HUDSON AREA
CHAMBER
of Commerce & Tourism Bureau

May 7, 2026

Mayor Rich O'Connor and Members of the Common Council, City of Hudson
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Town Chair Doug Rowen and Members of the Town Board, Town of Troy
Town Chair Theresa Johnson and Members of the Town Board, Town of St. Joseph
Village President Stan Wekkin and Members of the Board of Trustees, Village of North Hudson

Dear Hudson Area Leaders:

The Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau is eager to strengthen our collaboration with each of you to foster sustainable growth in our shared community. We believe collaboration on business development, updated zoning policies, affordable housing, and public-private partnerships will create new opportunities for residents and employers alike.

In particular, feedback from members highlighted affordable housing as the top priority for 2026, particularly options suited to young families and the workforce needed to support local businesses. While we recognize that many in the surrounding areas wish to moderate the pace of change, we are convinced that smart, planned growth will deliver long-term benefits: a more robust workforce, stabilized or lower taxes through an expanded tax base, and greater economic opportunities for all.

We look forward to your participation in our "Local Leaders" program in May and hope to explore these ideas further, identifying specific ways the Chamber can support the area's efforts. We welcome any ideas you have and are willing to put all our effort and resources toward finding solutions with you.

Sincerely,

Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau

Jacob Skramstad (Board Chair), Mary Claire Olson Potter (President), Chris Kost (Chair of Community Affairs), and our Board of Directors: Deb Pittman, Peter Goodwin, Maria Machtemes, Val Aune, Amy Hamlin, Pam Klingfus, Bill Krueger, Liz Pizzi, David Ritter, Kevin Urbik, Jennifer Vieth, and Blake Willman