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Laws & Rules Committee
Kingston Common Council
420 Broadway
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May 17, 2016

Re: SafeShoot Proposal and Code Chapter 223 section223-3

Dear Aldermen:

I have comments I would like to make about the proposal.

Dr. Soyer submitted a letter to Council which stated that the site was 2/10s of a mile from the high school and outside of the school zone. This is not true. Exhibit 1 is a Google earth image with a distance calculation of 689.5 feet for the high school property to 90 Prince Street. This is well within the 1,000 ft. school zone. Exhibit 2 is a walking distance calculation from the high school property to 90 Prince Street which shows that to be 905 ft.

There are hundreds of children on the sidewalks of the school zone during the morning and afternoon of each school day. *I may have to correct this date:* On the first day of school in September, 2012, there was a major melee after school that lasted for more than an hour and spread from Broadway to Prince Street and Hasbrouck Avenue. Imagine a person with a concealed weapon deciding he or she had authority from Sheriff Van Blarcum to draw that weapon and help to restore order. Scores of people with weapons within a high school zone is an invitation to a tragedy – sooner or later.

Common Council has a shared responsibility with the Kingston City School Board to ensure that our children are safe before, during, and after school. This trumps economic development from a shooting range.

At your April 19 meeting the Soyers spoke about a shooting range in Troy, NY. I believe they were talking about American Tactical Systems at 19 Lower Hudson Ave, Green Island, NY 12183. It is actually on the west side of the Hudson River in Albany County. Troy is on the east side of the Hudson River in Rensselaer County.

Exhibit 3 is a Google earth image that shows the facility to be in a largely commercial/industrial zone in the southern end Green Island in a triangle bounded by Interstate 787, the Green Island Bridge, and the Hudson River.

Exhibit 4 is a Google earth image that show the facility to be more than 3,900 feet from the Heatly School campus on the north side of Green Island.

Exhibit 5 is an article from the May 20, 2013, issue of the Troy Record about the approval of the facility. A quote from the article about the mayor: *"McNulty-Ryan pointed out that in February the law was made more strict by making it so a gun range could not be within 140 feet of residential homes."*

Thank you.

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Exhibit 1 Google earth image with distance calculation from high school to 90 Prince St.

