

A RESPECTFUL REQUEST FOR RESOLUTION

Submitted by the Yurjević Katarin Family
to the Municipality of Lumbarda

| *"Submitted by the Yurjevic Family, descendants of Ivan and Mark Yurjević in the hope of
bringing a longstanding matter to a fair and honourable conclusion — July 2026"*

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resolution for the future"*

July 2026

2. Statement of Intent

This submission has been prepared with respect for the Municipality of Lumbarda and the people of the village.

Its purpose is to provide a factual summary of a longstanding matter concerning the Yurjević family and to assist both the family and the Municipality in preparing for a possible meeting during the first week of September 2026.

This submission is not intended to revisit the past, but to respectfully seek a fair resolution for the future.

The family recognises that the events described span many years and that not all historical records may presently be available. Accordingly, this document distinguishes between matters supported by documentation, matters based upon longstanding family recollection, and matters for which further documentation is still being sought.

The family respectfully invites the Municipality to review both this information and its own historical records before the proposed meeting.

3. Executive Summary

A Respectful Request for Resolution

The Yurjevic family respectfully submits this summary to the Municipality of Lumbarda in advance of a planned visit to the village in early September 2026.

We seek a fair and honourable resolution to a longstanding matter concerning land historically associated with our family and previous discussions with the Municipality.

The Yurjevic family connection with Lumbarda spans several generations. Although members of our family have lived in New Zealand for many years, Lumbarda has always remained an important part of our family's identity and heritage. John Yurjevic has pursued this matter over many years, and his wife, Franica Yurjevic (née Kršinić), was born in Lumbarda before emigrating to New Zealand as a young girl. Their daughter, Louise Yurjevic, together with her husband, Marin Matulović, whose family also originates from Korčula, will be travelling to Lumbarda specifically to meet with the Municipality.

Based on the documentation currently available to the family, together with longstanding family records and recollections, members of the Yurjevic family originally owned a number of land parcels in Lumbarda. The family's understanding is that land was subsequently gifted for the benefit of the community and that discussions later took place with the Municipality regarding appropriate recognition of that contribution. During those discussions, the family understands that the possibility of providing an appropriate residential section was considered and that potential sites were identified. Despite those discussions, the matter has remained unresolved.

Over many years, members of the family have travelled from New Zealand to Croatia on numerous occasions in the hope of bringing this matter to a respectful conclusion. Those efforts have involved considerable personal commitment, time and expense. Throughout this period, the family has consistently sought dialogue rather than dispute and has remained committed to resolving the matter amicably.

The family appreciates that the current Mayor and members of the Municipal Council may not have been involved in the earlier discussions described in this submission. It is for that reason that this summary has been prepared to provide background information, to assist the Municipality in reviewing relevant historical records, and to support a constructive meeting in September.

Our respectful request is that the Municipality review both the enclosed information and its own records prior to our meeting, and that we work together in good faith towards a fair and honourable resolution that reflects both the family's longstanding contribution to Lumbarda and the Municipality's commitment to treating historical matters with fairness and respect.

The Yurjevic family sincerely hopes that this submission marks the beginning of a positive and cooperative process through which this longstanding matter can finally be concluded.

“Respectfully submitted in the hope that a longstanding matter may now be resolved through mutual understanding, goodwill and a shared respect for the history of Lumbarda.”

After many years of respectful engagement and numerous visits to Lumbarda in pursuit of a resolution, the family believes that the time has come to work together towards bringing this matter to a fair and lasting conclusion.

What We Are Asking of the Municipality

- **To meet with the Mayor and appropriate Council representatives.**
- **Provide copy of the Complete deed of gift**
- **Provide documents of Current parcel ownership and transfer history**
- **Copy of Full 2012 Council meeting file and resolution**
- **Evidence of the actual use of the donated land**
- **Provide Complete municipal negotiation files from 1997–2026**
- **To work with the family towards a fair resolution consistent with previous discussions.**
- **To maintain open communication following the meeting until the matter is concluded**

Why We Have Written

The Yurjevic family has reflected carefully on how best to approach this matter. Rather than revisiting history, we have chosen to present a factual summary supported by the documents presently available to us.

We recognise that many years have passed, that those originally involved may no longer hold office, and that the current Municipality has inherited a matter that has remained unresolved over several decades.

We therefore write in a spirit of respect and goodwill, with the hope that, by reviewing the historical information together, we may finally bring this matter to a fair and honourable conclusion.

Our family believes that resolving this matter would not only honour the understandings reached in the past but would also reflect the values of fairness, integrity and community that have long characterised the people of Lumbarda.

4. Our Connection with Lumbarda

The Yurjevic family's connection with Lumbarda extends across several generations.

Our grandfather Ivan Yurjević (Katarin) was born on 23 April 1909 and left Lumbarda for New Zealand on 14 February 1924 with his brother Mark Yurjević.

Although members of the families have lived in New Zealand for many years, Lumbarda has always remained an important part of the family's identity and heritage.

Ivan and Mark's sister, Jaka, married Kriletic on 3 September 1933.

John Yurjevic and Mark Yurjevic (son of Ivan's brother Mark) have continued discussions concerning this matter over many years. John's wife Franica Yurjevic (née Kršinić) was born in Lumbarda. She emigrated to New Zealand in 1951 with her mother Mara, and brother Snigo Kršinić.

Today, Louise Yurjevic and her husband, Marin Matulović, whose family also originates from Korčula, continue that connection and will travel to Lumbarda in September 2026 in the hope of bringing this matter to a respectful conclusion.

5. Historical Background

The documents presently available to the family indicate that members of the Yurjevic family originally owned a number of land parcels within Lumbarda.

The family's understanding is that Ivan and Mark's share of Katarin land was subsequently gifted for the benefit of the community for educational purposes. The family continues to seek documentation relating to the original gift and would welcome any records historically held by the Municipality that may assist in clarifying this history.

For almost thirty years, successive generations of our family have sought to work collaboratively with the Municipality. On several occasions the Municipality itself indicated that returning land, or otherwise resolving the matter, was possible. Over time, our family has progressively reduced its requests in the hope of reaching a fair and respectful outcome. Unfortunately, despite these efforts, the matter has never been concluded.

The family's understanding is that these discussions included consideration of providing an appropriate residential building section to the family and that potential sites were identified.

Despite these discussions, the matter has not yet been resolved.

The family appreciates that the current Mayor and members of the Municipal Council may not have been involved in those earlier discussions. It is for this reason that this summary has been prepared to provide background information and to assist in locating any historical records that remain within the Municipality.

