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Lisa Lipin
Chair
Skokie Voice
P.O. Box 4618
Skokie, Illinois 60076

August 23, 2011

Dear Ms. Lisa Lipin and Members of Skokie Voice,

Thank you for presenting me with signed petitions concerning Crawford Avenue. I appreciate the opportunity I have had to meet with you and Liliana Fargo.

I share your concerns about the current state of Crawford Avenue. As your Cook County Commissioner, I have been working with the Villages of Skokie and Lincolnwood for the past few years to repair Crawford Avenue and make it a safer street.

Crews have begun patching numerous areas of Crawford Avenue on the inner lanes. This patching is only the first phase of improving the street. The second phase will be to totally resurface the inner lanes by late Fall of 2011. I have attached a letter to Mayor Van Dusen that outlines this project more thoroughly.

I thank you for your concerns and if there are any concerns that your organization wishes to discuss with me, please don't hesitate to contact my office. Together, we can make the 13th District even better.

Sincerely,

Larry Suffredin.

The 13th District includes the following communities
49th & 50th Wards of the City of Chicago, the City of Evanston and the Villages of Glencoe, Glenview, Kenilworth,
Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles, Northbrook, Skokie, Wilmette, and Winnetka



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June 22, 2011

Dear Residents of Crawford Avenue between Lincoln and Golf Avenues:

As you know, Crawford Avenue is a Cook County Highway. I have been working with the Villages of Lincolnwood and Skokie for two years on ways to improve it. This letter will outline the immediate and long range steps that will be taken to improve Crawford.

The Cook County Highway Department (CCHD) has begun to repair Crawford Avenue pot holes on the inside lanes. The outside (curb lanes) will be fully resurfaced. I have attached letters sent to your mayor outlining this process.

For more information, visit my website, www.suffredin.org. My office is happy to assist you with any concerns related to Crawford Avenue or Cook County government, at 847-864-1209 or 312-603-6383.

Sincerely,

Larry Suffredin
Cook County Commissioner
13th District
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May 6, 2011

The Honorable George Van Dusen
Mayor
Village of Skokie
5127 Oakton Street
Skokie, Illinois 60077

Re: Crawford Avenue
Lincoln Avenue to Golf Road

Dear Mayor Van Dusen:

Honorable President Toni Preckwinkle is in receipt of your letter dated April 21, 2011 and requested the Cook County Highway Department (CCHD) to respond to the Village's concerns regarding the aforementioned CCHD roadway section.

The CCHD has been interacting with both the Villages of Skokie and Lincolnwood for the past few years regarding the reconstruction of Crawford Avenue from Devon Avenue to Oakton Street. Crawford Avenue, from Devon Avenue to Lincoln Avenue is currently under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), but will be transferred to the CCHD once the proposed project is awarded. This project will consist of a 2 mile, four (4) lane reconstruction, with drainage improvements and other associated project enhancements. The project is currently programmed to be constructed in 2013 at an estimated cost of \$9.6 Million.

The CCHD has been interacting with the Village of Skokie regarding a potential scope of work for Crawford Avenue from Oakton Street to Golf Road. Crawford Avenue, from Golf Road to Harrison Street, is currently under IDOT jurisdiction, but the CCHD is in discussion with IDOT regarding a jurisdictional transfer of Crawford Avenue between Golf Road and Harrison Street from IDOT to CCHD, once a project for the segment from Oakton Street to Golf Road is designed and programmed. Due to the existing condition of this section, an ultimate four lane reconstruction will be designed, but discussion with the Village of Skokie regarding the removal of on-street parking must take place. Currently this section of Crawford Avenue from Oakton Street to Golf Road is in the CCHD unfunded Multi-Year Program B list.

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Honorable George Van Dusen, Mayor
Re: Crawford Avenue
Lincoln Avenue to Golf Road

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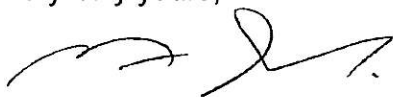
May 6, 2011

The CCHD has programmed and will commence an Emergency Pavement Repair project which is scheduled to commence in September of 2011, and to be completed in November of 2011. This Emergency Repair Project will consist of the removal of the existing bituminous surface course on the outside lanes of Crawford Avenue from Lincoln Avenue to Golf Road. The existing concrete base course and curb & gutter will be patched as warranted, and a new hot-mix asphalt surface wearing course will be placed. This Emergency Repair Project will involve the full closure of the northbound/southbound outside lanes during the project repair work. Turning movements at all intersections will be maintained during construction. The project has an estimated construction cost of \$1 Million.

The Proposed Emergency Repair project intent is only to mitigate pavement failures which are located in the outer lanes. The CCHD Maintenance District 2 will continue performing pot-hole repairs in all lanes from Lincoln Avenue to Golf Road during the summer of 2011. More extensive repairs will be performed by in-house maintenance crews on the inside lanes to improve the condition until such time that the full reconstruction occurs.

The CCHD strives to ensure the safety of vehicular traffic that utilizes our pavement network. We appreciate the Village's concerns and look forward to maintaining our good working relationship. If you have any additional concerns or comments, please feel free to contact me. The Village may also contact CCHD Assistant Superintendent, John Beissel, PE. Mr. Beissel can be reached at (312) 603-1700 or via email at john.beissel@cookcountyil.gov.

Very truly yours,



Rupert F. Graham, Jr., P.E.
Superintendent of Highways
Cook County, Illinois

Cc: President Toni Preckwinkle, President Cook County Board of Commissioner
Ms. Robin Kelly, Cook County Chief Administrative Officer
Commissioner Lawrence Suffredin, 13th District