



October 11, 2019

Dan Lustig
President & CEO
Haymarket Center
932 W. Washington
Chicago, IL 60607

Dear Mr. Lustig,

I am writing to discuss the upcoming Plan Commission meetings.

As you are aware, the September 18, 2019, Plan Commission meeting had to be postponed after the Itasca Fire Marshal advised that the number of people who wished to attend the meeting (approximately 1,650) exceeded the capacity of the facility.

As you are aware, the Village is required to provide all interested parties access to the hearing.

Village residents and those who support Haymarket's mission showed up in large numbers on September 18. In fact, your attorney noted that a large portion of the crowd at Peacock Middle School were there to support Haymarket's proposal.

As a small community, Itasca does not have a public facility large enough to accommodate all the people who came out to the public hearing - Haymarket supporters from across the Chicagoland region, Itasca residents and local business owners. We have no choice but to rent a larger facility, outside of the Village of Itasca. As a result, the Village is incurring considerable, unexpected expenses.

Recently, the Village attorneys e-mailed Haymarket's attorneys to discuss Haymarket's willingness to share a portion of the cost burden. In response, Haymarket's attorneys made it clear that Haymarket has no intention of helping to alleviate the financial burden that Itasca is now facing.

Haymarket has repeatedly assured Itasca of its intention to "be a good neighbor to Itasca." It is in that spirit that I am reaching out to you to move this discussion into the space of cooperative dialogue.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this pressing issue with you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Pruyn", written over a white background.

Mayor Jeff Pruyn
Village of Itasca