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January 21, 2009

Hon. John M. Bernardo, Supervisor
Town of Union
3111 East Main Street
Endwell, New York 13760

Dear Supervisor Bernardo

On January 13, 2009, by a vote of six in favor and none opposed with one member absent, the Town of Union Planning Board unanimously approved resolutions officially recommending the Town of Union Unified Comprehensive Plan Goals and Objectives and Neighborhood Plans to the Town Board for consideration and adoption.

As you are aware, the development of the Unified Comprehensive Plan was a joint effort of the Town of Union and Villages of Endicott and Johnson City. The process of developing the plan included a substantial citizen participation effort including a scientific survey that incorporated the opinions of more than four hundred residents into the plan as well as a series of five neighborhood meetings designed to allow the public to review and comment on the preliminary draft plan. This extensive citizen participation effort also allowed residents to review and comment on the plan via the Town's web page. The Comprehensive Plan section of the web page has registered more than 1,000 unique visits, further underscoring the notion that town residents demonstrated a genuine interest in following the development of the plan.

The Comprehensive Plan consists of the following components:

Goals and Objectives (Twenty One Chapters)

- Introduction
- Goals & Objectives
- Community Profile
- Housing
- Parks & Recreation
- Infrastructure
- Technology
- Environmental Setting
- Transportation
- Land Use & Zoning
- Government Services
- Community Services
- Regional Issues
- Education
- Culture, Arts, & Entertainment
- Historic Preservation
- Agriculture
- Economic Development
- Emergency Services
- Action Plan
- Reference Resources

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The second major component of the plan is a series of Neighborhood Plans. Each plan provides a narrative describing the neighborhood setting and also includes a demographic profile detailing how each neighborhood compares to other neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Plans also provide information on existing land use and proposed future land uses.

Neighborhood Plans

The following areas that are entirely or partially within the part-town area and are included in this referral:

<u>Neighborhood Number</u>	<u>Neighborhood</u>
1	North Endwell - Union Center
2	West Corners
3	Airport Heights
4	Roundtop (Overlaps with Village of Endicott)
6	West Endicott (Overlaps with Village of Endicott)
7	North Endicott
8	Northside - West Endicott (Overlaps with Village of Endicott)
9	Northside - East Endicott (Overlaps with Village of Endicott)
13	Riverhurst
14	South Endwell
15	Central Endwell
16	North Endwell West
17	North Endwell East
18	Fairmont Park
20	Westover
25	Choconut Center

Technical Background Reports (Eight Sections)

- Introduction
- History
- Natural Features
- Demographics
- Existing Land Use
- Land Use Compatibility
- Housing
- Transportation

Full Environmental Assessment Form

The Unified Comprehensive Plan is subject to the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and therefore includes a detailed Full Environmental Assessment Form prepared by the Town of Union Planning Department.

Summary of Comments

This document provides a summary of all comments received relative to the preliminary draft plan and the final proposed plan.

I am certain that you will recognize the effort that went into the preparation of this plan, especially given that it has been prepared entirely “in-house” by Town and Village staff.

Town of Union Planning Board Letter of Referral

January 21, 2009

Should you have any questions or additional comments relative to the plan, the Planning Board would be pleased to meet with you and the members of the Town Board in order to provide additional information relative to the planning process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan McLain". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "S" and a distinct "L" at the end.

Susan McLain, *Chair*
Town of Union Planning Board