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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PINES COMMUNITY

I am writing you today to let you know that after 41 years in business, Danikki, Inc. has decided to sell 36 Fire Island Blvd. to Robert Tortora and his company, 36 Fire Island Blvd., LLC.

This decision was not made in haste and is, in many ways, bittersweet. The LaFountaine Family has owned this beautiful piece of Fire Island Pines since March 13, 1958 and we have prospered through the hard work of my grandparents, my father's incredible vision for "what could be", my mother and sister's unwavering support, rebuilds, hurricanes, the AIDS Epidemic, more hurricanes, a catastrophic fire, and a global pandemic. My roots in the Pines are very deep, but everything has its season, and the season of commercial ownership for my family in our community has come to an end. That being said, I will continue to manage Kikico Properties, our remaining residential houses and contribute to the Pines in the best way I can.

Although the landlord at 36 Fire Island Blvd may change, the fundamental businesses that make up the building will not. There is no ownership transfer for any of the tenants and the day-to-day operations of these enterprises will continue unchanged.

I want to extend a personal "*Thank You*" for all the love and support the Pines community has shown my family throughout the years, especially during our rebuild in 2012 after the fire. I wish Mr. Tortora all the best in his new venture. To Doug Teague, Vinnie Petrarca, Ken and Jean Lesser, Ryan Espinoza and especially PJ McAteer, thank you for creating a commercial space I am so very proud of. It isn't the structure that makes 36 FIB what it is, it is the people inside the structure that create the magic. I wish you all many years of success.

All best wishes,

Nicole LaFountaine

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