2016

# WHY ARE WE EVEN DISCUSSING THIS REZONE REQUEST?

I. REZONE IS A <u>DISCRETIONARY ACT</u>

ENTRUSTED TO YOU AS THE ELECTED BOARD

UNLIKE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARDS

- (1) NOT REQUIRED TO EVEN CONSIDER REZONE REQUEST
- (2) NO STATUTORY DEADLINE TO ACT
- (3) NO STANDARD OF REVIEW
- (4) <u>DISAPPROVED</u> BY ALBANY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
- II. <u>SELECTIVE ACTION TO FAVOR</u> A DEVELOPER

CITY IS MIDST OF <u>DRAFTING NEW ZONING CODE</u> (EXHIBIT)

**ONCE IN A GENERATION; STILL ONGOING** 

LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF BUILDING LOTS IN THE CITY

**BUT, THIS IS SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR HANDFUL OF LOTS** 

THIS REZONE WAS NOT SUGGESTED BY THE CITY PLANNER

IT WAS REQUESTED BY A DEVELOPER (EXHIBIT)

### **BUT NOT JUST ANY PROPERTY OR DEVELOPER:**

- (1) <u>FEDERAL CRIMINAL INDICTMENT</u> INVOLVING THIS PROPERTY AND THE ORIGINAL REZONING APPLICANT
- (2) PROPERTY COULD BE <u>ILL-GOTTEN GAINS</u> OF A CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY
- (3) RESCUING DEVELOPERS FROM AN <u>ILL-ADVISED</u> INVESTMENT
- (3) <u>TIMES-UNION</u> HAS QUESTIONED THIS BOARD'S CONSIDERATION OF THIS REQUEST

GIVEN THIS BACKDROP, IT DEFIES REASON FOR THIS BOARD TO EVEN CONSIDER GRANTING THIS REZONE

### III. BENEFITS ARE ILLUSORY; DETRIMENTS ARE REAL

## TAX BENEFITS OF A REZONE ARE ILLUSORY

APPLICANT IS SEEKING IDA BENEFITS; NO INFORMATION

POSSIBLE PROPERTY, SALES, MORTGAGE TAX RELEIF

ANOTHER SECRET PROCESS

#### DETRIMENTS OF A REZONE ARE REAL

- (1) REZONE IS BEFORE THE NEW ZONING CODE IS ADOPTED
  PREMATURE AT BEST (WHY NOT WAIT UNTIL NEW CODE)
- (2) TAINTED REZONE IS IMPROPER
  - (A) WHETHER 5 STORIES OR 10 STORIES; MAKES NO DIFFERENCE
  - (B) STILL A <u>HIGH-RISE APARTMENT</u> HOVERING OVER SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES
  - (C) ALBANY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD (JULY 26, 2016)
    DISAPPROVED:
    - (i) NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON NEARBY HOMES
    - (ii) INABILITY OF FULLER ROAD TO HANDLE INCREASED TRAFFIC FROM REZONE AND FUTURE SUNY POLY EXPANSION
    - (iii) ADJACENT HISTORIC CEMETERIES ON BOTH SIDES RESTRICT FULLER ROAD
    - (iv) IMPACT OF IMPERVIOUS SURFACES ON GROUNDWATER TABLE
    - (v) STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AT CAPACITY.

THIS REZONE PROPOSAL IS ILL-CONCEIVED AND IRREPARABLY TAINTED BY PRIOR BAD ACTS. IT MUST BE DENIED.