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Office of the Mayor

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Steven T. Noble
Mayor

2 December 2021

Honorable Andrea Shaut
President/Alderman-at-Large
Kingston Common Council
420 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401

Re: Public Comment for Fair Street Extension Public Hearing

Dear Members of the Common Council,

I wanted to share with you this public comment as the Mayor of the City of Kingston. The proposal before you asks to grant the necessary approval to allow the City of Kingston to close Fair Street Extension to through vehicle traffic and to allow for the upper portion to be turned into a park with public amenities like sitting areas, public restrooms and outdoor gathering space. All of these amenities have been identified in multiple City plans as a strong need in Uptown Kingston. The lower portion of the street will remain open and will provide access to the public parking garage.

Based on the proposed public improvements at this site, pedestrians will still be able to walk through the newly created pedestrian plaza and safely over Schwenk Drive.

To clarify, this proposal does not ask you to transfer the property to the Kingstonian Development -- this was never the intent. The City of Kingston will retain ownership of the street, but will be partially converting it to a new public use, a public plaza.

I want to thank the Common Council for your leadership in helping to develop the area surrounding 21 North Front Street. Multiple City administrations have attempted to fill the void left when urban removal tore down the former building at this site. In its place will be double the amount of parking available to the public, 143 new housing units (14 of which will be set aside for low income community members), and a new park which will include much-needed public restrooms in the historic district. All of this will be done at no cost to the Kingston taxpayer, but, I believe, will provide many benefits to the entire community.

Respectfully,

Steven T. Noble
Mayor

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Tinti, Elisa

From: Richard Merck <richard@merckcpas.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 02, 2021 9:43 AM
To: Tinti, Elisa
Cc: Noble, Steve; info@kingstonianny.net
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] I Support the Partial Road Closure of Fair Street Extension

City of Kingston Common Council
c/o Elisa Tinti, City Clerk
420 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401
Email: emtinti@kingston-ny.gov
Phone: (845) 334-3915

Dear Kingston Common Council Member,

I am writing in favor of the Council voting to partially close Fair Street Extension. I believe the multitude of public benefits the Kingstonian project brings speaks for itself and clearly warrants this decision.

I thank you for your continued support of this vital economic initiative.

This will turn the Uptown District into a superior place to live and visit and it is sorely needed in this area.

Thank you for your service,

Richard J. Merck, CPA
Owner of 101 Green Street Property
Managing Director of Merck & Shumen, CPAs

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Tinti, Elisa

From: bill ryan <ryansland12401@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 02, 2021 9:44 AM
To: Tinti, Elisa
Cc: Noble, Steve; info@kingstonianny.net
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] I Support the Partial Road Closure of Fair Street Extension

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Dear Kingston Common Council Member,

As a building owner and professional on Green Street in Uptown Kingston for over 35 years I am writing in favor of the Council voting to partially close Fair Street Extension. I believe the multitude of public benefits the Kingstonian project brings speaks for itself and clearly warrants this decision.

I thank you for your continued support of this vital economic initiative.

Thank you for your service,

William J. Ryan, Jr
115 Green St, Kingston NY

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Tinti, Elisa

From: Steve Johnson <goldback69@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 02, 2021 9:53 AM
To: Tinti, Elisa
Cc: Scott-Childress, Reynolds
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] We Support the Partial Road Closure of Fair Street Extension

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Thank you for your service,

Stephen and Patricia Johnson
15 Grandview Ave
Kingston, NY

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Tinti, Elisa

From: Jodi Amato <Jodi.Amato@culinary.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, December 01, 2021 3:47 PM
To: Tinti, Elisa
Cc: Shaut, Andrea; Morell, Jeffrey; Koop, Douglas; Scott-Childress, Reynolds; Worthington, Rita; Tallerman, Donald; Davis, Tony; O'Reilly, Patrick; Schabot, Steven; Hirsch, Michele
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Kingstonian Partial Road Closure

Dear Kingston Common Council Member

I am writing in **favor of the Council voting to partially close Fair Street Extension**. I am very disappointed to learn that after all this time, this is NOW a concern. The governing bodies have known about the road abandonment, and it should have been communicated 5 years ago if it was a concern. And truly the benefits outweigh any concerns. The public plaza, a beautiful gathering space, a safe walkway to get to the Kingston Plaza, public parking, tourism, and a beautiful addition to our uptown business district.

I have lived in Kingston all my life. I am a proud Kingstonian, living in Uptown Kingston and I fully support this project and the needed economic development it will create. Please listen to the voices of those who have lived and worked here all their lives. We know Kingston, we understand what it needs, and we support growth.

Jodi Amato
330 Hurley Ave
Kingston NY 12401

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Tinti, Elisa

From: Nate Horowitz <nate@jaroofting.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 01, 2021 12:30 PM
To: Tinti, Elisa
Cc: Morell, Jeffrey; Koop, Douglas; Scott-Childress, Reynolds; Worthington, Rita; Tallerman, Donald; Davis, Tony; O'Reilly, Patrick; Schabot, Steven; Hirsch, Michele
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fair Street Extension

Dear Kingston Common Council Member

I am writing in favor of the Council voting to partially close Fair Street Extension. As elected officials representing the interests of businesses owners and homeowners should be a top priority. The Kingstonian project will secure the future of the uptown business district for future generations.