6. Chronology of Events (1997 - 2026)

Year	Event	Evidence
1977	Donation of approximately 20,000 m ² to the community	Deed of Gift
1993	NZ lawyer requests land transferred back to family	Letter dated 20.12.93
1997	Meeting with municipal officials	Meeting notes/letters
1998	Municipality agrees there is "no problem returning part of the land"	Mayor's letter dated 5.3.98
2000	Family proposes return of all land, retaining one house site and gifting remaining proceeds to Lumbarda	Letter of 20.4.00
2004	Family reduces request to one building site if return of original land not possible	Letter dated 13.7.04
2011	Family requests parcels of land after meeting with officials	Letter dated 12.7.11
2025–2026	Council identifies possible section before proposal stalls following objections	Recent correspondence
2026	Family seeks respectful resolution with current Council	Current proposal

7. The Family's Approach

Throughout this matter, the Yurjevic family has consistently sought dialogue rather than dispute.

Members of the family have travelled from New Zealand to Croatia on numerous occasions over many years in an effort to resolve this matter through respectful discussion.

These journeys have involved considerable personal commitment and expense. The family has never sought reimbursement for those costs.

Instead, the family's objective has remained consistent: to see this longstanding matter concluded fairly, respectfully and in accordance with the understandings reached during previous discussions.

8. Purpose of Our Visit

Louise and Marin Matulovic will be travelling from New Zealand to Lumbarda in early September 2026 specifically to discuss this matter.

The family respectfully requests the opportunity to meet with the Mayor and appropriate representatives of the Municipality.

It is hoped that, before the meeting, the Municipality will have had an opportunity to review its historical information and records held on file, so the discussion may be as constructive and informed as possible.

9. Looking Forward

The Yurjevic family sincerely hopes this longstanding matter can now be resolved in a way that honours both the Municipality of Lumbarda and the family's enduring connection with the village.

The family has always regarded this matter as being about more than land. It concerns a longstanding relationship between one of Lumbarda's historic families and the community to which it has remained connected for generations.

Should a mutually acceptable resolution be reached, the family would welcome the opportunity to acknowledge that outcome together in a positive and respectful manner.

The family appreciates the time taken by the Municipality to consider this submission and looks forward to meeting in September.

10. Appendices

Appendix A – Schedule of Original Yurjevic Land Holdings (*adapted from cadastral records*).

Appendix B – Response from the Lumbarda Township Council following its meeting of 12 April 2012.

Appendix C – Plans identifying parcels considered during previous discussions concerning a possible residential section.

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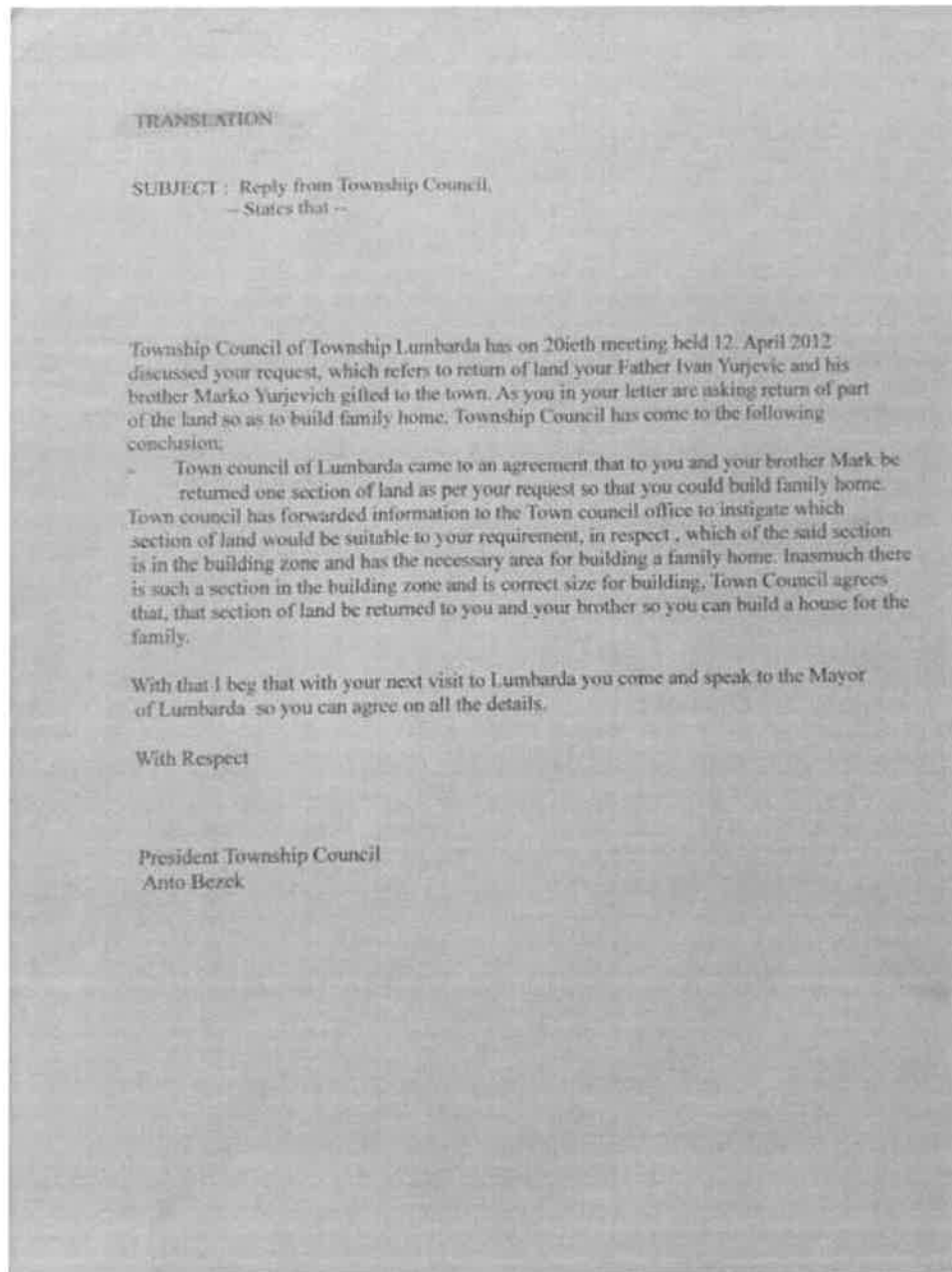
Appendix A

Schedule of Original Yurjević Land Holdings (adapted from cadastral records)

