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**New York State Certified
M.B.E. Contractor**

Rapp Road / Western Avenue Mix Use
Redevelopment Project

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Attn: Mr. Kenneth Kovalchik

Kenneth,

Being born and raised in the Capital District, Albany, I would like to express not only my appreciation of Crossgates Mall and it's associated retail tenants but my entire local family. The Mall location, verses other local options, is extremely accessible from more than one major roadway. The two additional entrances from major highways, Route 87 and Washington Avenue Extension, have always been very easy to access without major associated traffic creating difficulties in entering the Mall access roads. The Western Avenue entrances we feel are also a very positive means of accessing the Mall from that area, multi- entrances well maintained with ease of entering the Mall Roads.

The mall itself has provided our family with a multitude of many personal and family entertainment options as well as an extremely vast amount of quality shopping opportunities. We have always felt the mall itself has always been properly maintained and pleasant to visit. We have also noticed some of the stores and restaurants that have been there for many years, two examples being Pizzeria Uno and Lord & Taylor.

I am personally a local Business Owner since 1996 in the construction industry. We have had contractual opportunities with Crossgates Mall management with positive results and look forward to future prospects of providing our services. Their management team are always extremely clear and direct with all surrounding conditions regarding each individual project in regards to safety, traffic conditions, and concern for all shoppers and retail tenants in the area of each project.

We are in support of the future Rapp Road / Western Avenue Mixed Use Redevelopment Project, we feel it will bring an additional level of retail opportunity at the same quality level or possibly even better that currently experienced at Crossgates Mall. We also look forward to possible contractual opportunities that will benefit our local company, company employees, and many local vendors that we utilize.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my positive options regarding this project.



Ira Dorsey / Dorsey Construction