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Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 1:56 PM
To: Sills, Dee
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Dear Kingston Common Council Finance Committee, % Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

I am writing in support of the Kingston Common Council transferring the former uptown garage property (21 N. Front St.) to the Kingston Local Development Corporation (KLDC). This action is aligned with the original RFQ issued by the City and will permit the former garage site to be reconstructed as part of a mixed-use development project.

It clearly remains in the best interests of our community to continue to pursue the City's original goals of fostering a development project that offers a multitude of public benefits to residents of our area. This action will allow the original mission to move forward.

Thank you for your service

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Kingston Common Council

February 25, 2021

403 Broadway

Kingston, NY 12401

Dear Honorable Council Members,

Please accept this letter of support to transfer the City-owned parking lot at 21 North Front Street to the Kingston Local Development Corporation (KLDC). I am a former Kingston City resident, who was born and raised in uptown. I was forced to move out of the city after 20 years of paying taxes, and contributing to the community. I served on the Common Council and Zoning Board of Appeals, and my husband rented a commercial property on Wall Street. He was a member of KUBA, and a board member of Friends of Historic Kingston. I underscore our involvement in the community to highlight the potential resources that leave the City of Kingston due to lack of market rate housing.

I am fully aware that a vocal minority has maintained a campaign of obstruction to the Kingstonian project. I believe they are ill informed of the need for ALL types of housing. I believe they would oppose this project without a pilot or transfer request. They seem unaware of the history that fractured Kingston's economy, and led to the devastation of uptown. Their agenda appears to be rooted in the idea that change is bad. Period. It is an unfortunate and naïve position.

As a retired Social Worker for the Kingston City School district, I was responsible for addressing the needs of homeless students, and I continue to provide consultation services to disenfranchised families. I am in full support of RUPCO's development projects for low-income individuals. I have consistently advocated for more affordable housing in all of Ulster County. Having said that, I know first hand the need for market rate housing. There were no rental properties available in the uptown area when my husband and I wanted to downsize and shed the burden of home ownership. We dearly miss living in uptown.

Kingston, like all communities, needs housing diversity. It creates more social equity, where children can forge friendships with peers from all income, racial and ethnic backgrounds. If Kingston wants to be a truly welcoming and all-inclusive city, it needs to grow and develop in a manner that intertwines all types of housing. The Kingstonian helps provide diversity in our housing stock.

I hope this Honorable Council makes the right decision and votes in favor of the property transfer. It would be a shame and a stain on Kingston for yet another developer to walk away from a project that will only bolster the economic, social, and cultural life of uptown.

Respectfully,

Ann Marie DiBella

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Thank you! Let me know if you need anything else from me

Ilana

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