Below is Section II in two typewritten pages obviously from the Općina (except for the English translations inserted by Mark Yurjevich). Section III is the same sort of information and headed PUTEVI NA PODRUČJU OPĆINE LUMBARDA.						
II / IMOVINA OD OBITELJI JURJEVIĆ - KATARIN						
Katastarski broj	naziv nekretnine	kultura	površina u metrima ²	broj u kat. plana		
Cadastral Number of Property	Location of Property		Area in square metres	Number of Plan	Nature of Property [Area breakdowns are from the handwritten list]	Ownership as at Jan 2013 [Printout Ref.]
1141	Jurtina	oranica	1,544	8	Arable land	Republika Hrvatska [A]
2142	Jurtina	pašnjak	2,284	8	Grassland	Republika Hrvatska [A]
3159/1	Jurtina	pašnjak	270	8	Grassland	Republika Hrvatska [A]
4159/2	Jurtina	pašnjak	270	8	Grassland	Republika Hrvatska [A]
5250	Jurtina	oranica	482	7	Arable land	Općina Lumbarda [C]
6250	Jurtina	pašnjak	482	7	Grassland	Općina Lumbarda [C]
7259/3	Stročina	pašnjak	1,553	7	Grassland	Republika Hrvatska [B]
8323	Jurtina	oranica	388	7	Arable land	Republika Hrvatska [B]
9548	Bus	vinograd	176	7	Vineyard	Republika Hrvatska [A]
10582	Lučica	vinograd	874	7	Vineyard	Općina Lumbarda [E]
11714/23	Defora	pašnjak	205	7	Grassland	Republika Hrvatska [G]
121364/3	Vela Glavica	oranica	198	4	Arable land	Općina Lumbarda [I]
131364/4	Vela Glavica	oranica i šuma	357	4	Arable land	Općina Lumbarda [I]
141364/4	Vela Glavica	šuma	180	4	Scrub	Općina Lumbarda [I]
151364/7	Vela Glavica	oranica	108	4	Arable land	Općina Lumbarda [J]
161380/1	Vela Glavica	oranica	300	4	Arable land	Općina Lumbarda [K]
171380/1	Vela Glavica	voćnjak	536	4	Orchard	Općina Lumbarda [K]
181431	Čenčert	oranica	234	4	Arable land	Općina Lumbarda [I]
191432/1	Čenčert	oranica	850	4	Arable land	Mjesna Zajednica [D]
201432/1	Čenčert	vinograd	835	4	Vineyard	Mjesna Zajednica [D]
211435/1	Čenčert	oranica	353	4	Arable land	Mjesna Zajednica [H]
221813/22	Koludrt	put	38	4	Road	Mjesna Zajednica [-]
231822	Koludrt	voćnjak	240	3	Orchard	Općina Lumbarda [I]
241822	Koludrt	pašnjak	210	3	Grassland	Općina Lumbarda [I]
251826/2	Koludrt	voćnjak	79	3	Orchard	Općina Lumbarda [I]
261826/2	Koludrt	voćnjak	79	3	Grassland	Općina Lumbarda [I]
271895/4	Koludrt	pašnjak	410	3	Grassland	Općina Lumbarda [J]
282811	Gornje Blato	voćnjak i pašnjak	2,295	2	Orchard and grassland	Republika Hrvatska [L]
293754/5	Plitvine	pašnjak	260	3	Grassland	Mjesna Zajednica [M]
3054/2 ZGR	Vela Glavica	kuhinja	36	4	Kitchen	Općina Lumbarda [I]
3158/1 ZGR	Vela Glavica	kuća	47	4	House	Općina Lumbarda [I]
3258 ZGR	Vela Glavica	zgrada	104	4	Lean-to	Općina Lumbarda [J]
33502 ZGR	Vela Glavica	konoba	212	4	Cellar	Dubrovačka Banka [I]
			16,599			
The above shows 2295m ² for property 2811, but the handwritten list has this breakdown amounting to only 1895m ² :						
2811	Gornje Blato	voćnjak	900	2	Orchard	
2811	Gornje Blato	pašnjak	995	2	Grassland	
Additional Property on Handwritten List from Općina but that is not included in typewritten list from Općina						
34254/1	Jurtina	pašnjak	505		Grassland	Marko & Ivan 134/432nds [N]
35583/1	Lučica	pašnjak	468		Grassland	Marko & Ivan 2/3rds, Frano [J]
36589/2	Lučica	nepločno	1,061		Non-productive land	Rep. Hrv. 176sqm [C]
371222	God Ber....	oranica	220		Arable land	no 1222 found
381222	God Ber....	vinograd	488		Vineyard	no 1222 found
391222	God Ber....	pašnjak	80		Grassland	no 1222 found
401433/1	Vela Glavica	oranica	432		Arable land	Općina Lumbarda [F]
41158	Jurtina	šuma	209		Scrub	Markovina [P]
4255/2 ZGR	Vela Glavica	kuća	40		House	Not Katarin's according to [Q]
			3,503			
Additional Property Found during Title Searches in Jan 2013						
431876/1	Koludrt		814			Marko & Ivan 2/18ths [Q]
443069	Gornje Blato		1,014			Marko & Ivan 98/108ths, Frano [I]
Notes:						
Jurtina is up the hill from Pržina (the lovely beach)				Items 30-33 are Baba's house and associated buildings		
Lučica is near Pržina (by a wall?)				The konoba belongs to a bank that Djani must have a mortgage with.		
Čenčert is below Baba's house on the water's edge				Belongs to Općina Lumbarda (4,956m ² in total)		
Koludrt is by the shrine with olives and almonds						

