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Village Negotiated in Good Faith with COD

Glen Ellyn, IL - The Village of Glen Ellyn, which has been working together with College of DuPage to create an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), recently received word that COD will pursue de-annexation from the Village. "I am surprised and greatly saddened by the apparent unilateral action College of DuPage is taking to disconnect from the Village," said Village President Mark Pfefferman. "The Village has not been notified directly by any COD official, but has been forwarded College press releases by concerned residents of Community College District 502."

"At this point, the Village will wait for any notification by the College Board and consider all the options, as disconnection is a lengthy and complicated process," President Pfefferman continued. "We may well have completed the necessary work with the public and the College by the time de-annexation is considered."

"The Village's main objective is and has been the safety and welfare of all of the College's students, employees, visitors and neighbors, and the College shares this belief. Our second objective is working cooperatively with the College to save the taxpayers' money. We are trying to do so," President Pfefferman stated.

The expense of legal funds began when the College unilaterally canceled the previous IGA in 2008, and then sued the Village and took it to court twice in 2010, expending more taxpayer dollars. "The Village prevailed in court on both occasions," said President Pfefferman.

The Village and the College agree that they must work together on items of mutual benefit and form a more cooperative relationship. "I and other Village Officials have spent months negotiating in good faith with representatives of the College. The Village added no last minute items to the proposed agreement nor did it reject the agreement as stated in the College's press release," said President Pfefferman. "It is still my belief that an acceptable intergovernmental agreement is possible, and all of the taxpayers will be better served."

The Village prides itself on a thorough airing of all the issues in a public and transparent setting and will be guided in this manner.

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