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Subject: Hudson Housing Authority's Restore NY Application

Dear Dominic Merante, Vicky Daskaloudi, and the Members of the Hudson Common Council,

I am reaching out to you as a 5th ward resident to urge your support for the Hudson Housing Authority's application for the Restore NY grant.

Having witnessed firsthand the relentless wave of gentrification sweeping through our beloved city, I have seen too many families—some neighbors, friends, and even relatives—being pushed out of their homes. The Hudson Housing Authority's project aims to directly address this, replacing critical housing infrastructure and greatly increasing the number of affordable housing units in Hudson.

The matter before you is simply to allow the grant application to be considered by Restore NY.

It is important to recognize that at this initial stage, the completeness of the project details is not the issue; rather, it is about meeting the criteria set by Restore NY for a Phase 1 project. Allowing this application to proceed is a crucial step towards potentially securing the resources necessary to address the urgent housing needs in Hudson.

The initial vote unfortunately fell short of the required majority due to the absence of Council representatives, including from the 5th ward. As a constituent of this ward, my voice was not represented in this critical decision. I implore you to reconsider your stance and support the submission of this grant application. **This application is an opportunity to foster inclusivity and stability in our community, ensuring that Hudson remains a home to all, not just the economically privileged.**

Your affirmative vote to support this application can pave the way for transformative changes in Hudson. It demonstrates a commitment to preserving the socioeconomic diversity of our community, providing more families the chance to own homes and enrich our community with their contributions.

I kindly request that this letter be recorded as an official communication regarding the Hudson Housing Authority's Restore NY application on the council agenda, and I would appreciate confirmation of receipt.

Thank you for considering this urgent appeal.

Sincerely,
Caitie Hilverman

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