## CITY OF KINGSTON

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Honorable Andrea Shaut Common Council President 420 Broadway Kingston, NY 12401

Re: Transfer of 21 N. Front St. parcel to KLDC

Dear President Shaut,

As you are aware, the Ulster County Industrial Development Agency has approved the PILOT agreement regarding the Kingstonian. The next step of the process will be for the City to transfer our parcel located at 21 North Front St. (SBL: 48.80-1-26) to the Kingstonian Development Company so that the KLDC can then transfer the property to the Kingstonian Development Corporation.

Specifically, I am requesting that the Council authorize the Mayor to transfer title to the property for the purpose of development pursuant to the terms of the Request for Proposals previously awarded by the City. The authorization would be contingent upon final approval of the site plan by the Planning Board and by an affirmative vote by the KLDC to accept the property.

This transfer would be made pursuant to Section 1411 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York which authorizes a legislative body to determine that a parcel of real property is not required for use by the City and further authorizes the City to transfer the property to the local development corporation in order to lessen the burden on government and in the furtherance of the public interest.

As previously outlined and discussed, it is my position that the parcel at issue is no longer needed for City purposes as it stands today, and that the transfer to the KLDC facilitates the redevelopment project moving forward and, as set forth in the numerous previous public presentations, the transfer and development of the property lessens the burden on government posed by the property and serves the public interest. It is also my belief that this transfer is fully in accordance with the mission and bylaws of the KLDC.

I would request that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee for discussion and action and that the Common Council schedule a public hearing with regard to the proposed transfer. Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding this matter. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven. T. Noble

Mayor