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RE: Project Hawkeye – City of Belvidere, Illinois

Dear Mr. Halligan,

As Mayor, I am writing to express my enthusiastic interest in your proposed development project (Project Hawkeye), to be located in Belvidere generally along Genoa Road, south of Interstate 90 (Boone County).

City staff are committed to providing visionary leadership and guidance to ensure that growth and well-being of our residents while fostering development and innovation in the City of Belvidere continues as a priority. I believe Project Hawkeye aligns with these goals and benefits our community significantly.

We believe that Project Hawkeye is poised to provide long-term economic benefits for the citizens of Belvidere and the surrounding region. Creating high-skilled jobs, increasing tax revenue, and attracting ancillary businesses will contribute to our local economy's diversification and growth.

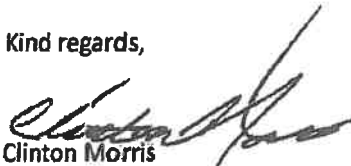
As well, this proposed state-of-the-art data center development will continue to position the City of Belvidere as a hub for technological advancement development projects with the potential to attract further investment and talent to our Growth Corridor.

I am supportive of a Data Center at this location. Furthermore, the City wishes to explore extending City utility services and entitlements to the entire territory, not only the property under Datawatt Energy's control, but also the surrounding territory. Of course, annexation and development are subject to City Council review and approval.

I would encourage your team to schedule a meeting with City staff to begin evaluating the process of annexation into Belvidere and pursuing zoning approval for the property as a data center development. We at the City of Belvidere are eager to assist with any questions or issues related to your development project, including the process, planning and its ultimate success.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Clinton Morris', is written over the printed name.

Clinton Morris
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