Meeting Talking Points

I have two points I would like to make regarding why I am requesting that you recommend a no vote to this zoning change. One reason is concerning unintended consequences that will affect the entire community and which I don't believe have been considered as of yet and the other reason is personal.

referenced Amazon - Low wage

For 8 years I was a bi-lingual education teacher in CPS. My job was to teach middle school Spanish to primarily first generation Mexican immigrants. I also taught dual-language Spanish in U-46 for 2 years. I am currently employed in D300 as a bilingual special education teacher.

My concern is how the village plans to handle the influx of warehouse and manufacturing jobs that will be created. These are most likely low-wage and low skilled jobs that won't pay very much. As such people won't be able to commute far to have these jobs and will require housing. Low income housing will be built for them. They will have children who are most likely going to need bilingual education. I am a bilingual special education teacher. This would be good for me. I looked on the district website briefly and did not see a dual language program. You're going to need one, and it is going be very difficult for you to recruit teachers. Teachers are rare, bilingual teachers are rarer and bilingual special education teachers are unicorns. There are already teacher shortages. Illinois school districts are going to Spain and Puerto Rico in an effort to hire bi-lingual teachers. I work with people who were recruited from those places because there aren't people here to teach those kids. That costs a lot of money. If you use a TIF for this project you will not have funds available to cover your additional expenses for services that a large influx of low income families bring with them. When I worked in CPS, we, the teachers, were allowed 300

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photocopies per month. I had 150 students. And I had to bring my own copy paper. That's what TIF's do.

My second reason for asking you to oppose this zoning change is personal.

We moved here last March from Chicago. When we decided to move here, we looked on a Google satellite map for green. We drew a box around land bordering the Fox River, Rte.47, I-90 and I-88. We settled on a house in this area because of its natural beauty and rural setting as opposed to the communities on the river. The first time I ever saw a bald eagle in the wild was out here, I see them occasionally on my way to and from work. We have deer in our yard.

If we wanted commercial zoning and 24 hour trucking operations we would have moved to Aurora which is 15 minutes away. If we wanted to live in retail sprawl we would have moved near Randall Rd. which is also about 15 minutes away. When you urbanize an area like this you are essentially trading bald eagles and deer for pigeons and rats.

You live here for the same reasons. I think it unlikely that all of you who live in this village moved here because of the potential of converting wetlands and farmland into carcinogenic, caustic and corrosive manufacturing and distribution facilities. You live here for the same reasons we do, it is beautiful here.

Additionally, there is excess warehouse and manufacturing space all along the I-88 corridor and vacant retail space abounds. The Best Buy at Orchard Rd. recently closed and they are razing commercial buildings on the corner of Rte. 38 and 47 in Elburn. Additional development like this is not needed here, we already have it close by.

Please oppose this zoning change and thank you for hearing my concerns.

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Public Hearing

Exhibit ~~B~~