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Urging Governor Cuomo And The Regional Economic Development Council To Provide Funding For The Hudson Landing Development Project

Referred to: The Economic Development and Tourism Committee (Chairman Maloney and Legislators Maio, Roberts, Loughran, and Wishnick)

Chairman of the Economic Development and Tourism Committee, James F. Maloney, and Legislators Provenzano, Donaldson and Loughran offer the following:

WHEREAS, the AVR/Hudson Landing project is an economic development project in the City of Kingston and Town of Ulster, located in the County of Ulster, and,

WHEREAS, the project will consist of 1,650 housing units, 75,000 square feet of commercial space, and a public walkway on a 524 acre parcel known as the Tilcon site, overlooking the Hudson River on land straddling the City of Kingston’s northern border with the Town of Ulster and,

WHEREAS, the developer's proposal for the property which was previously utilized as a cement production facility in the City of Kingston and the Town of Ulster is among the projects that could transform the banks of the Hudson River and,

WHEREAS, the City of Kingston, Town of Ulster, and County of Ulster are collaborating as partners to ensure the success of this regional project, and

WHEREAS, the AVR/Hudson Valley project expands the City of Kingston and Town of Ulster neighborhoods, and showcases to the entire Hudson Valley region that our neighborhoods are diverse and rich in culture, history, recreation, and the arts, and

WHEREAS, this project will highlight the contribution and diversity of the Hudson Valley community to all of New York State, and

WHEREAS, the AVR Realty group plans for installation of a one-mile long promenade stretching from North Street to East Kingston in the Town of Ulster, and

WHEREAS, upon completion of this promenade, the City of Kingston and Town of Ulster will have the longest walkway along the Hudson River shoreline between Albany and Yonkers, and

WHEREAS, the City of Kingston Office of Economic Development is assisting the AVR Group to facilitate the promenade, which will contribute to making the City of Kingston a model city and tourism destination point, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce supports the Hudson Landing project and has also endorsed the promenade plan, and
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WHEREAS, the Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce has stated “We believe the development of the proposed promenade along the Hudson River on the AVR property will have a short-term, stimulating impact on our local economy, creating a ‘Walkway Along the Hudson’ to complement the success of the nearby Walkway Over The Hudson,” and,

WHEREAS, the Abel Street Waterfront promenade and Trolley Line Trail in the City of Kingston will be able to connect to the AVR/Hudson Landing Mile Walkway; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Ulster County Legislature that said Legislature urges Governor Cuomo and the Regional Economic Development Council to move forward and swiftly appropriate funding for this project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature deems that this project is of high priority to the County of Ulster, City of Kingston, Town of Ulster and to the Hudson River Valley community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo; United States Congressman Maurice Hinchey; New York State Senators John J. Bonacic and William J. Larkin, Jr.; New York State Assemblymen Kevin A. Cahill, Clifford W. Crouch, and Peter Lopez; the City of Kingston and the Town of Ulster,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21    NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Donaldson and Harris)

Passed Committee: Economic Development and Tourism on September 5, 2012

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE
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STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:
COUNTY OF ULSTER

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 19th day of September, 2012, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 21st Day of September in the year Two Thousand and Twelve.

[Signature]
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature