May 7, 2026, via email

To Jered Ottenwess, Northport village manager and Village Council Members

Good morning,

In today's work session you will be considering RFPs for the High and 7th Street properties (along with many other items). I appreciate Jered's thorough agenda summary notes, so community members know what is being considered.

For 7th Street, I welcomed the proposed lowering of density and elimination of an exit on N. Shore. I also appreciated what appeared to be high quality building materials on the renderings which will impact the desirability of the properties for owners and neighbors.

I am concerned about the recommendation for a hybrid model to include both rental and ownership on 7th Street. I understand the desire for some rental, but research supports concerns about rental properties impacting neighborhood stability (through more turnover), property values (due to density and less consistent maintenance), and community character, especially in sensitive areas like lakeshore towns (citations upon request). The property management will play a large role in allaying these issues. Are there ways the Village can prevent these problems that occur more often with rental?

Because I personally value the natural beauty and environmental protection along the lakeshore, I am concerned the density being proposed and residents' turnover will bring increased traffic and noise to alter the quiet enjoyment of this remaining green space along N. Shore. Limiting the density (2-4 would be ideal) and supporting home ownership along the N. Shore of Northport will help preserve community stability, protect property values, maintain environmental quality, and uphold the unique character that makes the area desirable for residents and visitors alike.

Thank you for taking time to read this letter,

Best,

Vickie Slot