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To the Village of Nyack Board,

I am writing to emphasize how important Riverspace and the Downtown Project are to our county. There is simply no comparable community space in Rockland.

We rented Riverspace in December 2008 for a school fundraiser (an evening of performances by current Broadway stars), after asking many parents in our school where the event should be held and hearing "Riverspace" as the unanimous answer.

This event was a great success, drawing a crowd that brought nearly 600 people from our school community and beyond to Nyack for the evening. Many ate in downtown restaurants and shopped in local stores before attending the event. We are looking forward to this being an annual gathering, and see Riverspace as a key element of the night's success. In fact, we have already booked Riverspace for December 2009.

It is so important to bring back Main Street and revitalize downtown Nyack. Riverspace's plan grows our local economy and makes Nyack a destination for families; teens; young professionals; and art, music, and theater lovers and from all over the Lower Hudson Valley. I urge you to support this initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vicki Larson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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