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### **Resolution on Hinsdale Village Board February 19 Board Agenda Advocating for the closing of the Sterigenics Willowbrook Facility**

**Hinsdale, Ill.** – The Village of Hinsdale will have on its February 19, 2019 Village Board Agenda a Resolution that will advocate for the closure of the Sterigenics Willowbrook facility, stated Trustee Stifflear, Chair of the Village’s Zoning and Public Safety Commission.

Trustee Stifflear has been overseeing and directing the Village’s response to matters related to Sterigenics after President Cauley recused himself from the matter upon learning that the law firm he works at maintains Sterigenics as a client. In an email sent to Village Board members on October 27, President Cauley stated, “After sending the letters concerning Sterigenics on October 25, I learned for the first time that the law firm of Sidley Austin LP, where I am a partner, is representing Sterigenics in connection with litigation and regulatory matters concerning Sterigenic’s Willowbrook facility. Consequently, to avoid the appearance of impropriety, going forward I am recusing myself from any and all issues regarding Sterigenics. I have delegated to Trustee Stifflear all authority that I have as Village President to deal with Sterigenics issues as he sees fit, with input from the other Trustees and Staff.”

Trustee Stifflear stated, “Since becoming aware of the potential risk to the residents of the Village of Hinsdale and the greater community surrounding the Willowbrook Sterigenics facility, the Village staff has been monitoring the developments. As chair of the Zoning and Public Safety Committee, staff has been keeping me updated with communications that have occurred with neighboring communities, the EPA, and Congressmen Quigley’s office.

The Village is vigorously advocating on behalf of Hinsdale residents on this matter.

Please keep in mind that the Village of Hinsdale, as a local government, has no regulatory authority over the operations of the Sterigenics facility due to its location in Willowbrook. Notwithstanding having no oversight of Sterigenics, the Village did request that Sterigenics cease operations until after proper safeguards are put in place, and after ambient air testing is performed to ensure the health and safety of area residents.

Additionally, the Village of Hinsdale has shared its concerns over the safety of the operations at the Sterigenics facility with those who do have such regulatory authority: Senators Durbin and Duckworth, Congressmen Quigley and Roskam, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Illinois General Assembly members Glowiak and Mazzochi, DuPage County Board Chairman Cronin, the USEPA and Illinois EPA (IEPA).

After participating in the EPA's most recent conference call on Tuesday, February 5, during which the most recent air sampling data information was released, the Hinsdale Village Board of Trustees, at the direction of Trustee Stifflear, will have on its February 19 agenda a Resolution calling for the immediate closure of the Willowbrook Sterigenics facility.

Please see the Village's website at <http://www.villageofhinsdale.org/residents/sterigenics.php> for actions that the Village has taken to date.

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