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### NISKAYUNA TOWN BOARD MEMBERS SUPPORT LORI DRWE SETTLEMENT BY SCHENECTADY COUNTY AND THE DEVELOPERS

Settlement Agreement Signed Today by Schenectady County and Developers

Schenectady County, Richard Paulsen of Paulsen Development Company of Albany, LLC and Susan Cerone of J&E Cerone, Inc. entered into a settlement agreement today regarding the pending court case involving a proposed subdivision of 73 residential homes that are to be located near Lori Drive. The settlement would require Schenectady County to withdraw its pending motion before the Appellate Division for reargument, and for leave to appeal to the Court of Appeals. In return for the County withdrawing from this case, the developers would submit a modified proposal to the Niskayuna Town Planning Board and Zoning Commission stating that once the breakaway gates are installed on the Lori Drive connector they will become a permanent fixture. This compromise means that the connector road would be used as an emergency connector only, and would not be open for regular traffic.

“This agreement is a welcome resolution to the outstanding legal action between Schenectady County and the developers. This settlement addresses the concerns of the Lori Drive residents as well as allowing the developers to begin construction. I am hopeful that the members of the Town Planning Board will recognize the benefits of this plan, and will approve the proposed revision,” said Supervisor Joe Landry.

“Ten years ago, the Lori Drive residents asked me to help them remove a stub street off the official map. Little did I know that when this street was removed off the official map, it would loom again as a connector street. This new agreement pleases me personally because it addresses two of my concerns — safety and accessibility,” stated Councilwoman Liz Orzel Kasper.

“I welcome a plan that can bring agreement between the residents of Lori Drive, the property developers and Schenectady County, which addresses the safety and quality of life issues raised by the residents and the traffic concerns of the County,” stated Councilwoman Diane O'Donnell.

“This appears to be a positive solution for the Paulsen Development Company, Lori Drive residents, Schenectady County and the Town of Niskayuna. The original plan of a road at the end of Lori Drive will be in place with the roadway gated during and after construction. The Town’s comprehensive plan of connectivity and safety issues will be addressed with an approved roadway that will be graded and paved. Residents will be able move between neighborhoods by foot or bike, emergency vehicles will have access through the breakaway gate and Lori Drive residents will not have the added concern that automobile traffic will increase in their neighborhood,” said Town Board Member Maria Freund.

“This settlement between the developer and the county is a win-win for everyone, particularly the residents of Lori Drive, who came together to voice their concerns about having a potential cut-through on their street. Resolving this issue allows the developer to move forward and the residents of Lori Drive to finally breathe easily,” said Town Board member Julie McDonnell.