Statement of

[YOUR NAME]

[YOUR ADDRESS]

**City of Troy Planning Commission**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

December 29, 2020

“1011 Second Ave. (101.38-9-10) Planning Commission Recommendation to the City Council for Zone Change. Kevin Vandenburgh is proposing a zone change from R-1 (Single Family Residential Detached, §285-52) to P (Planned Development, §285-57). Pursuant to §285-27 of the City Code a public hearing is required. The applicant is represented by Jamie Easton, P.E. of M.J. Engineering.

Dear Member of the Planning Commission. My name is [NAME], I live at [ADDRESS] and I want to speak today in opposition of the proposed change in zone code. I want to strongly urge the Planning Commission to recommend against the requested zone change.

The negative impacts of a rezoning, and the associated proposed development project, on the property, its unique history and ecology, the surrounding communities and neighborhoods, and the City of Troy overall are far too great.

[Add one paragraph about your personal perspective on why this rezoning should not move forward].

[If possible: add a paragraph about your personal opinion about what negative impacts you see for your neighbors, and possibly the the city overall; for inspiration and some facts, you can refer to FriendsOfTheMahicantuck.org/…]

It is my opinion that a change in zoning code would be an enormous mistake; and the Planning Commission should recommend against it. The unique ecology, history and archeology of this site; it’s location along the hudson; and its ecosystem services all would be particularly strongly affected by a high density zoning — and would ultimately be lost. Over three hours the public commented in opposition to this zoning change and the development on September 10th, 2020. There was not one comment by a member of the public in support of this zone change and the associated development. The losses associated with a rezoning and this development are far too high It is clear: The public is not willing to pay that price — and neither should the city.

Considering the potential negative impacts of the proposed rezoning and associated development, I also strongly urge the Planning Commission and the City Council to make a positive SEQRA (State Environmental QUality Review Act) declaration.

I thank you for your consideration!

[Your Name]