

CITY OF PEEKSKILL Department of Planning and Development 840 Main Street Peekskill, New York 10566 914-734-4210

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Re: John Lynch, AICP - Reference and Recommendation

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Peekskill Department of Planning and Development is a Staff agency of the City with the responsibility of providing advice to the City Manager, Mayor and Common Council, and Planning Commission on current and long-term land use, development and historic preservation issues. The Department often relies on the advice and expertise of consultants; John Lynch has worked for the City of Peekskill as a Consulting Planner since 2002. Mr. Lynch became a highly trusted and regarded member of my staff.

I have personally known and worked with Mr. Lynch for over nine years as both a co-worker and for the last several years as his direct supervisor/employer. Mr. Lynch worked on a number of major project reviews for the City; most recently the Environmental Review and Public Hearing for the construction of an estimated \$15 million Central Fire Station.

Mr. Lynch is very creative, and his work products are very professional and accurate. He excels at public presentations, and considers all comments and welcomes input on his plans. He has diligently completed assignments in a timely and economical manner. His interests and abilities extend into areas outside of his core expertise, and his common-sense and pragmatic approach has allowed for the completion of many assignments and projects with time and money to spare. The City of Peekskill would not hesitate to hire him again.

I would highly recommend John Lynch, AICP and believe that he would be a great asset to any organization. Please feel free to contact me directly at 914.734.4212 if you have questions or would like more specific information.

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