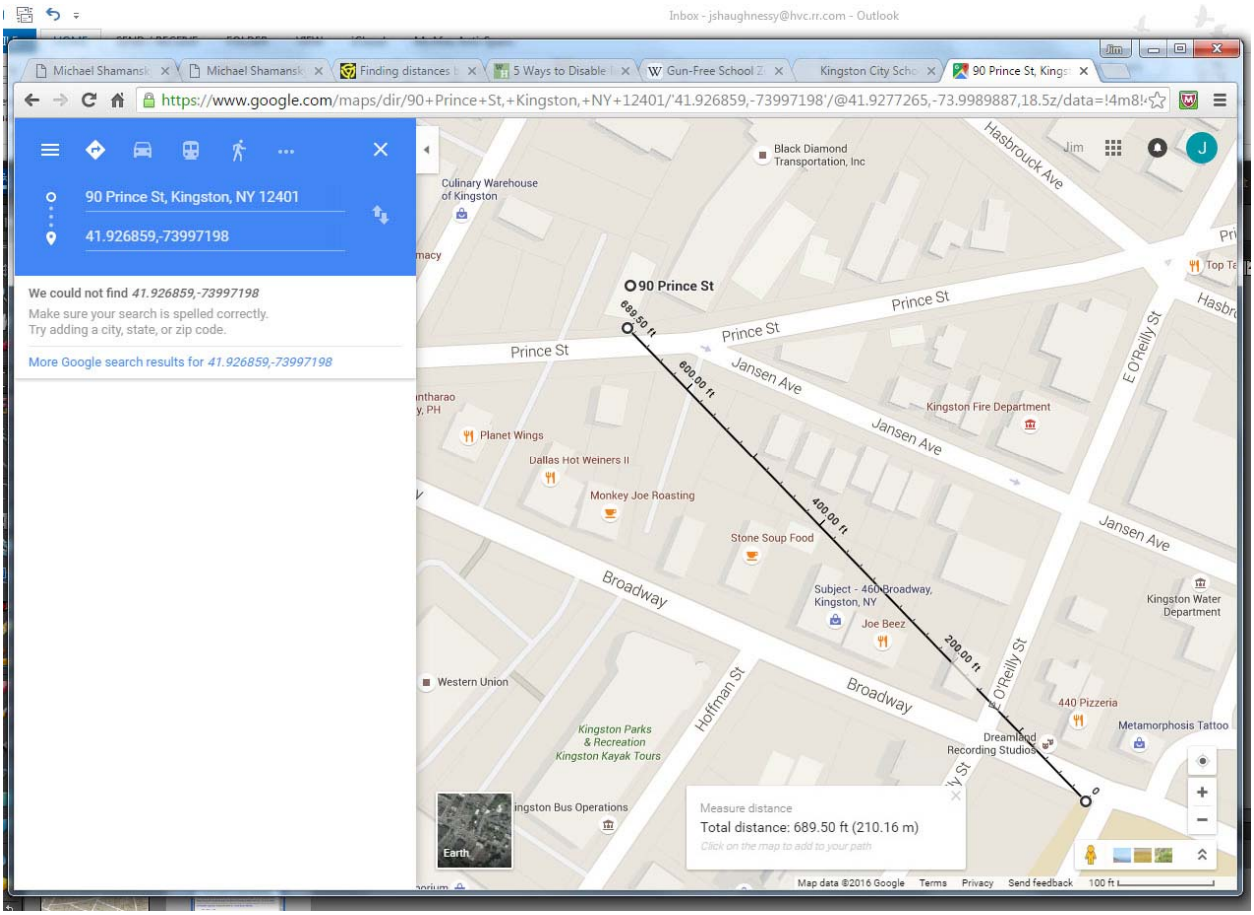

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Exhibit 2 Google earth image with walking distance calculation from high school to 90 Prince St

