

Marty Rutberg asked me to read the following message from him this evening because he is attending obligations out of state.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Planning Board,

Your consideration of the MacDonnell Heights Town Center project is an important event for the Town of Poughkeepsie and really for all of Dutchess County. The opportunity to approve the project as soon as possible should not be missed.

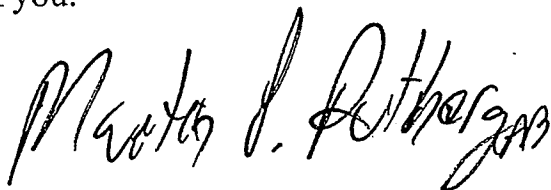
You have before you the combination that every responsible local government waits for in real estate development:

- The project is world class and state of the art
- The developer, Kirchhoff Companies, has a flawless track record not only for design and construction but for community-positive undertakings
- The developer's principal, Joe Kirchhoff, is a lifelong member of our community, not someone from far away looking to build and leave
- The project represents a significant increase in the town's tax base and in the attractiveness of the town, not to mention employment during and after construction

Though I am proud to count Joe Kirchhoff as a friend, I have many friends in real estate development, am not in the habit of advocating for their businesses, and would not advocate for MacDonnell Heights Town Center if I did not believe it was a project that will make the Town of Poughkeepsie proud and become a model for development throughout the county.

I hope you approve the MacDonnell Heights Town Center project without delay.

Thank you.



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