



November 10, 2019

Patrick K. Ryan, Ulster County Executive
Office of Ulster County Executive
County Office Building, 6th Floor
244 Fair Street
Kingston, New York 12401

RE: Kingston Meadows Senior Residence
Hurley Avenue & Washington Avenue
Kingston, New York

Dear County Executive Ryan:

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
Cantor Bob Cohen, Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley, Kingston
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
Rev. Jordan Scruggs, St. James United Methodist Church
Rev. Thomas E. Taylor, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Kingston
Deacon Elke Hekler, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Kingston
Vicar Scott Harvey, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Kingston
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Dominique Wallace-Mills, Catholic Charities, Kingston
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