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To: Felicia Salvatore <fsalvatore@townofpoughkeepsie-ny.gov>
Subject: Hudson Heritage project comments

I wish to make comments on the proposal being developed for the Hudson Heritage project, on the former Hudson River Psychiatric Center property.

Our family moved to the Poughkeepsie area in 1972, and we have lived in either the City or the Town of Poughkeepsie since then. Our children grew up here and attended public schools; my husband and I have been actively involved in a number of organizations and civic activities over the past 43 years. My husband taught at Vassar; I have worked for a planning firm and for a number of non-profits in the Mid-Hudson Valley. Since retirement several years ago, we have continued to play a part in a variety of local and regional projects.

We hope to continue to live here for the remainder of our lives. One challenge is that Poughkeepsie has had limited residence options available for people who want to continue to call it home, but who wish to "downsize" from the houses and neighborhoods where they have raised their families.

I hope that Hudson Heritage will offer as part of its mix housing units that are physically accessible, well designed, reasonable in cost (neither "bare-bones" nor "luxury"), and accessible to public transportation, for people who want to continue to be active in the community and to call Poughkeepsie home. Not everyone wants to move south, and the community needs the continued involvement of people who have its best interests at heart. Ideally, I would hope that this will be part of a community that is not restricted to older adults.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments.

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