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Itasca Village Board
Itasca Planning Commission

Dear Village Board & Planning Commission

I am writing to you today in regards to the Itasca Haymarket Proposal. I would urge all of you to vote no on this proposal. As a long time Itasca resident my main concern is with the health and safety of the tax paying residents of this community including myself and my family as well as the families of my two sisters who are also long time Itasca residents. As a health care worker, I am well aware of the problem of substance abuse in this country, however, just as Haymarket is trying to save lives, I am concerned with saving the lives of my family. Some of my family members have dire and long term health issues and as such may need emergency care from time to time. I've been to Alexian Brothers' emergency room twice this year alone with two different family members. The emergency department is overwhelmed and has been even before the pandemic. I believe that this 240 bed facility would put quite the strain on the hospital systems in the area even with Haymarket's own ambulance. My husband has already had



one heart attack and as a heart patient, he is always in danger of having another.

Heart disease remains the number one killer in America and still outpaces drug overdoses. Time is of the utmost importance during an emergency and I know this first hand. I do not want the lives of the tax paying citizens of Itasca to be put at risk because of this facility.

In conclusion, I would like to say that Haymarket would not be an asset to this community by its presence and would only be a hinderance to the lives of my fellow Itascans.

Sincerely,



Julie Elliott

