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**To:** Starodaj, Bartek

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Acquisition of 3.5 acres at Broadway & Garraghan for

redevelopment

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To: City of Kingston, c/o Housing Initiatives 420 Broadway, Kingston, NY 12401

I am writing to express my support for the proposed city acquisition of the 3.5 acres of properties located at Garraghan and Broadway in Kingston.

It is common knowledge that the heart of the Rondout was ripped out during 'urban renewal' several decades ago, and residents and visitors to the area have dealt with the resulting blight ever since. As a 6-year resident of the Rondout, I often am saddened by the state of the neighborhood and wishful for development that will restore the area to the robust and lively neighborhood it once was. Adding housing and commercial space to the neighborhood is critical to enabling this to happen.

Furthermore, the additional proposal I have seen to narrow 9W to single lane street instead of the multi-lane 'highway' as it travels through the area is something I also believe would have a tremendous positive impact on the neighborhood. I have no concern about that change impacting traffic flow in that area for two reasons. A) the road narrows to single-lane as it passes through Port Ewen; B) traffic considerations should take a second priority to neighborhood integrity.

Thank you for hearing my input.

Best regards,

Tim Rands, Hunter Street, Kingston

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