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Glen Ellyn ILLINOIS

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**VILLAGE OF GLEN ELLYN AND COLLEGE OF DUPAGE NEARING A DECISION
ON LOCATION OF INNOVATION DUPAGE**

Glen Ellyn, IL – Innovation DuPage, a new business incubator and accelerator concept led by the College of DuPage (COD), continues to build momentum and is nearing final decisions on its potential location at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center. Since early 2017, the Village and College of DuPage have been exploring opportunities to utilize the space in the Civic Center for two separate new business functions, including COD's Center for Entrepreneurship and their emerging partnership with Choose DuPage and Naperville based Rev3 for the development of Innovation DuPage.

The proposed design concept includes housing the Center for Entrepreneurship in the Village's current Planning and Development Department as well as part of the third floor of the Civic Center. Innovation DuPage would encompass the back of the vacant Police Department space and rear garage.

On October 25, the Board of Directors of Choose DuPage approved a resolution agreeing to partner with the College of DuPage and the Village of Glen Ellyn to establish Innovation DuPage as a not-for-profit corporation. Furthermore, the resolution included that Rev3, an establishment of Choose DuPage, will become part of Innovation DuPage.

During a special meeting on October 26, the College of DuPage Board of Trustees likewise voted to approve registering Innovation DuPage as a not-for-profit corporation.

"Partnering with the College of DuPage, the County, Choose DuPage and Rev3 to localize this effort in Glen Ellyn's central business district is a unique opportunity for our Village," said Diane McGinley, Glen Ellyn Village President. "The Civic Center, located near the train station and steps away from Main Street, would provide a great advantage to our downtown businesses, our business partners and the overall community."

In July 2017, the Village and COD entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to formalize a process to design and cost-out improvements to the Civic Center in order to meet the needs of Innovation DuPage. The agreement concluded that COD would pay the costs of the associated design, and it is expected that the COD will be responsible for all costs associated with the improvements. COD is estimating to spend about \$1.5 million in renovations to the Village's Civic Center, with a priority of maintaining its historic character and retaining shared community space for residents and community organizations.

During a Glen Ellyn Village Board Workshop and Board Meeting on Monday, November 13 at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m., the Board will vote on the approval of the Civic Center master plan and Innovation Center concept. Should the concept receive final approval from the Village Board and COD, Innovation DuPage would be set to open in the Civic Center in 2018.





About the Village of Glen Ellyn

Located just 23 miles west of Chicago, the Village of Glen Ellyn, Illinois offers big city amenities with a small town feel. A historic downtown filled with unique shops, restaurants and seasonal events is just one of many attributes that draw visitors to this award-winning community. Small-town charm, civic pride, friendly people and some of the best schools in the state make Glen Ellyn the perfect place to call home. For more information about the Village of Glen Ellyn, visit www.glenellyn.org.

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