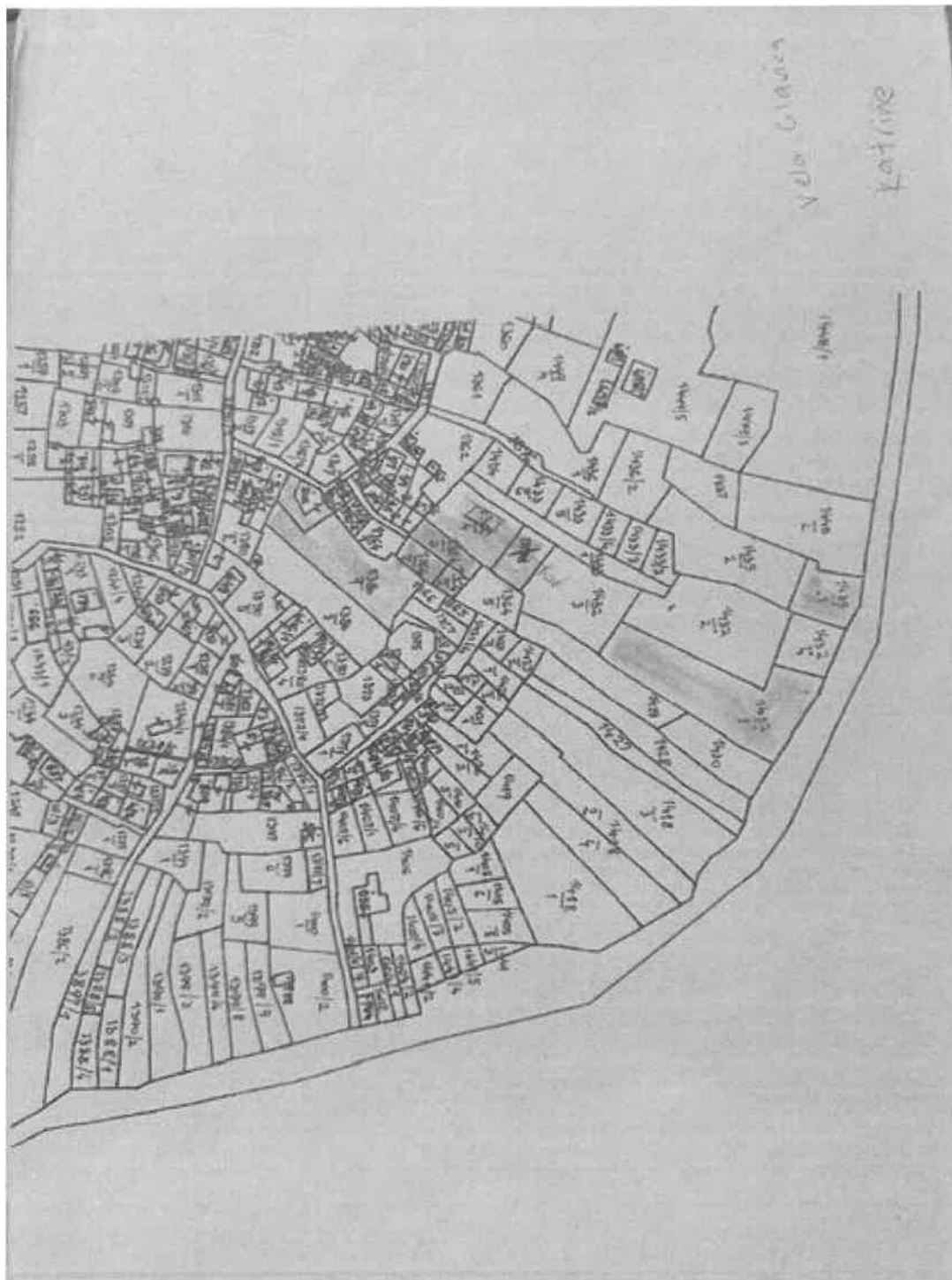
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Lumbarda Township Council following its meeting of 12/04/12 offering a section



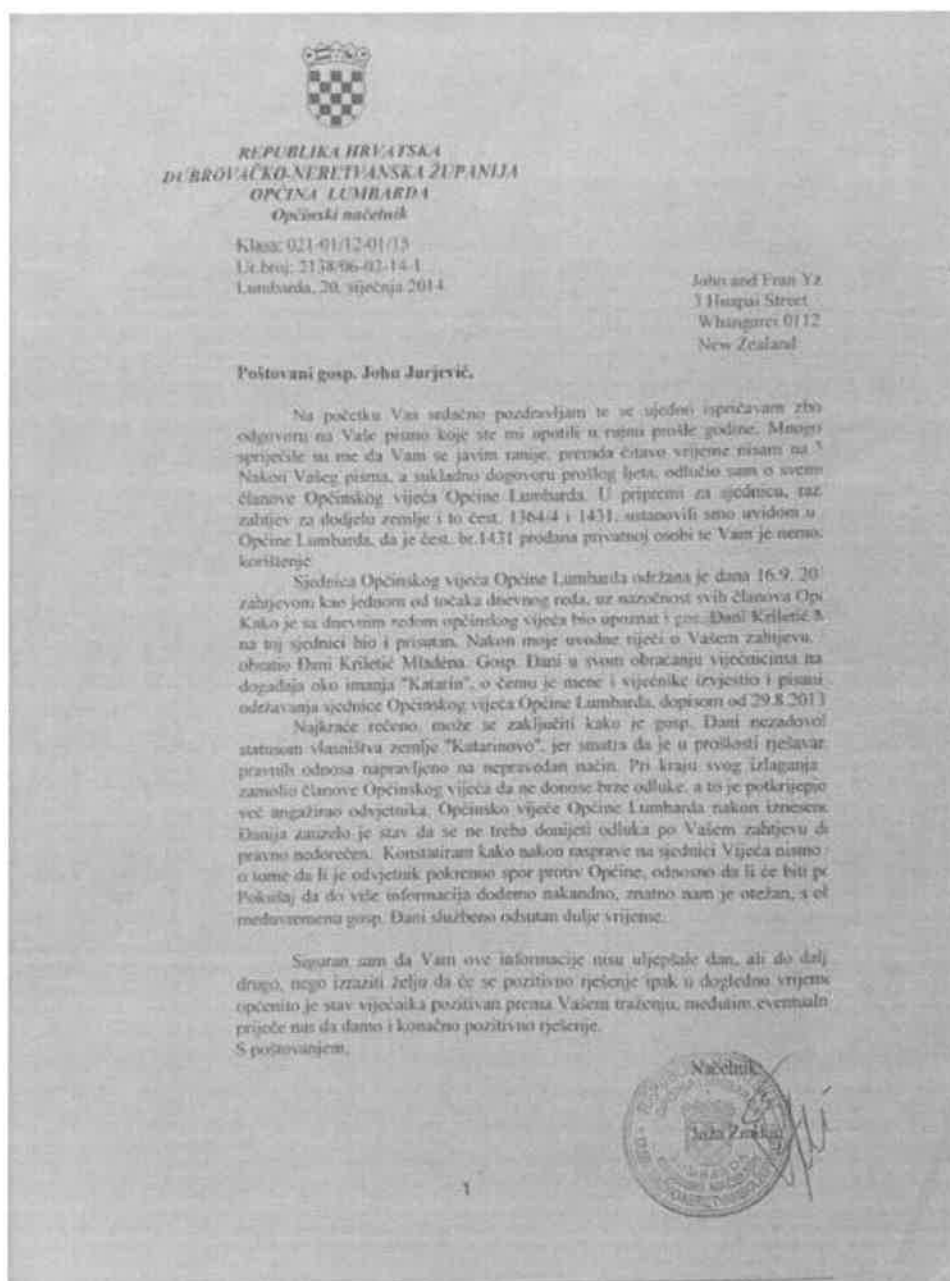
Appendix C

Plans identifying parcels considered during previous discussions concerning a possible residential section



Appendix D

Correspondence received from the Council following the meeting – original (Croatian) 20.1.14



Appendix E

Correspondence received from the Council following the meeting – English translation

20. 1. 2014 Lumbarda

Respectful Mr Y

At first I heartily greet you and at the same time explain lateness in replying to your letter sent September last year, number of obligations delayed me to get in touch earlier, meantime I haven't forgotten you.

