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Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 7:38 AM
To: VanKerkhoff, Mark <vankerkhoffmark@KaneCountyIL.gov>
Subject: EX: Opposition to solar petition #4616

Mr. Mark VanKerkhoff,

We are residents in the Pine Tree Subdivision of Kaneville Township; our home is on the N/E corner lot of the subdivision. We are writing in opposition to the proposed solar facility petition #4616 because it does not meet the LaSalle Sinclair Factors for the following reasons:

Factor

A. We, the residents, are worried for our safety, health and general welfare of our community. The Land Use Summary data indicates Aquifer Sensitivity in the proposed farmland. Metals in Solar panels, such as lead and cadmium, are harmful to human health and the environment. This project can affect the public health for our residents in regards to contamination of our private well water. The Kaneville Fire Captain, David Kovach, stated at the Development meeting that given the current proposal design, the fire department's ability to respond would be insufficient. There is insufficient ingress and egress. The proposed solar facility is .10 of a mile to the Pine Tree subdivision and there would be potential for a field fire that would spread rapidly putting our homes and our safety at risk. Solar Fires do occur. The Elburn Fire department was called out to Lily Lake in July of 2021 for a solar Field fire; the Solar facility was less than five years old (incident # 22000993). Also, on June 11th, 2023, the Farmington, IL fire department responded to a solar panel farm fire which started in an inverter panel and spread to the grass. A fire here would spread quickly due to the crops surrounding the proposed field.

Morris State Senator Sue Rezin is currently proposing legislation to limit where solar energy farms can be placed. Rezin's bill would keep solar farms from communities to the tune of about three miles. She thinks that solar is taking up some of the most valuable farmland in the state. The proposed Solar Field is 2.5 miles from both Maple Park and Elburn. (1/10 of a mile from our subdivision and borders many residents on Meredith Road and Rt 38.

B. The proposed Solar field is injurious to the use and enjoyment of our property and will diminish our property values. KaneSolar02 has only planned a mere 500 ft. of vegetation on the west property line of the proposed facility. Per Kane County Ordinance #5007, pg. 25, a vegetative screen shall be provided for **any part of** the Commercial Solar Energy facility that is visible to non-participating residents. Our property is .10 of a mile from the proposed solar facility. We would require the entire west and south side to have vegetation of trees such as 6 ft. evergreens to be consistent with our community landscaping. Continuous maintenance of the vegetation should also be required to replace the dead trees over the next 30 years. The residents in our community live here to enjoy the open space; not to live in an industrial solar area. With the Hatch and Ruffalo Solar fields already approved; the addition of #4616 would be **100** acres out of **240** acres of farmland passed for solar use...that is 42%. How can this view of Solar fields not affect our property values?

There is a current listing on Huntley Road (38W715) with Fran Dugo, a realtor of 23 years. I spoke with Fran and she confirmed that she had several prospective buyers, however; **All** of

the buyers walked away after the disclosure of the proposed solar field (#4620) in that area. So yes, saleability and property values **will be affected** in our community if yet another Solar field goes in near our community.

C. The Solar facility would impede normal development and improvement of our property. The majority of homes were built in the 1980's in Pine Tree and Pine View. Many of us have done updates throughout the years and have had plans to do more with our homes. Why put money into our property and upgrade our homes when we believe our property value will decrease?

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please support Kane County's 2040 plan and protect and support our community and quality of life. Vote no to Petition #4616.

The yellow mark on the map below indicates where we live in Pine Tree Subdivision. The KaneGIS places us 1/10th of a mile from the proposed solar sight. The Hatch Farm was approved at the November meeting.

Sincerely,

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Red boxes indicate proposed solar farms.