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Dear Poughkeepsie Town Board

Re: Redevlopment Hudson River Psychiatric Center

To begin with Thank You for the opportunity to speak at the public hearing last wednesday 19, August. However I wish to make a few more statements.

Firstly with any redevelopment of the "Psych Center" I cannot stress that enough emphasis needs to be placed on historic preservation environmental concerns and indigenous plant and animal life

Secondly - I am not in favour of the project as proposed. In my opinion "750 apartments" are way way too many. Also. we do NOT need another retail space (especially of that size) on Route 9 Period - Route 9 is a Commercial TRAINWRECK!! -

Thirdly, and perhaps most importantly I do NOT approve of the developer at all - Diversified Realty Advisors LLC of Summit, New Jersey

has taken "River Ride" a supposed "luxury Townhome Community" in Hyde Park and turned it into an abysmal failure of a development. They have failed to realize any sales, and are unresponsive to the needs and concerns of the homeowners who have invested there.

There has been no new construction of homes, and they seem to be incapable of completing one "clubhouse" which they started building almost one year ago.

Are these developers we could trust for such a complex project as the "Psych Center"??

In closing I would like to suggest other alternative ideas rather than housing - (especially rental) we cannot support and retail space which we do not need nor want.

How about a medical facility, a nursing home, assisted living housing, a museum, a cultural center and if we must a restaurant and an Inn with an open community park - Does not Poughkeepsie deserve a little panache and class??

Please note that developers do not care what is right for a community. They just want to make money. Only a community who cares knows what is right for their community.

In closing - The Psych Center is
a very very special place. We only have
one chance to get it right. Once it
is gone it is gone forever - and we
residents will speak of "what used to be"
before the property was ruined -

Please Please Town Board -
Think Think long and hard -

Thank you

~~Karen G. Cosgrove~~
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