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August 15, 2019

**VIA E-MAIL TRANSMISSION ONLY**

The Honorable Jeff Pruyn  
Mayor  
Village of Itasca  
550 W. Irving Park Road  
Itasca, IL 60143-2018

Dear Mayor Pruyn:

I thank you for your correspondence of August 12, 2019, and I welcome the opportunity to meet with you again to discuss the Haymarket DuPage proposal. Of particular concern to me relative to your invitation is your assertion that Haymarket has not provided information you have sought, and your allegation that in failing to do so, Haymarket lacks transparency and responsiveness. This could not be further from the truth, and the FAQ sheet posted on the village website is such evidence of continued transparency. Haymarket also created a website, [HaymarketDuPage.org](http://HaymarketDuPage.org), that includes those FAQs and our list of supporters, to make information about our proposal more easily accessible. We encourage you to also post it to the village website.

While I believe the questions pertinent to our proposal have been answered with great transparency, I will review the list of questions you have provided and direct you to factual answers previously provided in the zoning application or FAQs, or amplify responses with additional information.

At our meeting, I would also like to address some other concerns. For example, Haymarket is concerned relative to Village staff's interactions with Haymarket, the current zoning decisions at issue and the negative messages the Village is promoting relative to Haymarket and its desire to have an Itasca home. We also take issue with your claims that our plans have been "cloaked in secrecy," when in fact we began meeting with you in April to explain our intent to expand access to life-saving substance use and mental health treatment by opening a comprehensive medical facility and sought to share that intention broadly with your community through a published article.

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I assume from your letter that the meeting will be between you and me. If I am incorrect, and you plan to invite staff and counsel to this meeting, please let me know and I will bring the appropriate representatives with me. I hope our meeting can facilitate improved understanding of the Haymarket proposal, and I am very willing and will make myself available at the time and date in your schedule to the best of my ability. I once again very cordially invite you to visit me at Haymarket Center in Chicago's West Loop for a tour of the facility and discussion of the treatment programs we provide. While you have not accepted the invitation in the past, I am certain you will leave impressed.

I understand that addiction has been stigmatized for so long that convincing you and your community that we will be a good neighbor is a monumental task. Yet I believe Itasca has an opportunity to be a municipal leader at addressing the opioid epidemic and save countless lives.

I look forward to our meeting.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dan Lustig, Psy.D., MISA II, CAADC  
President & CEO of Haymarket Center

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