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Dear President Mark Senak and Board of Trustees,

On behalf of the League of Women Voters of Glen Ellyn, we urge your continued support in prioritizing your earlier expressed goal of redeveloping a portion of the recently purchased Roosevelt Road land parcels, east of Park Avenue, as affordable housing. It is ideally situated for workforce housing for persons employed nearby, as it is located within walking distance of public transportation and three grocery stores.

The League of Women Voters of Glen Ellyn's Position on Affordable Housing states, in part, that "Safe, quality, affordable housing is essential to the health and well-being of individuals, families and the community". Our Position further states that "Deliberate planning can result in housing that appeals to and is affordable for people with a wide range of incomes and lifestyles, and promotes a vibrant, welcoming community." We understand that this will require the Village to purposefully use its zoning and approval process to influence developers in order to reflect the Village Comprehensive Plan and input from the community."

The Village of Glen Ellyn stands at a critical juncture, with the purchase of this Roosevelt Road parcel of land, where a strong statement to the community can be made that Glen Ellyn is welcoming to everyone. It is difficult to feel welcome if very few affordable housing opportunities are made available to lower income wage earners working in the Village and contributing to its vibrancy and local tax bases.

Affordable housing in Glen Ellyn has been a strong LWVGE position since first drafted in 1994. Year 2022 offers a real opportunity to positively set the course for affordable housing availability in the Village. We encourage your support, as our Village representatives, to move forward on an initiative for affordable housing on the Roosevelt property that will truly make a difference for many.

Working to Empower Voters,

Sarah Allen *Michelle Z Thorsell*

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