



November 5, 2020

Dear Homer Glen Residents,

On behalf of the Village of Homer Glen, I want to thank you. By soundly defeating the referendum that would have allowed the Homer Township Board to take over the Road District and our streets, you sent a loud and clear message Tuesday that Homer Glen should control its own destiny and not be beholden to another government entity.

But most importantly, the outcome demonstrates that you have trust and confidence in the Village to look out for your best interests.

From the very start, we have been transparent and upfront about our plan. We published information on our website, newsletter and social media channels and conducted two open houses to explain the process and answer questions.

Because 135 of the 153 miles of streets the Township sought to control are located in and owned by Homer Glen, the Village believes it should have authority to make funding and maintenance decisions pertaining to the roads it already owns. Furthermore, Homer Glen residents have been paying most of the taxes into the system to buy trucks, plows and equipment for the past 20 years.

With the defeat of the referendum, we plan to move forward with the legal transfer of stewardship from the Road District. We intend to join with other stakeholders, including the Road District, City of Lockport, and the Villages of New Lenox and Lemont to ensure the process is fair and transparent.

We also want to partner with the Homer Township Board to guarantee a smooth transition. Above all else, our goal is to work collaboratively in the best interests of all Homer Township residents and not slow or obstruct the process with pointless lawsuits or saddle taxpayers with unnecessary legal costs.

We feel the transfer marks an important and essential step for our community that will enable us to manage and control development while providing accountability and preserving our heritage in a way that the people of Homer Glen desire and deserve.

As we move forward with the transfer, we will continue to make information available and keep you updated. I encourage you to visit our website to learn more or call us directly at (708) 301-0632 or email myself at [mayoryukich@homerglenil.org](mailto:mayoryukich@homerglenil.org) or Village Manager Karie Friling at [kfriling@homerglenil.org](mailto:kfriling@homerglenil.org) with questions or concerns. Again, thank you for your support and trust,

Mayor George Yukich

**VILLAGE OF HOMER GLEN**

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