housing in the City of Kingston.

Hudson Valley Housing has developed and managed affordable housing for more than 30 years and has a well-established track record of high-quality housing.

Your office has the ability to assist this development in securing its final approval and the members of the Kingston Interfaith Council respectfully request that your office do so.

Sincerely,

The Kingston Interfaith Council:

Rev. James Childs, Pointe of Praise Family Life Center, Kingston

Rev. Michelle Meech, Saint John's Episcopal Church, Kingston

Rabbi Yael Romer, DD, Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley, Kingston

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Rev. Frank J. Alagna, Ph.D., Holy Cross/Santa Cruz Episcopal Church, Kingston

Rev. Filomena Servellón, Holy Cross/Santa Cruz

Rev. Dr. G. Modele Clarke, New Progressive Baptist Church, Kingston

Rev. Evelyn Clarke, New Progressive Baptist Church, Kingston

Imam Syed Khlid Khan, Muslim Association of Ulster County, Kingston

Rev. Renee S. House, Old Dutch Church, Kingston

Deacon James Fíorio, Chaplain, Ulster County Sherriff's Office

Rev. Dave Clegg, St. James United Methodist Church

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Rev. Scott Adams, Trinity Lutheran Church, Kingston

Rev. Dr. Leonisa Ardizzone, UU Congregation of the Catskills, Kingston

Rev. Dr. Gregory Simpson, Associate member, Kingston

Vicar Suzanne Campise, Candidate for Ministry in the Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Rev. Allison Quin, Christ the King Episcopal Church, Stone Ridge

Rev. Dr. Clinton Bennett, Clinton Avenue United Methodist Church, Kingston

Rev. Dr. Joy MacVane, Clinton Avenue United Methodist Church, Kingston

Rev. Kendra VanHouten, Fair Street Reformed Church, Kingston

Rev. Dr. Faye Banks Taylor, St. Mark's AME Church, Kingston

Rev. Kevin Slusher, Reformed Church of Port Ewen, Port Ewen