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Sustainable Saratoga's Statement Regarding the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)

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Good evening. I am Dianna Goodwin, here on behalf of Sustainable Saratoga in my capacity as co-chair of their Board. Thank you for the opportunity to speak before this evening's workshop.

We have reviewed the three advisory opinions and have been providing feedback throughout the UDO process. We would like to take a moment to draw attention to 4 main issues this evening.

- The City's Planning Board concluded that portions of the UDO are not compatible with the 2015 Comp Plan, and we agree. There are additional incompatible items that we have presented in our comments to the Planning Board and we would like to offer to review those with any of you or your staff in detail at a future time.

- In our submitted comments to the Planning Board we proposed simple, practical solutions for some of the hard issues that the Planning Board referred back to the Council, especially regarding some use definitions in the RR zone. We remain open to exploring these solutions with the city staff or Council members.

- The DRC advisory does not address the rural design guidelines issues for architectural review of all the entranceways to the City and in the building guidelines in the South Broadway/Rt 50 gateway district -- all of which is within their purview. We hope the City Council will take another look at these issues or refer them back to the DRC for their additional input back to the Council.

- As has been requested since the beginning of the UDO process, the City has not produced an understandable list of key changes from the existing zoning ordinance that the UDO is proposing.

Thank you for your time and please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

