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Mayor Kyriacou
Chris White, City Administrator
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1 Municipal Plaza
Beacon, NY 12508

Dear Mayor Kyriacou, City Administrator Chris White, and members of the City Council,

Last week our board was made aware of the city's potential plans to move forward with rezoning parts of the Fishkill Avenue corridor. We realize that this is a big decision for the community as it has the potential to reshape the character of that part of Beacon.

Beacon's development decisions impact the school district in a number of ways, including enrollment and transportation. In the past, we have found ourselves in conflict with developers over how the number of potential students in new developments is calculated. The formula used for this calculation should be agreed upon with the city/planning board before a developer is involved.

If the Fishkill corridor is rezoned to increase density and will see new residential buildings being added to the area, it is our hope that you will use it as an opportunity to:

- make the area and its adjacent neighborhoods easier and more friendly for students traveling by foot or bicycle to and from school
- address current traffic congestion that our buses and families experience transporting students to and from school

We look forward to collaborating with you on this, please let us know how we can be a part of the conversation.

Thank you so much,

Meredith Heuer

Meredith Heuer, Board President
on behalf of the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District

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