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Dear Mayor Pruyn:

The League of Women Voters recognizes that mental health issues, and most pointedly addiction, can impact any person or family in any community--and they carry a stigma. Acknowledging the stigma is the first step in removing it.

The Village of Itasca is part of the League of Women Voters of Roselle-Bloomingtondale's service area. Our members have been following the Itasca Planning Commission hearing process since June of 2019. The League of Women Voters Roselle-Bloomingtondale formally studied the delivery of mental health services in Northern DuPage County in 2015 and we advocated for the creation of the Bloomingtondale Township Mental Health Board.

We support comprehensive services for mental/behavioral health which includes addiction recovery. We are proponents of adequate and accessible community services for mentally ill persons of all ages, including community hospitalization and residential programs. We believe community education about mental illness should be emphasized and innovative ways to improve the delivery of community based mental health services should be encouraged. Communities can help to reduce unnecessary hospital bed usage by providing adequate community-based services and assure that mentally ill persons who need hospitalization will not be denied. Haymarket DuPage will be located in an industrial area and provide a much needed resource to improve the delivery of community-based mental health services in Northern DuPage county and the surrounding area.

The League of Women Voters Roselle-Bloomingtondale along with many other Leagues in DuPage and Cook counties formally support the approval of the Haymarket DuPage project by the Village of Itasca. We know the list of other supporters is growing everyday. The League of Women Voters Roselle-Bloomingtondale implores the Village of Itasca Planning Commission and the Itasca Village Board to approve the Haymarket DuPage Project.

Lives are being lost. It's time to move forward. Let the hope and healing begin.

Sincerely,

Roberta Borrino

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