

Zine, Natalie

From: Tim Cleavenger [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 8, 2025 8:20 AM
To: Zine, Natalie
Subject: EX: Re: Notice Regarding Kane Co. Zoning Petition #4666 "SV CSG Wilson School Solar"

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Dear Ms. Zine,

Thank you for including me among the recipients of your letter, including attachment.

To begin, I applaud the Kane County Development Committee's unanimous decision in voting down the proposed solar field near Randall & Highland in Elgin. To the same degree that I'm impressed by the Committee's cohesion in their determination to reject the developer's proposal I'm appalled by the threatening tone and false premise of the letter from the attorney for the developer of the solar project.

The developer, by their attorney, asserts that because there are hundreds of acres of undeveloped land in Elgin, devoting 48 acres of that land to a solar farm is of no consequence. That assertion is absurd on its face and transparently false.

The average lot size in Elgin is 0.199 acres. Based on the average lot size, a 48 acre site could be occupied by 241 homes. That's 241 homes added to the Real Estate tax base; homes that would be occupied by 241 families whose members will make a positive contribution to our civic life by attending our schools and churches and entertainment venues and working in and supporting our local businesses for many generations to come.

By contrast, a solar farm will contribute nothing to the life of our community. In fact, the most significant contribution a solar farm will make is as a blight on the landscape and the addition of a tons of toxic waste in our landfills when the panels wear out in 25 or 30 years. When compared to a residential development, which is a long-term net gain for the community, a solar field represents a gain only for the developer.

I urge the full Kane County Board to stand with the Kane County Development Committee and reject the misinformation and threatening tactics of the developer thru its attorney and have the courage to say 'No' to the boondoggle that the developer of the solar farm is attempting to foist on the citizens of Kane County.

Don't be fooled by the developer's absurd interpretation of the law. The law does **not** require Kane County to permit solar farm developers to put solar farms in residential communities.

Given the many false premises upon which solar fields are built, better they should not build them at all. But if they must crud up the landscape, let them do it somewhere else.

Sincerely,

Tim Cleavenger
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