



Old First Ward Community Center

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Dear Ms. Kostrzewski:

I am writing to express community support for the work of the community development plan proposed by CityView for the Larkin District area surrounding Larkin at Exchange. CityView properties has taken the unusual step of forming a public/private partnership with the Old First Ward Community Association and Neighborhood Housing Services of South Buffalo in order to ensure community input and a balanced perspective on these development plans.

This partnership effort has already borne fruit, with the staff at CityView making neighborhood connections. The clean up effort at Collins Park and the subsequent invitations to residents to visit the Chautauqua Café were an inspired start to community outreach. Old First Ward has been targeting the immediate area for owner-occupied rehab, which is also helping raise awareness for homeowners.

I look forward to meeting with you this summer to discuss our next steps, including employer-assisted home purchase strategies and streetscape improvements. Thank you for allowing us to work with you to improve our city neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Laura Kelly

Laura Kelly, Director

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