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MAYORAL CANDIDATE RICH DAVID EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER CLOSING OF GIANT MARKET STORE ON MAIN STREET

-DAVID EXPRESSES OFFER TO WORK WITH RYAN ADMINISTRATION TO FORM BI-PARTISAN COALITION TO WORK WITH WEIS MARKETS TO KEEP STORE OPEN-

(CITY OF BINGHAMTON, NY) City of Binghamton Mayoral candidate Rich David today expressed concern over the closing of the Giant Market at 56 Main Street.

“The Giant Market at fifty-six Main Street provides an invaluable resource to a very targeted demographic: students, the elderly and impoverished,” stressed David. “In addition, many shoppers who frequent that location do not own a vehicle and walk to and from the store to surrounding neighborhoods. The loss of a Giant Market at that location, compounded by the loss on the Giant on Court Street where the new Broome County Library is located, leaves a massive void for many shoppers in Binghamton’s urban core.”

According to 2000 census tract information, (see attached maps) as much 26% of families in neighborhoods that surround that store fall under the poverty line. In addition, the senior population rate in some blocks surrounding the store is more than 20%.

“The loss of the store in the center of the City is of great concern,” continued David. “I am interested in working with the Ryan Administration to form a bi-partisan group of residents and business owners to work with Weiss Markets in an effort to keep the store open. The store is an anchor in that neighborhood and provides service to a very specialized demographic, and we should not let it close without making every effort possible to work with the new owners to continue its operation.”