Since your letter, and our meeting last summer I decided to advise all the members of the board about everything. In preparation for the meeting viewing your request for sections 1364/4 and 1431, we found in property book Opcina Lumbarda, that section 1431 is sold to private person so we can not pass it on for your benefit.

Meeting of the board Opcina Lumbarda, was held 16. 9. 2013 with your request being the top topic in presence of all the members of the Council. As per normal order of the Council, Dani Kriletic was informed and was also present at the meeting. After my introduction of your request, Dani had his turn to explain to councillors by tracing the events of Katarin properties, of which he also put in writing to me and all councillors before the actual meeting dated 29. 8. 2013.

Briefly we can conclude how Mr Dani Kriletic is unsatisfied with present status of ownership of Katarin land, as he considers that in the past finalizing property-laws were unjustly executed. At the end of his presentation Dani begged members of the Council not to come to a quick decision and with that he stated that he has appointed a lawyer. The Council after Dani's explanation have settled not to make a decision to your request till the problem is properly reached. In contrast after negotiations at the meeting we did not find out if the lawyer has moved controversy against Opcina or if has started and when. Trying to find more information, there is more delay as Dani is officially absent for longer time.

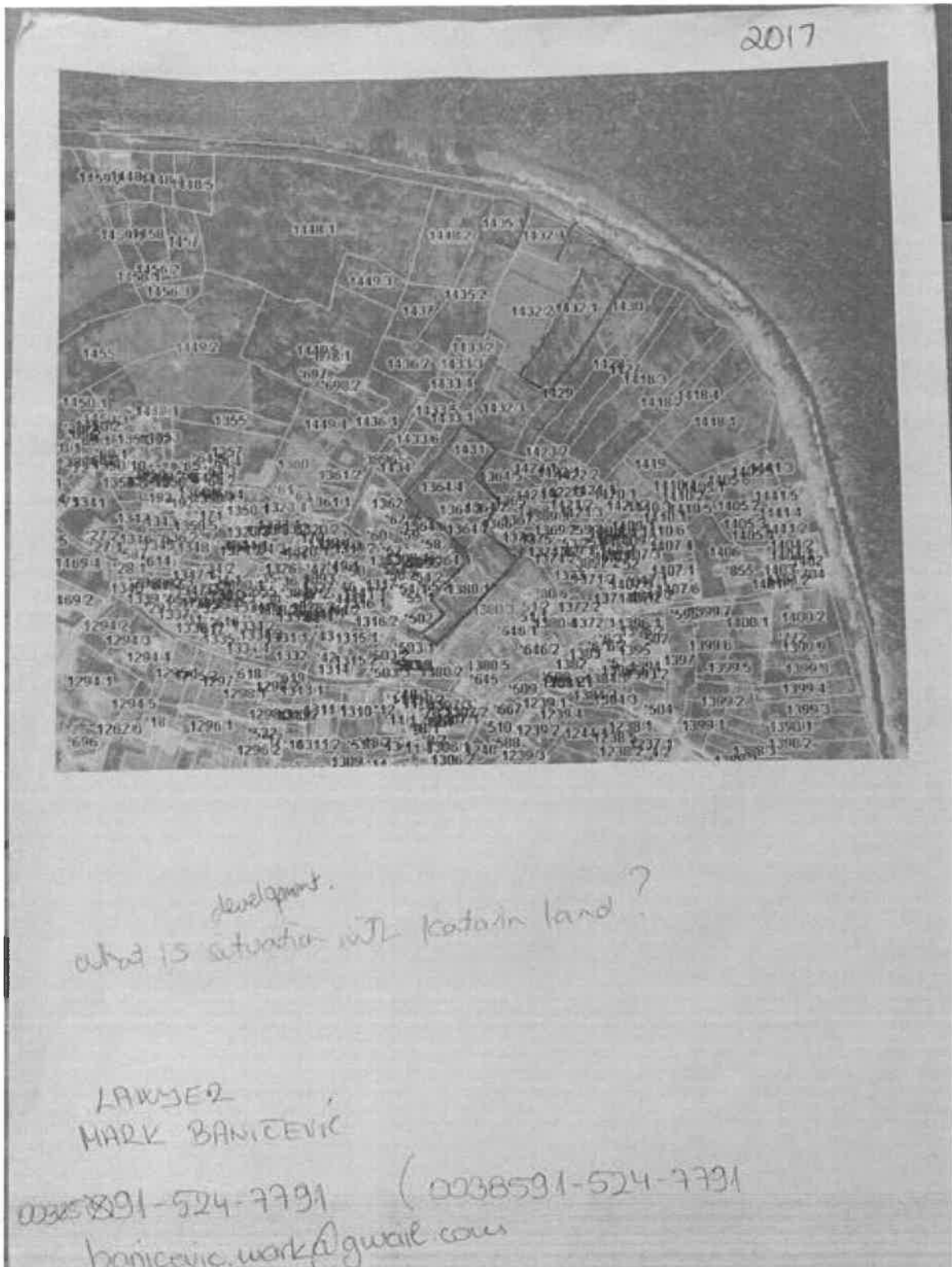
I am certain that this information didn't make your day, but until later I can't do anything else except to express a wish that a positive solution will be found in the near future. Namely, in general the lawyer is positively against your wishes, meantime legal action prevents us from giving a final positive solution.

