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Honorable Aaron L. Lawlor
Lake County Board Chairman
18 North County Street
10th Floor
Waukegan, Illinois 60085

Re: **Regional Planning Commission**

Dear Aaron,

Attached for your review is my resume which briefly highlights my work history and community involvement. I was first elected to the Village Board of Glenview in 1977, and have continued to be involved in local government activities ever since. Having worked in a manager/council form of government almost my entire career, gives me a strong understanding of how Lake County government functions, and will help me work in this position.

My work experience and community involvement give me the ability to be an effective member of the Regional Planning Commission. The advisory functions of the RPC, as outlined in your memo, are all matters I have had first hand experience with as a Village Trustee. My knowledge of the current real estate market and training as a real estate appraiser should help me make valuable contributions as a member of this board.

Lake County has been exceptionally well managed and offers its residents a superb quality of life. I am proud to be a resident of Lake County and hope to get the opportunity to serve everyone as a member of the Regional Planning Commission.

Thank you for considering me for this important position.

Respectfully,



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Attachment

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WORK EXPERIENCE

1983 to present

FINKEL, MARTWICK & COLSON, P.C., Chicago, IL
PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATOR

- Represents Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Family properties in regards to their real estate tax assessments. Works with assessment authorities in Cook and outlying Counties to develop reasonable and equitable fair market values for real estate tax assessment purposes.
- Research and analyze current market data as it relates to value for downtown Chicago and suburban office buildings, industrial properties, retail centers, apartment complexes and vacant land.
- Routinely meets and discusses real estate market indicators with assessing authorities, property managers and real estate appraisal experts about the current trends in the real estate marketplace.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

1977 to present

- BOARD OF REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE, LAKE COUNTY, IL (2009). Appointed by the Lake County Board to serve on this committee to suggest ways to streamline the process that real estate tax assessment and Complaints are filed and heard before the Lake County Board of Review. This committee suggested ways for property owners to file and watch the progress of complaints online and simplify the assessment appeal process in Lake County.
- LAKE FOREST CAUCUS, LAKE FOREST, IL (1998 to 2003). Elected to serve as a member of the Lake Forest Caucus from the 4th Ward. Was selected by the entire Caucus to serve on the Executive Committee and completed my service as its President from April 2002 to April 2003. Actively worked to seek volunteers to serve the City as candidates for elective office (such as the City Council and School Boards) or to be recommended to the Mayor and City Council for selection to serve on the City's Boards and Committees.

- GLENVIEW VILLAGE TRUSTEE, GLENVIEW, IL (1977 to 1989). Was elected three (3) times to the Glenview Village Board. Served as first Chairman of Regional Emergency Dispatch (R.E.D.) Center, centralized dispatching of fire and ambulance equipment. The R.E.D. Center not only provided substantial cost savings to the five (5) original fire departments involved, but greatly improved the response time of emergency equipment; brought Lake Michigan water to western area of Glenview to encourage annexation of unincorporated areas and promote orderly development; member of the Glenview Naval Air Station Redevelopment Committee.
- My twelve (12) years of service on the Glenview Village Board during a period of rapid development and growth provided me with an opportunity to be a part of government that not very many elected officials ever get to experience.

EDUCATION

S.R.A. Appraisal Institute, Chicago, IL

B.A. Illinois State University, Normal, IL