



December 12, 2014

The Honorable Aaron Lawlor
Lake County Board Chairman
18 N. County Street, 10th Floor
Waukegan, IL 60085

Dear Chairman Lawlor,

On behalf of the Village of Grayslake's Economic Development Commission, I would like to thank you and your fellow Lake County Board members for your past and continued support of economic development initiatives in central Lake County.

We would like to take this opportunity to present the attached resolution expressing our sincere support for the SAIA Project in the Peterson Road corridor. We believe that this project will not only help to enhance the economic vitality of Grayslake and the Peterson Road corridor, but that it will also support economic development for Lake County as a whole. The support of the Lake County Board to include the SAIA Project property in the Grayslake sewer service area is needed to make this project a reality.

We are grateful for the cooperative relationship between the Village of Grayslake and the Lake County Government and we look forward to continuing this relationship as we work together to enhance economic development in and around Grayslake. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Phil Harris
Chairman

Cc: Lake County Board Members

Mayor: Rhett Taylor
Trustees: Bruce R. Bassett ~ Amy Edwards ~ Shawn M. Vogel ~ Ronald L. Jarvis ~ Kevin D. Waldenstrom ~ Elizabeth Davies
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A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE SAIA MOTOR FREIGHT LINE LLC PROJECT

WHEREAS, economic development is essential to the success of Lake County and Grayslake; and,

WHEREAS, the location and expansion of businesses in Lake County will increase overall economic activity, create employment opportunities, expand the property tax base encouraging tax relief for local residents and businesses, and provide services and products locally; and

WHEREAS, the Peterson Road corridor is already home to numerous businesses including product distribution facilities; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lake and Village of Grayslake have worked cooperatively on land planning, infrastructure and regional sewer service to encourage economic growth in the Peterson Road corridor; and

WHEREAS, various implementing intergovernmental agreements have been signed and the County of Lake and Grayslake have invested millions of dollars in road expansions to make the Peterson Road corridor more shovel ready for business growth; and

WHEREAS, after discussions with various municipalities and investigating the area SAIA Motor Freight Line LLC requested annexation of property to the Village of Grayslake to develop a product delivery facility (the “SAIA project”); and

WHEREAS, after four public meetings where community input was taken and considered, the Village of Grayslake did annex property and approved development of the SAIA Project; and

WHEREAS, the approved plan in addition to all applicable federal and state regulations and restrictions includes substantial and significant screening, buffering, and operating requirements well beyond the norm for these type of facilities and the facility operations will be fully screened from the south; and

WHEREAS, the SAIA project will create jobs, expand the local tax base, and provide products and services that will support new and expanded businesses in the Peterson Road corridor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF GRAYSLAKE (THE "EDC") THAT THE EDC:

- Hereby reaffirms its support for the County of Lake/Village of Grayslake cooperative efforts for economic development in the Peterson Road corridor.
- Supports the SAIA Project which will create much needed employment opportunities for Lake County and provide services to Lake County businesses.
- Urges the Lake County Board to approve the Village of Grayslake request to include the SAIA Project property in the Grayslake sewer service area without delay.

Passed this 9th day of December, 2014.