With Respect

Joza Zmikić

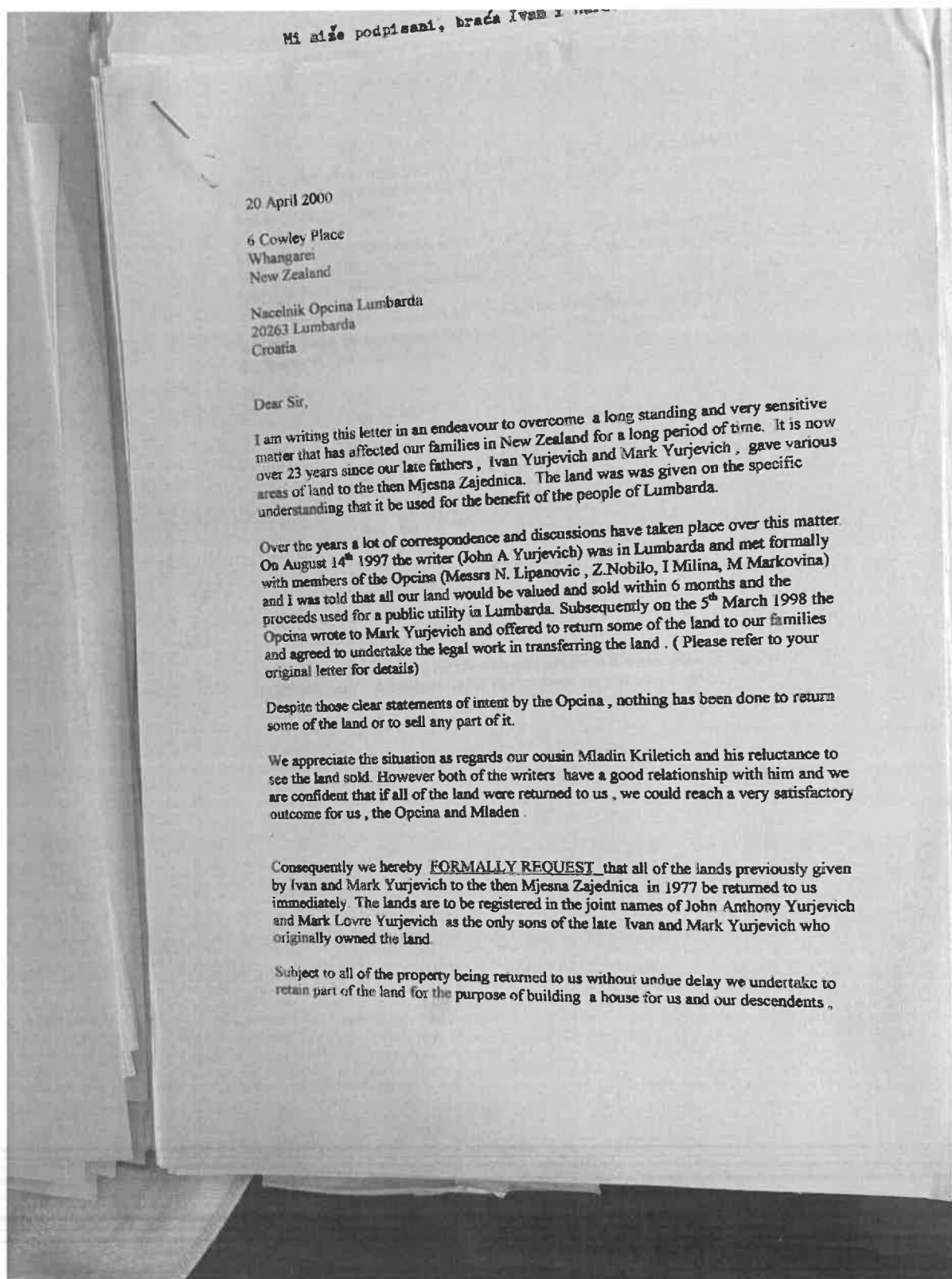
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Aerial cadastral plan of the relevant land parcels



