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On behalf of the Board of Directors for the New York/New Jersey Council of Shopping Centers, I would like wish all of you the best as we travel through another year of continuing change for the shopping center industry. There is no doubt that 2009 was a challenging year. The NY/NJ Council of Shopping Centers (NYNJSC), now in its 30th year of operation, has been there to offer networking and educational opportunities for members throughout the metropolitan area. Our on-site meetings provide a unique industry perspective that prepares attendees to face the future. Coming together on a local level for minimal cost gives attendees reinforcement that we, as an industry, are in these challenging times together and we will get through them together! That is why your membership in the NYNJSC is more important than ever.

Our diverse membership offers perspective. Our meetings allow veteran shopping center professionals, who have been through difficult periods before, share their perspective. And, in the spirit of the International Council of Shopping Centers, the NYNJSC encourages the sharing of best practices for the benefit of all, on an even more localized level. Members are encouraged to share stories from the field and provide insight into problem solving to react to changing times.

I would like to thank the hosts of last year's tour events: Dan Pisark and his team from the 34th Street Partnership in New York City, Anselm Fusco and their team from the Madison Marquette Asbury Park Redevelopment in New Jersey and Bassam Mhich and his team from Vornado Realty Trust's Bergen Town Center in Paramus. We recognize the time and effort required to host an event and truly appreciate their hard work in making each of these events a success. Our year-end meeting and holiday dinner was held at the beautiful Venetian in Garfield, New Jersey and was one of our best attended. Special thanks go to the Board of Directors, and Brenda Tietjen, our program coordinator, for arranging such a fun evening.

Our website is always available to provide information and to answer questions. Just go to www.nynjcsc.com. We encourage you to view photos of our many events over the years and to check the website often for meeting updates, job opportunities and new postings. **Please note that all notices and meeting announcements will be sent via email only. If your email address has changed, please be sure to notify us via email of your new address.**

I would like to thank you all for your support and participation in making 2009 one of our most successful years and I look forward to seeing you at our meetings throughout 2010. We are currently in the planning stages for our 2010 events and are researching several exciting locations. Please contact any member of the board if you have suggestions or a location that you think would be of interest to our council. As always, I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events and to the continued growth of our organization.

Best regards,
NY/NJ COUNCIL OF SHOPPING CENTERS

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth A. Napoli".

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