



City of Kingston Common Council
420 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401

August 1, 2022

RE: Letter of Support, Grand Slam building, 46 Grand Street

Dear Kingston Common Council and Mayor Steve Noble,

I'm writing on behalf of the Hudson Valley Current, a nonprofit economic development organization, to express our full support of the City of Kingston transferring the ownership of the building at 46 Grand Street to Beyond the 4 Walls.

Hudson Valley Current runs a community kitchen—Tilda's Kitchen & Market—in order to provide free or low cost meals to the Midtown Kingston community. We seek abundance for all—our community, our businesses, and our families.

Greg McCollough and his team at Beyond the 4 Walls share this vision of abundance for our community. We donate to their efforts on Van Buren Street as often as possible, so we see how their space has become cramped and sometimes overflowing with goods to donate. Having the building on Grand Street will allow Beyond the 4 Walls to grow with the community's needs.

We look forward to having the space on Grand Street as a donation center, and will be sure to support all of the efforts of Beyond the 4 Walls as the organization blossoms.

Thank you for your innovative approach to supporting our community and for your ongoing support of Greg and his work. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Chris Fenichel-Hewitt
Executive Director



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Dear Common Council Members of the City of Kingston,

I'm writing on behalf of the Reher Center for Immigrant Culture and History to voice our support for Beyond The 4 Walls Outreach Program's future home in midtown Kingston.

The Reher Center has been pleased to collaborate with Beyond The 4 Walls on our current clothing donation drive, an initiative that is part of our upcoming Sustainable Fashion Day on Saturday, August 6th aimed at inspiring our community members to reuse and recycle the clothes in their closet and inspired by our current exhibition *Sewing in Kingston*.

Beyond The 4 Walls provides free resources – including clothing and shoes – to Kingston families, helping the most vulnerable members of our community. With a center for their operations, Beyond The 4 Walls will be well-positioned to continue to meet the needs of Kingston residents through free access to much needed resources and relevant services.

The Reher Center fosters belonging by engaging diverse audiences through culture, community, work, and bread. Together, we preserve and explore our historic bakery site and honor its legacy by amplifying Kingston and Hudson Valley immigrant voices and contributions, past and present. To learn more about our work, visit rehercenter.org.

Sincerely,

Sarah Litvin



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Dear Mayor Noble and Common Council President Shaut,

I am pleased to write in strong support of the Beyond the 4 Walls non-profit, and its fine Executive Director, Greg McCollough. As the Pastor of Clinton Avenue United Methodist Church, I've known Greg for almost four years, and his work and dedication continues to amaze and inspire me.

With limited resources, Greg and his nonprofit set an extraordinarily high standard for compassionate care in Ulster County. Honestly, I've often thought that no one measures up the way Greg does. When the churches are closed, Greg is there. When non-profits are backed up and busy, Greg is there. When social service agencies are underfunded and straining at every level, Greg --- IS ALWAYS THERE FOR FOLKS. Yes, he provides clothing, food, and household goods. He frequently guides people to check into additional local resources. Greg also provides a listening ear – often more important to someone facing hard times than any tangible product.

Greg also sets a high standard for the kinds of values that everyone embraces, regardless of religion or political view. He is kind and compassionate. He goes the extra mile. He expects little in return. His work is justice and mercy personified.

YES! GIVE HIM THAT BUILDING! And then - just watch. You think Greg is accomplishing a lot right now? Just watch what he does with that property. I have no doubt it will be among the finest resources available to folks in Kingston, and just as importantly these days, continue to remind us of humanity at its best.

Sincerely,

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