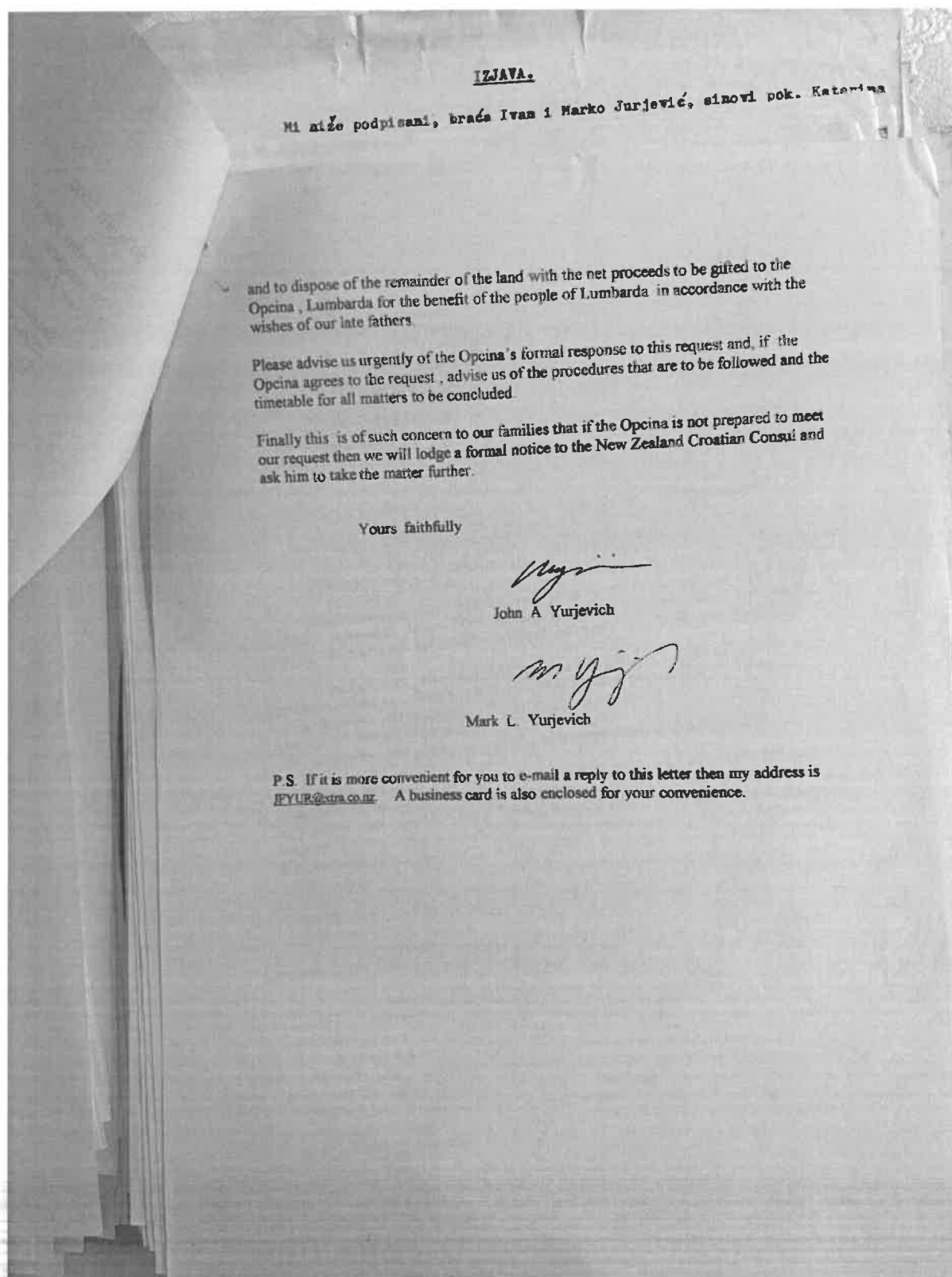
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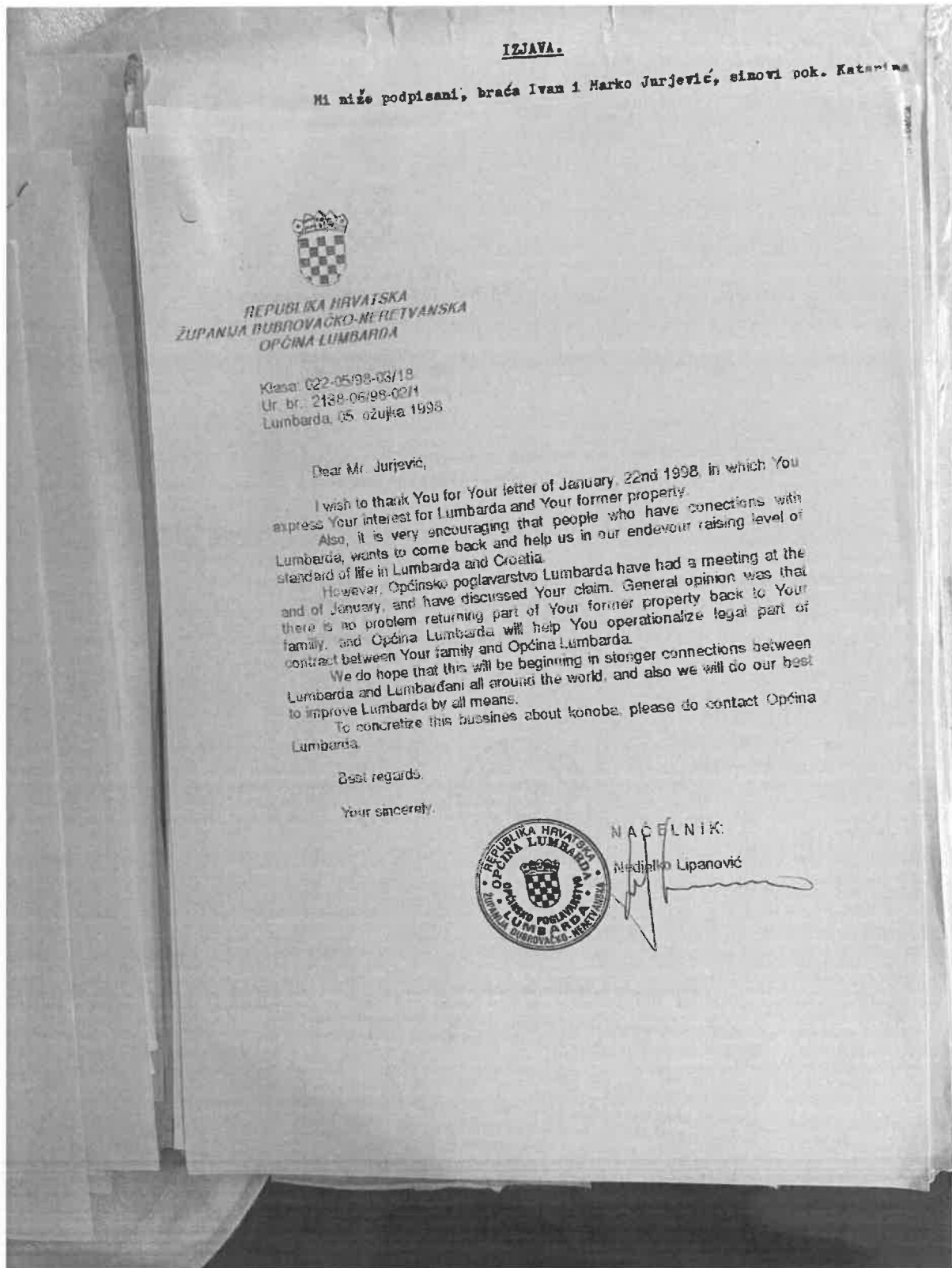
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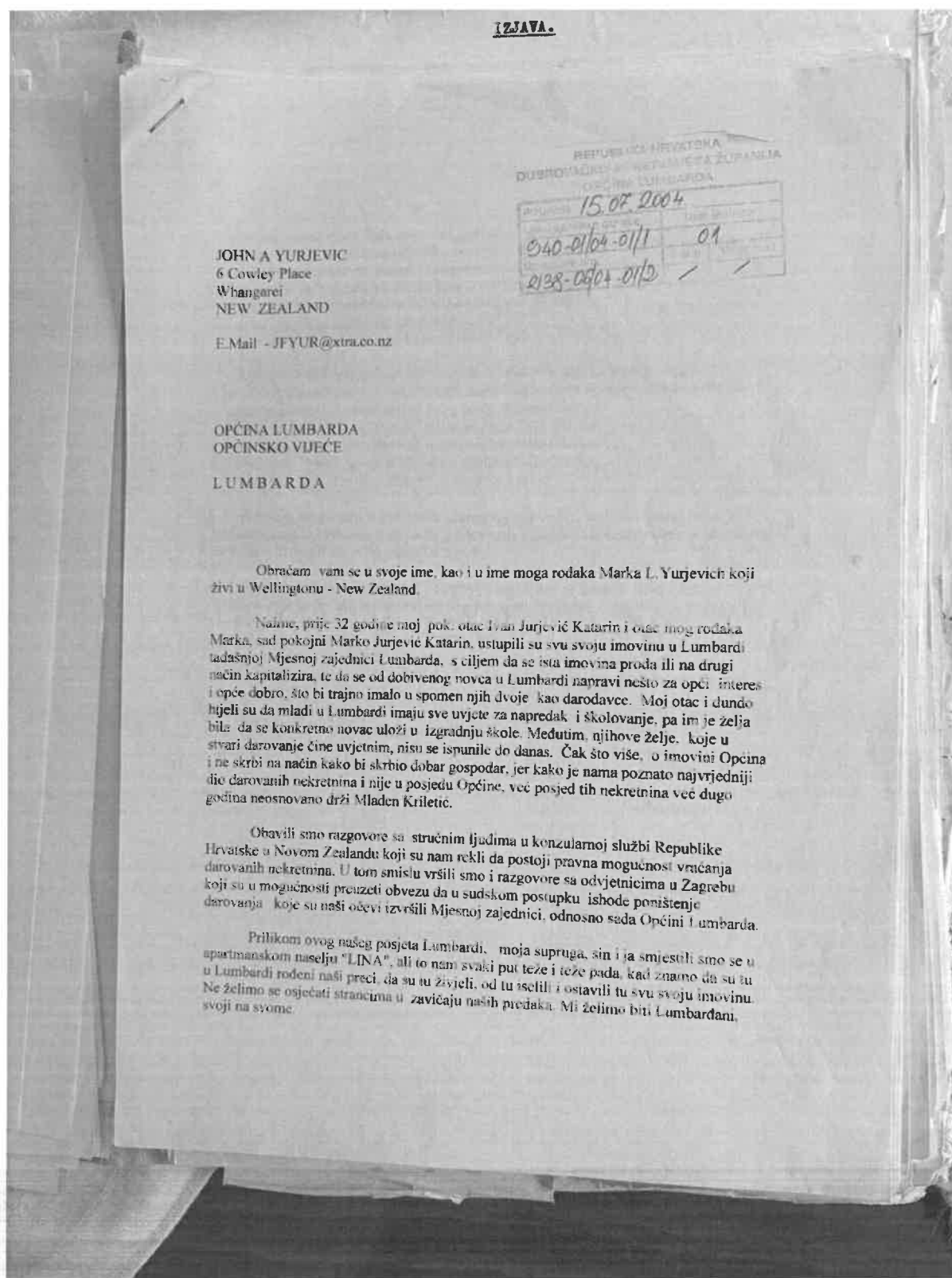
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15.3.98 - Council says “no problem returning part of former property back to family”.