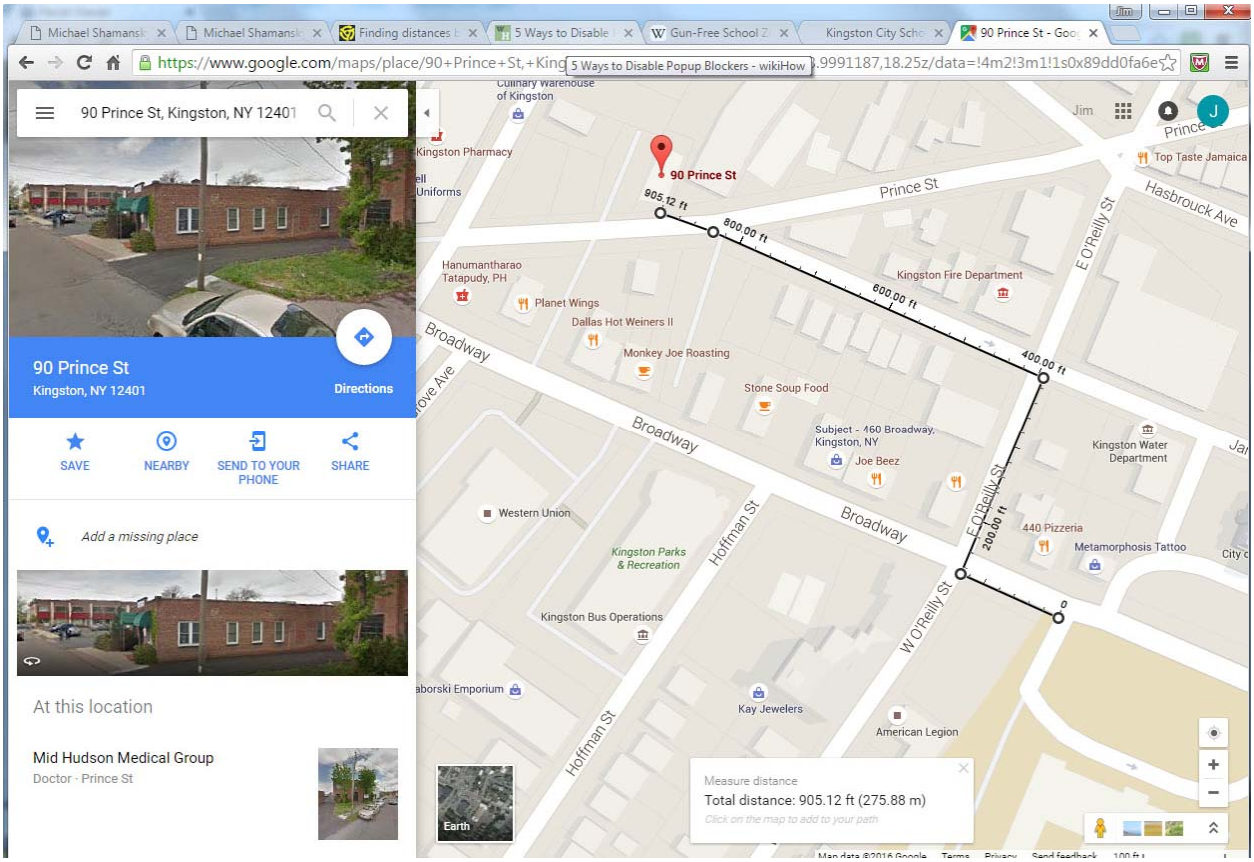

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Exhibit 3 Google earth image locating American Tactical Systems at 19 Lower Hudson Ave, Green Island, NY 12183.

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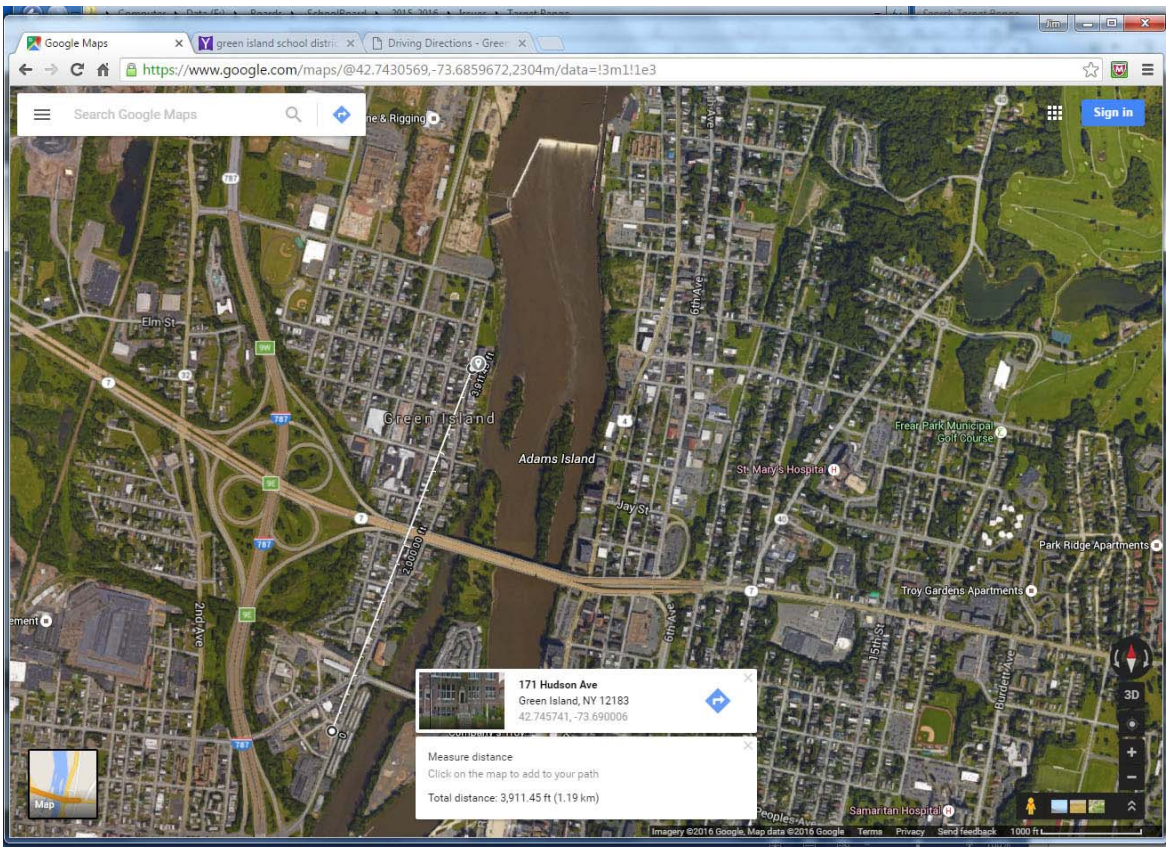
Exhibit 4 Exhibit 3 Google earth image with distance calculation from American Tactical Systems to Heatly School Campus at 171 Hudson Ave, Green Island, NY 12183