



February 25, 2022

Dear President Mark Senak and Board of Trustees,

DuPage United strongly supports an affordable, accessible and supportive housing development to be considered for the Roosevelt/Taft site.

DuPage United represents 25 local faith-based and non-profit institutions, including thousands of Glen Ellyn residents, and faith-based Glen Ellyn institutions such as St. Mark's Episcopal, Faith Lutheran and First Congregational. DuPage United has a long-standing goal of bringing more affordable, accessible and supportive housing to each district of DuPage County.

With an affordable, accessible and supportive housing development, Glen Ellyn has the unique opportunity to help others and be a standard by which other communities are measured. A newly constructed, moderately-sized and professionally managed development will demonstrate the "right way" to add affordable, accessible and supportive housing to a community.

This site has long been neglected by commercial developers, and has been problematic to the community for a variety of reasons. However, we recognize that the Roosevelt/Taft site has much to offer for potential residents, such as easy access to grocery stores, retail, public transit and medical facilities. It also could include supportive services for those in need of more direct care.

The Village of Glen Ellyn has a chance to welcome new residents and current neighbors to a state-of-the-art housing development that is within their financial reach. These potential occupants are our essential workers, our new college grads, our seniors, our young families just starting out, and our adults with challenges who have grown up in Glen Ellyn and wish to live independently while continuing to call Glen Ellyn home.

The Village of Glen Ellyn desires to be viewed as a strong, vibrant and inclusive community. We encourage the Board of Trustees to demonstrate these admirable traits by supporting an affordable, accessible and supportive housing development on the Roosevelt/Taft site. DuPage United pledges to partner with Glen Ellyn to make this affordable, attainable and supportive concept a reality.

Clara Hughes

Clara Hughes, DuPage United on behalf of the DuPage United Organization

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