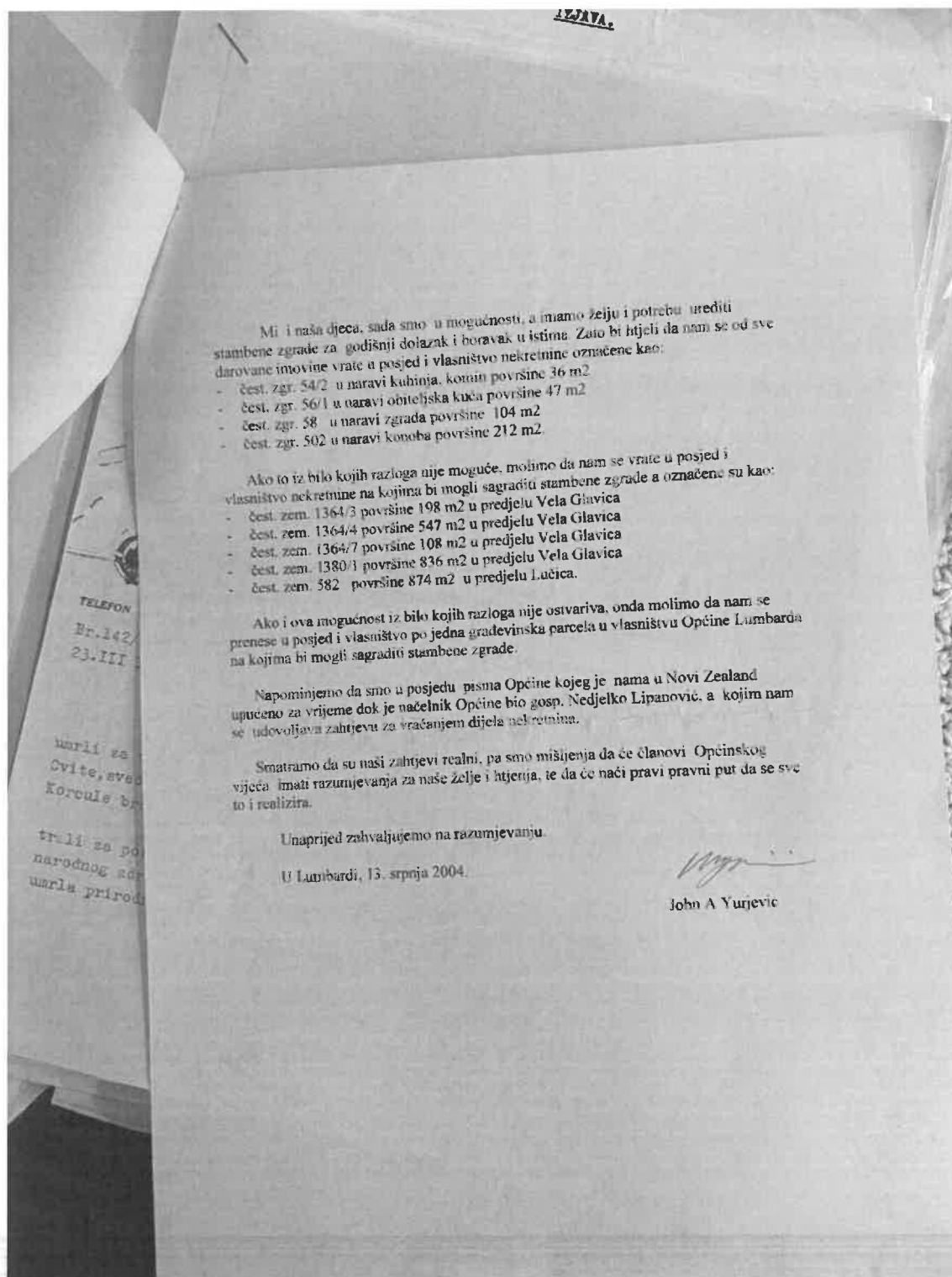
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Appendix L

Email from Jane Yurjevic to the Municipality of Lumbarda, to which no response was received
12.9.19

