February 15, 2021

Mike Danforth Lake County Board Member 18 North County Street, 10th Floor Waukegan, IL 60085

## Dear Mike.

As a District Board Trustee for the past  $4^{1/2}$  years, I am seeking re-appointment for another term of leadership. Given my thirty-three year background as business owner of the Country Bumpkin Garden Center and it's achievements, I am in a great position to make significant contributions during another term.

Previously, I have enjoyed twelve years serving the Wauconda Fire Protection District as a commissioner and then as a trustee. If reappointed as a trustee, I would like to continue this success by further refining the impact of what we do.

Professional Experience

1988 - present Business owner/General Manager

Country Bumpkin Garden Center, Mundelein, IL

Monitor daily store operations, off-site installations and deliveries Recruit, appraise and oversee training and supervision of staff Review sales reports and goals set for short and long term plans

Develop yearly budget with department heads Maintain management direction and financial stability Ensuring staff focuses on great customer service

April 2006 - August 2016 Secretary, Wauconda Fire Protection District Commission

August 2016 - present Trustee, Wauconda Fire Protection District Board

Professional Affiliations

1990 - present Member, Lake County Farm Bureau

1997 - present Member and Sponsor, Lake County Farm Heritage Association

Education

1986 - present Continuing education in horticultural and business classes and seminars.

2006 - present Continuing education with the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts

and the Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection Districts.

November 2019 Essential Fire District Trustee Training Part 1, 2 and 3

hosted by the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts.

November 2019 Open Meeting Act Training, hosted by the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts.

December 2020 Training seminar "Consolidation - What's Happening and How it Could Change the Future",

hosted by the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts.

Since serving, I have enjoyed the opportunity of offering my time and life experiences to the Commission.

I would consider it a privilege and an honor to continue to serve as a Fire District Board trustee.

Thank you for your consideration in giving me the opportunity to continue to serve.

Sincerely,

George H. White III

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