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September 4th, 2023

Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency Attn: Mr. Patrick Hogan, Chairman 335 Montgomery Street Syracuse, New York 13202

Re: District East Development

SEQRA Review Process and Traffic Study

Dear Chairman Hogan,

Over the past eleven (11) or so months, representatives from the Town of Dewitt have been actively engaged with OHB Redev, LLC related to their plans to redevelop the former Shoppingtown Mall property to create a vibrant, walkable mixed-use project.

As you know, a required first step in these types of proposed projects is an assessment of the environmental impacts of the project through a SEQRA review process. The Town was notified of OCIDA's request to be designated as Lead Agency in the SEQRA review process and agreed to that request. Although the Town is not the Lead Agency, OCIDA recognized the need for Town involvement and, because of that need, requested Town representatives participate in the SEQRA review process through a series of workshop sessions with OCIDA board members, OCIDA's consultant team, OCIDA Legal Counsel, OHB Redev, LLC members and its consultants. In these workshop sessions, documents related to the SEQRA submission and potential impacts were reviewed and commented on by the meeting participants. To date, the Town has participated in all three workshop sessions involving the SEQRA review and potential impacts of the District East Development. These workshop sessions enabled the Town to identify concerns it has related to the proposed development.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Kerry Mannion
Deputy Supervisor

CC: Mr. Jeffrey Davis - OCIDA counsel

Mr. Robert Petrovich - OCIDA Exec Director Town Board Members - Town of Dewitt

Mr. Peter Webber – Town of Dewitt Planning Board Chairman

Ms. Jamie Sutphen - Town of Dewitt Counsel