CITY OF KINGSTON Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission

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Steven T. Noble, Mayor

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Ald. At Large Andrea Shaut, President City of Kingston Common Council City Hall – 420 Broadway Kingston, New York 12401

Re: Referral – Rezoning 7 Properties along Schwenk Drive (T5N to T5MS)

Dear Pres. Shaut:

This is to advise that the Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission (HLPC) reviewed the above referral under City of Kingston Common Council Resolution #95 of 2025, at their meeting of June 5, 2025, and offers the following as a recommendation. It was noted that while the properties identified are not within the current Kingston Stockade Local, State, and National Historic District, they are on the immediate perimeter. While this area is largely developed, it is not clear the extent to which the soil and any potential archaeological contexts were disturbed. Historic (17th -19th-century) land-use behaviors do not preclude the possibility of areas outside the historic district proper from potentially yielding relevant information to the community's past. Future development projects in this area should include some degree of referral before the HLPC and/or archaeological monitoring.

The HLPC voted to recommend rezoning the identified parcels along Schwenk Drive with condition that any proposal be evaluated so that there will not be a negative impact to the adjacent historic properties, specifically the Frog Alley Ruins, and that projects have full archeological evaluations as part of any action.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact this office.

Respectfully submitted,

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