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Mayor Cohn
Rye City Council

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing to urge you to approve the zoning changes requested by the Osborn which you are currently considering.

My wife and I have been at the Osborn about 3½ years. We came here because of the reputation of the Osborn and because our daughter lives in Larchmont (her husband is village justice there).

The Osborn needs the flexibility to conform to the many changes which the Retirement and Elderly Care Business is now undergoing and which will arise in the future. These changes are essential if the Osborn is to survive and thrive but cannot be done under current zoning rules.

We were attracted to the Osborn in part because of its magnificent trees – it is one of my hobbies. The Osborn has recently been designated as an Arboretum. We have over 1000 trees on campus consisting of approximately 115 different species.

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Both the residents and the management of the Osborn are reliable defenders of the physical beauty of the Osborn campus and the City of Rye.

I am now Vice-President of the Residents Association and also a District Leader and member of the Democratic Committee. Many of our residents come from Rye or surrounding towns and/or have family living there.

Thus many residents have always been or have become connected to the local community.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely

George Berlstein