



UA, Plumbers and Steamfitters Local Union No. 7

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Kenneth Kovalchik, Town Planner
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Dear Mr. Kovalchik,

Local 7 recently reviewed Pyramid's site plans and proposals to develop three currently vacant parcels of land bordering to the western and southern sides of Crossgates. It is truly amazing how Pyramid has coalesced this venue so neatly and sensibly in an area already thriving by adding even more exciting features and accommodations. The proposal excites the imagination in how it adds to the existing services and activities that one would 'not' be without options: entertainment, shopping, dining, living, retail, exercise, adventure, etc.

Local 7's craftspeople install and maintain all types of mechanical piping systems. Pyramid's proposal, if approved, would potentially provide thousands of hours of work for local contractors and construction workers. By way of example, Local 7's workforce worked a total of 12,628 hours, alongside our partnering contractors, on the build of the Crossgates Homewood Suites Hotel on Western Avenue. Local 7's members live in the communities where they work and patronize local businesses, which returns additional tax revenue to the town.

With the countless benefits to the local communities, economy, contractors, and workers that this proposal offers, **we encourage the Planning Board to approve Pyramid's application.**

The United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local Union No. 7 is a trade organization with over eleven hundred members who reside and work in the Capital Region. Local 7 partners with the Mechanical Contractors Association of the Capital District together, providing the area's construction and maintenance needs.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Natalie
Business Agent