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Kane County Zoning Board
Kane County Government Center
719 Batavia Ave Geneva, IL 60134

Regards to: Petition No. 4661

From: Supportive Residents near parcel ID# 06-08-401-013.

We represent the many approving residents and homeowners living near the proposed 5MW solar project located South and West of our neighborhood and hereby express our strong support for the construction and operation of this renewable energy installation. Our support is based on the following reasons:

1. Preferred Land Use Over Future Development

It is likely that the land South and West of us will eventually be developed, as our own homes were also once developed. Of all potential land uses, we believe a solar farm is the most compatible with our residential community. It is quiet, generates no nighttime activity, and does not attract increased traffic or commercial noise. A solar farm will stabilize the area for many years and eliminate the stress of uncertainty that we now face.

2. Environmental and Lifestyle Benefits Over Current Farming

The proposed solar farm represents an improvement over current agricultural activities in the area. Farming operations generate:

- - Airborne chemical drift from fertilizers and herbicides
- - Corn and soybean husks blowing into our yards
- - Dust and soil erosion

A solar installation would greatly reduce these impacts by stabilizing the soil and preserving open space with well-maintained vegetation and screening. It is also built on a South facing slope which erodes and is not highly productive. Also, the South facing slope is ideal as the panels face away from our homes.

3. Noise-Free and Low-Impact Operation

Unlike apartments and homes, a solar facility operates quietly, with no emissions, ongoing disruptions, or traffic. Once screening is in place, it will be virtually unnoticeable.

4. Trust in the Landowner and Developer

We have great respect for our neighbor/organic farmer, Tim Meyer, and trust his commitment to constructing and maintaining a project that upholds the character of our community. He has repeatedly agreed to honor our requests not to allow residential homes or apartments on the property as added traffic and noise would strain our lifestyle. His transparency and dedication to long-term success provide additional confidence in this project.

Conclusion

We respectfully urge local zoning authorities and county officials to approve the special use permit for this project. It reflects our community's values, protects the peaceful nature of our neighborhood, and advances responsible renewable energy development.

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