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March 15, 2020

Mr. Kenneth Kovalchik
Town Planner
Town of Guilderland
Guilderland Town Hall
P.O. Box 339 Guilderland, NY 12084

RE: Crossgates Rapp Road Project

Dear Mr. Kovalchik:

I have been a Guilderland resident for the past 10 years and I am an active member of the Guilderland community. I am also running a successful salon business in Crossgates Mall since 2011. In my personal opinion, the Town of Guilderland will tremendously benefit from the Rapp Road Residential/ Western Avenue Mixed Use Redevelopment Project.

We need to evolve our community in order to keep up with the needs of modern day lifestyles. The Pyramid Group has always tried to remodel and adapt their properties with the changing retail market. The new Hilton Hotel by Pyramid Group is a wonderful example of this. It has been an amazing addition to the town.

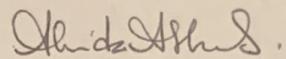
This new project will provide convenient, walkable communities with little maintenance and easily accessible amenities. It's design will add walking and bike trails, thus connecting residents to its surroundings. This will attract senior citizens looking to downsize and also encourage our youth to stay in town.

It will provide new jobs for the unemployed residents and will in return help boost our economy. For the construction purposes, this project will hire local construction companies, dealers and workers. Once its built, it will provide permanent job opportunities for the local residents. The town and school will benefit from higher fundings received from the taxes. The development is close to the bus line, therefore it will increase business for the CDTA. It will directly and indirectly increase revenue for local businesses inside and around the Crossgates Mall.

Overall, its a healthy growth which will significantly benefit both the town and its residents. It will be mutually advantageous for Crossgates Mall and the Guilderland community. I commend the efforts of the Pyramid company for bringing this new project to the area as they

continue to invest in the future of Guilderland. I stand in full support of this project and excited to see it happen.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Abida Abbas", followed by a period.

Abida Abbas
President