

February 27, 2017

Kingston Planning Department
Kingston Common Council
420 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401

Re: Landmark Place letter of Support

Dear Planning Department and Common Council Members:

I am writing to you in support of RUPCO's Landmark Place proposal for permanent, affordable, accessible senior and supportive housing at 300 Flatbush Avenue, Kingston, NY. Please enter this letter into the formal record for the public hearing on February 28, 2017.

I believe this project will benefit our city and its senior, homeless and special needs residents by providing permanent, stable, affordable housing to those most vulnerable in our community.

As a professional program developer and grant writer for a disabilities advocacy agency, I see a large number of people who receive disability payments as their sole income. Those who receive SSI only are priced out of every housing market in the nation. We see people in need of affordable housing every day, but when they also require accessible housing, the availability becomes more limited and the search more daunting.

As the parent of an adult with developmental disabilities, it's important for our family's peace of mind that he live in a safe, affordable environment. When he is, coupled with the supports and services necessary to stabilize him in his home, everyone wins. People can begin to enjoy their lives and pursue their dreams. Communities are strengthened and more secure.

Landmark Place is an important step in taking care of our most at-risk citizens. I urge you to vote in favor of RUPCO's proposal.

Very truly yours,

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