It is time to grow a backbone unlike many other elected officials in this area and tell these outside activist groups to pound sand. They do not pay the bills for the City of Kingston. The City of Kingston should be bending over backwards to help this project start without further delays or request for additional studies. Enough time has passed and the price tag continues to increase. The City of Kingston has a terrible track record of pushing away development projects like the Kingstonian or making it so challenging and time consuming that developers go somewhere else.

Keep up the support of this project. The people that pay the lion share of the tax burden in this city overwhelmingly support this project.

Kind Regards,
Nate Horowitz

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Tinti, Elisa

From: Frank Campagna <fcampagna@colorpageonline.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 01, 2021 12:26 PM
To: Tinti, Elisa
Cc: info@kingstonianny.net; Noble, Steve
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] | Support the Partial Road Closure of Fair Street Extension

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I thank you for your continued support of this vital economic initiative.

Thank you for your service,

Frank Campagna
Long time City of Kingston Business owner and property owner.

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From: Gregg Amato <gregg@herzogs.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 01, 2021 11:48 AM
To: Tinti, Elisa
Cc: Shaut, Andrea; Morell, Jeffrey; Koop, Douglas; Scott-Childress, Reynolds; Worthington, Rita; Tallerman, Donald; Davis, Tony; O'Reilly, Patrick; Schabot, Steven; Hirsch, Michele
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Kingstonian Partial Road Closure

Dear Kingston Common Council Member

I am writing in favor of the Council voting to partially close Fair Street Extension. This is a very small sacrifice for the benefits that we will receive: public parking, housing, public gathering spaces, jobs, sales tax revenue, tourism and hotel rooms. All sorely needed.

I am a homeowner and lifelong resident of Kingston and I fully support the project and the needed economic development it will create.

Gregg Amato
330 Hurley Ave
Kingston NY 12401

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City of Kingston Common Council
c/o Elisa Tinti
City Clerk
420 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401

Dear Kingston Common Council Member,

As an Uptown Business Owner, I am writing to you in favor of the Common Council voting to partially close Fair Street Extension. As a continued supporter of the Kingstonian, the multitude of public benefits to this project speaks for itself. I have continuously said that the project will bring new housing, sales tax revenue, jobs, public parking and most importantly consumers to Kingston as a whole. Studies have been done not once but twice and both studies concluded that the project impacts were minimal and easily mitigated on the road abandonment. We the business owners, the governing bodies and the people knew from the beginning of the road abandonment this shouldn't be an issue 5 years later. I applaud the Developers for their continuous efforts in trying to bring this project fruition.

Thank you for your continued support of this vital economic initiative. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at (845) 594-5715.

Sincerely,

Elenie Loizou
Owner
Dietz Stadium Diner
127 North Front Street
Kingston, NY 12401

Tinti, Elisa

From: Clark Richters <clark12401@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 01, 2021 10:52 PM
To: Tinti, Elisa
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Re: Common Council Public Hearing: Abandonment of Fair Street Ext.

City Clerk/Registrar
Elisa Tinti

I'm reaching out to you to sign up for public speaking via Virtually calling in tomorrow night at the public hearing if that's possible?

Clark Richters Sr. Kingston

This meeting will be live-streamed at the City of Kingston Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofKingstonNY>

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81432911874...>

Meeting ID: 814 3291 1874
Passcode: 2crVt5vz

Or dial in by phone:
+1 646 558 8656
Meeting ID: 814 3291 1874
Passcode: 57325016

On Sat, Nov 20, 2021 at 12:12 PM Clark Richters <clark12401@gmail.com> wrote:
Please make this part of the public hearing records

City Clerk/Registrar
Elisa Tinti

I do not agree with the proposal to abandon Fair Street Extension. This will cause more traffic congestion in uptown especially on Clinton Avenue & Westbrook Lane. furthermore

This \$25 million tax exemption over the next 25 years. and the proposal to abandon the Fair Street Extension should be on a public referendum for the voters to vote on

Clark Richters Sr. Kingston

My Blog <https://thekingstonnews.blogspot.com/>

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From: Gladys Marchant <gladysmarchant@ccimail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 02, 2021 9:20 AM
To: Tinti, Elisa
Cc: Noble, Steve; 'info@kingstonianny.net'
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] I Support the Partial Road Closure of Fair Street Extension

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I thank you for your continued support of this vital economic initiative.

Thank you for your service,

Gladys Marchant

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From: Andrew W <andrew@wrightarchitectspllc.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 02, 2021 9:21 AM
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Andrew Wright, RA
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From: Frank Robusto <frobusto@rupco.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 02, 2021 10:56 AM
To: Tinti, Elisa
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Thank you for your service,

Francis Robusto

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City of Kingston Common Council

12/1/21

C/O Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

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Dear Members of Common Council

I am writing this to show my support for the favorable vote to partially close Fair Street Extension. I own two buildings and a business on Wall St and I believe all the benefits the Kingstonian brings to the area warrants this decision. I have been uptown 43 years and seen many changes. This project bringing jobs, sales tax, parking and consumers is greatly needed. I appreciate all the efforts trying to bring this project to fruition.

Thank you for your support of this vital project.

Thomas W. Jacobi

President

Schneiders Jewelers

290 Wall St

Kingston, NY 12401