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Subject: FW: Wishbone Letter of Support for Haymarket

From: Joel Nickson <joel@wishbonechicago.com>
Date: October 6, 2021 at 11:14:14 AM CDT
To: Jeff Pruyn <jpruyn@itasca.com>
Subject: **Wishbone Letter of Support for Haymarket**

Dear Mayor Pruyn,

In learning of the decision of the Itasca panel regarding a Haymarket Center in DuPage County, I felt compelled to go on record in support of Haymarket Center.

I operated my restaurant, Wishbone, directly across the street from Haymarket Center in Chicago's West Loop neighborhood from 1991 to 2018. I can assure the residents of Itasca that over twenty seven years, Haymarket Center and its clients were never an issue for us, not ever. In addition, I have hired many Haymarket clients who needed a transitional job and never once regretted the opportunity to offer so many the second chance. I cannot help but note that many of these clients were from the suburbs, not from the city. The facts are clear that the addiction problem in this country is not limited to the cities and those in need of help come from all socio- economic backgrounds. I urge the board to reconsider this opportunity to help your community. The need is great. Haymarket Center is devoted to this cause, they do an excellent job, serve an essential purpose in the community and I cannot speak highly enough of them as neighbors.

I am more than happy to answer any questions on my experience. I can be reached on my cell phone at

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Respectfully,

Joel Nickson

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Haymarket - Public Comment Form for Village Board - Submission #1655

Date Submitted: 10/12/2021

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MODE OF PARTICIPATION

Members of the public wishing to provide comment at the Village Board meeting on October 12th are encourage to sign-up in advance no later than noon on Tuesday, October 12th. Individuals who pre-register should plan to attend the meeting on October 12th, however, depending on the number of people pre-registered, you may be scheduled to a different date. A confirmation email will be sent on the day of the meeting by 5:00 p.m.

After 12:00 p.m. on October 12th, citizens may register to provide public comment in-person at Village Hall until 7:00 p.m. Village Hall will be open until 4:30 p.m. and reopen at 6:30 p.m. Those not signed up to provide public comment by 7:00 p.m. on October 12th at the start of the Village Board meeting, may forfeit their opportunity to speak on this issue.

The Village Board respectfully requests that citizens with similar comments select a representative to speak on their behalf. Citizens, who can demonstrate they are representing multiple individuals, may be permitted additional time to speak, while those representing personal opinions are asked to keep comments between three and five minutes.

I want to provide my comment:*

- In-writing
- In-person

Please write your comments here.

Itasca does not have sufficient resources to support this venture. Not enough police, EMT etc. This is too small of a community for this overload on services. Also as we look to rejuvenate our town I feel this space could be much better used for commercial endeavors of many types . We need to increase our paying tax base via commercial revenue .

If you are unable to attend in-person, you may submit a written comment, which will be provided to the Village Board for review. You may type in your comment above or upload a document using the button below. Written comments must be submitted by noon on October 12th.

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