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Gentlemen:

For over thirty years, Roscoe Village Neighbors (RVN) has worked diligently and cooperatively with Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce (RVCC) to make our “Village within the City” a vibrant place to live, work and play. Along with improved public schools and a harmonious and balanced redevelopment plan, a flourishing business district is essential for the continued success of Roscoe Village. This provides an attractive community for property owners, tenants, residents, visitors and businesses alike.

To that end, we understand RVCC has applied to the City of Chicago, Department of Housing and Economic Development, for designation as a sponsor agency for a proposed special service area (SSA). The SSA will potentially comprise portions of Roscoe Street, Belmont Avenue, Clybourn Avenue and Western Avenue, all essential commercial corridors within or proximate to Roscoe Village. We appreciate RVCC’s efforts to build on its historic successes by proposing to use the city’s established SSA Program to ensure continued improvements to Roscoe Village’s commercial corridors.

We support RVCC’s efforts to move forward with the application process for the proposed SSA. This application will allow a feasibility study to be conducted as to the viability of forming an SSA in Roscoe Village. This support is also with the understanding that all expenses incurred in complying with the city’s requirements for an SSA will be paid solely by RVCC. These costs may include but are not limited to; start- up costs, filing fees, feasibility studies, consulting expenses, legal and accounting fees.

RVN will continue to work in conjunction with RVCC as the SSA process evolves to ensure the SSA will provide a positive impact to the neighborhood.

Respectfully,

David Kerber

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President, Roscoe Village Neighbors

cc: Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce