

BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
WEST CHICAGO SITTING AS A POLLUTION
CONTROL SITING AUTHORITY

In the Matter of:)
)
APPLICATION FOR LOCAL SITING)
APPROVAL FOR LAKESHORE)
RECYCLING RECYCLING SYSTEMS,)
LLC, FOR THE WEST DU PAGE)
RECYCLING AND TRANSFER)
STATION, 1655 POWIS ROAD,)
WEST CHICAGO.)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had and testimony
taken at the hearing of the above-entitled
matter, at 475 Main Street, West Chicago,
Illinois, on the 19th day of January, A.D. 2023,
at the hour of 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

- MR. DERKE PRICE, Hearing Officer;
- MR. DENNIS WALSH, City Council Attorney;
- MR. PHILLIP A. LUETKEHANS, Attorney for
Protect West Chicago;
- MR. RICARDO MEZA, Attorney for Protect
West Chicago;
- MR. GEORGE MUELLER, Attorney for
Lakeshore Recycling Systems, LLC.

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(NO EXHIBITS MARKED)

1 from there.

2 I know the meeting dates are fluid

3 at the moment. They are the trying to work out

4 everybody's schedule. So stay tuned on those

5 meeting dates. I'm sure that they will be

6 posted on the website and they will be

7 publicized. That's the schedule going forward.

8 With that, then, let's turn to the

9 persons who are remaining who had registered for

10 oral public comment.

11 We'll begin with Ms. Kathy Leski.

12 MS. LESKI: Hi. Thanks for letting me

13 comment today. So, first, a couple of

14 comments -- I made them earlier -- about

15 transparency and the transcripts. I know it's a

16 lot to go through and publish, but I'm happy to

17 hear that they are going to start to be

18 published from the earlier hearings.

19 The second point that I wanted to

20 make is I'm really disappointed, even though

21 they didn't have to attend, in our

22 representatives not participating in these

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1 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Good afternoon.

2 It is 1:00 o'clock, the appointed hour for

3 continuation of the hearing on the application

4 for the transfer station. Today we are here to

5 hear oral public comment from those persons who

6 properly registered to provide the same and

7 haven't done so to date.

8 As a reminder, if you're interested

9 in providing comment, even if you haven't signed

10 up to do oral public comment, after the close of

11 the hearing today you will have until

12 February 18th to submit written comment.

13 Anything postmarked, if you're mailing it, with

14 a date of February 18th or earlier, will become

15 part of the record, so everybody can submit

16 whatever written comment they'd like. We'll

17 talk about the time line again at the end.

18 For the attorneys in the room, I'd

19 like for post findings, conclusions of law, and

20 proposed conditions, if any, to me by the 21st,

21 and then I will provide my report to council by

22 the end of the 24th, then council will take it

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1 hearings. The amount of transcripts that you're

2 going to produce, as well as the hearings today,

3 are a lot to go through and a lot to read and I

4 don't have a lot of confidence that that's going

5 to happen. I just want to make that comment.

6 It's a big thing for West Chicago

7 and the residents. It appears that West Chicago

8 has already made their decision on the direction

9 they want to go in.

10 Now, based on the testimony and the

11 documents that were posted by LRS in their

12 submission, I want to go through a few points

13 and then I'll go into what I think, if it is

14 going to be pushed through, of some of the

15 things that need to be considered and put in

16 place.

17 First, there's an argument made

18 that they are not the big three companies, the

19 public companies, that exist. But LRS is No. 4

20 in size in the country. In fact, they are the

21 No. 1 -- They tout the fact that they are No. 1

22 on roll-offs in the country. They have no -- I

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1 mean, every company has an aspiration to grow
 2 and acquire, and they have been growing at the
 3 biggest clip of those four companies in the U.S.
 4 in the last two years. So I don't think that's
 5 an argument to be made and that somehow
 6 translates into financial benefit for the
 7 residents of West Chicago. I heard no numbers
 8 about what those numbers would look like, even
 9 for the residents of West Chicago, and how long
 10 those would be, and any commitment to stay
 11 public versus -- sorry -- stay private and not
 12 go public. So those arguments, to me, are to be
 13 not considered.

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14 The other thing is LRS has a record
 15 of putting this kind of facility in very
 16 high-minority neighborhoods. West Chicago --
 17 I'm proud to say I moved here because it's
 18 diverse. I have been here as a resident for ten
 19 years. I live just off of Hawthorne, so the
 20 closeness and proximity to this waste transfer
 21 station is a personal interest to me, but it
 22 should be to all residents of West Chicago for

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1 two hours.

2 The purposeful description of the
 3 route the trucks would take when they leave
 4 LRS's transfer station takes them north on
 5 Powis, left on North to drive through the
 6 commercial section, to Kirk Road, and then over.
 7 The better route and the shorter route is to go
 8 south on Powis to Hawthorne to Kress, and then
 9 you can go to Kirk from Roosevelt or Kirk from
 10 the highway there. I can't think of the
 11 highway. Sorry. To me, that was a tactical
 12 decision or a strategic decision on their part,
 13 because the other waste station is not too far
 14 from that route.

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15 The other thing I would challenge
 16 them with is their review of the HolyGrail 2.0
 17 Initiative. I'm not even sure they probably
 18 even know about it, but it has to do with
 19 recyclability. I'd be interested that if this
 20 is going to be put into West Chicago, that it's
 21 done so with those lofty goals in mind, which
 22 means equipment that can stand plastics for

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1 that reason.

2 A couple of examples: Maywood has
 3 an 83 percent population that's diverse and
 4 Forest View has a 75 percent. And those are two
 5 transfer stations that LRS owns.

6 Now, on the topic of good for the
 7 environment and all of the recommendation
 8 letters that were submitted. There are very few
 9 that come from residents of West Chicago. If
 10 those counties and if those cities are
 11 interested in putting in a waste transfer
 12 station and believe that that should be done,
 13 another one is needed in DuPage, then where are
 14 they in offering up land? The only benefit to
 15 this station being West Chicago is to LRS. That
 16 is the only party in this that's going to
 17 benefit.

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18 The thing about two hours of
 19 savings in truck traffic, I have looked for that
 20 report in the documents. I didn't see it. I'd
 21 like to request that it be posted when the
 22 transcripts get posted, because I don't buy the

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1 easier sorting and more reputable sorting.

2 All right. One last note on the
 3 traffic pattern. Again, they talked about the
 4 trucks leaving and to go up North Avenue. They
 5 didn't talk about the trucks coming in. I take
 6 Powis a lot because I live off of Hawthorne. So
 7 during these hours, that is heavy congested
 8 traffic. It is a two-lane road. There's no
 9 left turning lane to go into their facility. So
 10 where are the trucks going to come from? Are
 11 they going to have to go all the way around to
 12 Kress and come back up to Powis? Are they going
 13 to come down Hawthorne, which, actually, at the
 14 beginning of Hawthorne from 59 is a no-truck
 15 route. Not that the semis don't ignore that,
 16 but that causes damages. And that goes right
 17 through the city residential area proper. So
 18 I'd like to see that addressed.

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19 The other part that was testified
 20 to is that, you know, the truck doors will close
 21 as soon as the -- you know, the sorting
 22 facility's doors will close. I have spent time

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1 between these hearings looking at the practices.
 2 Right now, today -- and I know it's different
 3 type of material that you're sorting -- those
 4 doors don't close. They leave them open the
 5 entire time and there's no commitment that I
 6 see, other than these hearings, to say, yes, and
 7 we'll go through an audit to make sure we're
 8 doing it, an independent audit, or, better yet,
 9 have a residential council partnered with our
 10 own council to audit their practices to ensure
 11 that everything that they are promising will be
 12 committed to in practice. It's a lot of gum
 13 flapping, right, until it actually starts.
 14 Of that, I would like to see and
 15 ensure that there are negative air systems
 16 within the facility, that there are misting
 17 devices to lower the dust and spread of smell
 18 and garbage throughout the area. I would like
 19 to see high-speed doors or loaders that close in
 20 seconds, rather than the speed at which you have
 21 now, which, obviously, is not fast enough
 22 because you leave them open the entire time.

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1 next person.
 2 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Thank you,
 3 Ms. Leski.
 4 The next person is Jose Franco. I
 5 understand Mr. Franco will be using an
 6 interpreter.
 7 MR. LUNA: Hi. My name is Jonathan
 8 Luna. I'm the MRF manager at West Chicago. I'm
 9 here to translate for Jose.
 10 (WHEREUPON, Jonathan Luna
 11 translated from English into
 12 Spanish.)
 13 MR. FRANCO: Hi. My name is Jose
 14 Franco. As a MRF operator, I move materials to
 15 trailers out of the West Chicago facility. I
 16 have been employed by LRS and Prairie City
 17 Withholding for more than 22 years. I enjoy
 18 working with my colleagues. It is a great
 19 company to work for. I like my salary,
 20 attention to safety, and doing our emergency
 21 action plan to make sure we keep up with the
 22 best safety practices.

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1 The industrial area comment -- For
 2 those who live here, we know that West Chicago
 3 is made up of a combination of industrial and
 4 residential, but they have been very symbiotic
 5 in their living arrangements, I'll say, and very
 6 acceptable. I mean, industry brings tax revenue
 7 into the city and that should help offset our
 8 own personal property taxes.
 9 This, on the other hand, is going
 10 to lower our property value. There was
 11 testimony earlier during these hearings that
 12 concluded, whether it's true or by perception,
 13 that property values will go down if this is
 14 instituted.
 15 Is the environment a core driver?
 16 I mention that again. I believe that if the
 17 city approves this, some of the other things
 18 they should consider is a moratorium on cost
 19 increases for 10 to 15 years to West Chicago and
 20 real benefits down to the taxpayers.
 21 So those are my comments. I thank
 22 you very much. And I'll turn it over to the

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1 While I could have gone to work for
 2 other employers, I choose to stay at LRS because
 3 I love working with my colleagues, have a short
 4 commute, I love the industry, and I'm grateful
 5 for LRS. Please vote yes for LRS and all the
 6 facts. Thank you.
 7 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Thank you,
 8 Mr. Franco.
 9 Next is George Strom.
 10 MR. STROM: My name is George Strom,
 11 S-t-r-o-m. Greetings and thank you for your
 12 time today. My name is George Strom, and I'm
 13 the vice president of municipal services for
 14 LRS. I'm also a DuPage County resident, who has
 15 spent nearly my entire life living in
 16 unincorporated DuPage County.
 17 In my day-to-day role with the
 18 organization, I oversee all of the municipal
 19 waste hauling agreements. Until two years ago,
 20 I had spent my entire life working for my
 21 family's waste hauling company, Roy Strom, based
 22 out of Maywood, Illinois. I was the fourth

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1 generation of the Strom legacy that was
2 celebrating 76 years of business when we chose
3 to sell our organization to LRS.

4 Over the past five years, the waste
5 industry has consolidated into a group of either
6 large national waste haulers: Waste
7 Connections, locally known as Groot,
8 \$4.2 billion in revenue; Waste Management,
9 \$15 million in revenue; and Republic Services,
10 \$10 billion in revenue; or there are a few
11 remaining local private remaining waste haulers,
12 LRS and Flood Brothers.

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13 While this industry has
14 consolidated, the control of the transfer
15 stations and landfills has drastically shrunk.
16 Waste Connections, Waste Management, and
17 Republic Services control all but one landfill
18 in the Chicago region. That one landfill is
19 owned by LRS in Atkinson, Illinois, about
20 145 miles away from here.

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21 When you are a family business
22 without a transfer station, it is becoming a

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1 pride in delivering value to my customers, who
2 are municipalities and its residents. LRS,
3 while not being the fourth largest company in
4 the United States, we are a disrupter and we are
5 growing, and we are always looking for ways to
6 save money for our customers. Specifically,
7 what I like to call "my residents" because I
8 care for our customers.

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9 In the past two years, while I have
10 helped lead the municipal group, we have been
11 able to use our close proximity of our operated
12 and owned transfer station to win large
13 municipal agreements. These new municipal
14 agreements have delivered millions of dollars in
15 savings to the municipalities and its residents.
16 Some of the examples include the Village of
17 Maywood. They were delivered a large savings
18 and are located within one of our sites that has
19 a transfer station. The Village of Oak Park,
20 \$2.8 million saved over five years, three miles
21 away from the LRS transfer station; the Village
22 of Schaumburg, \$3.3 million saved over

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1 requirement to have a landfill to control your
2 long-term disposal costs. If you think that
3 getting a transfer station is hard based on this
4 hearing, let me tell you, getting a landfill is
5 next to impossible.

6 Roy Strom saw the writing on the
7 wall when Waste Management and Advanced
8 Disposal, one and, I think, four of the largest
9 companies were allowed to merge. We believe
10 that we would no longer be able to get favorable
11 disposal rates from any of the large national
12 providers, and LRS's landfill was too far away.

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13 We made the decision to sell our organization to
14 someone who would continue with the tradition of
15 quality service at a fair price. LRS was that
16 partner. They kept all of our employees and
17 have taken great care of our customers.

18 I believe it is unfortunate that
19 this industry has been allowed to consolidate so
20 drastically, because it tends to lead to a much
21 higher price for the customer.

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22 In my role at LRS I take great

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1 five years, four miles away from the LRS
2 transfer station; the City of Elmhurst,
3 \$2.5 million saved over five years, seven miles
4 away from the LRS transfer station. These four
5 municipalities have saved a combined
6 \$8.6 million. Might I add, none of them are
7 located in DuPage County. This is due to the
8 fact that in order for LRS to deliver large
9 savings to its municipal clients, we must have
10 been vertically integrated with a close LRS
11 transfer station for the waste to get back to
12 our LRS landfill.

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13 If LRS were to be approved for this
14 expansion to include a waste transfer station at
15 our already existing facility located here in
16 West Chicago, we would be able to deliver much
17 more competitive rates to DuPage County and
18 possibly, in the future, West Chicago. By being
19 more competitive, we are able to deliver large
20 savings to the residents of DuPage County making
21 it that much more attractive of a place to live.

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22 One worthwhile note, in all of but

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1 one of those examples I provided, LRS was the
2 only bidder versus the incumbent large
3 corporation. If we were not here to bid, who
4 would be the company keeping the prices fair and
5 competitive? That might explain why so much
6 attention and financial resources have been
7 pumped into this hearing.

8 I know firsthand what the
9 opposition is going to do to keep smaller
10 companies from securing a transfer station.
11 Years ago, when we attempted to gain a transfer
12 station, a competitor hired people to go
13 door-to-door to speak against Roy Strom and the
14 transfer station we were trying to build. In
15 the end, we were awarded the permit and we were
16 able to deliver savings and continued to serve
17 our customers for 13 more years until we were
18 sold to LRS.

19 In closing, I ask you to see past
20 the large national waste influence and think
21 about the local influence and the support that
22 they have expressed for this expansion. From

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1 safely without any disruption to the communities
2 and neighborhoods that we serve.
3 I'm also super proud to be employed
4 by LRS. I started six years ago with this
5 company as a customer service representative;
6 and through the growth through the years, I have
7 since risen through the ranks thanks to the
8 opportunities this company has provided me. We
9 are excited about the possibility of finally
10 being able to compete on a level playing field
11 here in West Chicago and I wholeheartedly
12 support our application to expand at our own
13 facility based on our dramatic growth and the
14 need for fair competition.

15 I urge the city council to vote yes
16 for LRS. Thank you.

17 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Thank you.

18 Next is Joseph Lucarelli.

19 MR. LUCARELLI: Good afternoon. My
20 name is Joseph Lucarelli, and that's spelled
21 L-u-c-a-r-e-l-l-i. Currently I serve as the
22 operations manager for the West Chicago and

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1 key stakeholders, such as Senator Villa, local
2 union teamsters, the West Suburban Chamber of
3 Commerce, the Sierra Club, and many others. And
4 also look to the value that LRS is able to
5 provide to you, West Chicago; to you, DuPage
6 County; and to you, the residents.

7 I thank you very much for your
8 time. I would ask you to strongly consider and
9 vote yes for this new state-of-the-art recycling
10 and waste transfer station. Thank you very
11 much.

12 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Thank you,
13 Mr. Strom.

14 Next is Travis Ralph.

15 MR. RALPH: Good afternoon, everyone.
16 My name is Travis Ralph, R-a-l-p-h, and I am the
17 operations supervisor at our West Chicago
18 facility. Part of my daily responsibilities are
19 ensuring our residential, commercial, and
20 roll-off drivers not only do their job but
21 return home safely to their families. We are
22 proud to hire local and deliver our services

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1 Elburn facilities. At West Chicago we currently
2 employ over 125 people. And I am very proud to
3 say it is a very diverse workforce that
4 represents a wide variety of ethnicities and
5 cultural backgrounds. We are also proud to say
6 that we have had generations of families working
7 for us over the years in various job functions.

8 LRS has been an outstanding,
9 responsible corporate citizen, not only
10 employing locally, but also investing locally as
11 well in the communities that we serve and
12 operate in.

13 A yes vote on our West DuPage
14 Recycling and Transfer Station will help us
15 operate more efficiently, will help reduce local
16 and regional diesel fuel emissions, and allow us
17 to compete fairly against our much larger
18 competition. Thank you.

19 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Thank you.

20 Next is Brian Clinite.

21 MR. CLINITE: Clinite, C-l-i-n-i-t-e.
22 My name is Brian Clinite. I'm an area safety

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1 manager for LRS. I have been in the waste
2 industry for over 25 years, going on 5 years
3 with LRS. I currently live in Bartlett. I have
4 lived in Bartlett for over 25 years. And since
5 Bartlett is close to West Chicago, I spend the
6 majority of my time at the West Chicago
7 facility.

8 I want to talk to you today a
9 little bit about LRS safety and compliance. LRS
10 has an award-winning safety program called Lift
11 Safety. Our Lift Safety slogan can be found on
12 our safety apparel and posted at all of our
13 different facilities. The slogan says, "Safety
14 is more than a priority. It's a value."
15 Priorities can change but values do not, so
16 safety is our core value. The Lift Safety
17 program targets all employees, their families,
18 and the general public. Our marketing
19 department mails safety materials out to
20 employees' homes and we post information on the
21 web for the general public.

22 Why do we do this? Because

1 accidents and injuries don't just happen at
2 work. They can happen anywhere. All right.
3 Some of the things that they put out are
4 articles on driving safety. Okay. Distracted
5 driving, cell phone use, okay, winter driving.
6 We put out things about ladder safety.
7 Statistics show that most ladder accidents
8 happen at home. All right. Then, most
9 recently, they put out something on space heater
10 safety in the winter here.

11 My job, first and foremost, is to
12 keep employees, customers, and the general
13 public safe. All right. We want all employees
14 finishing their workdays not having harmed
15 themselves or anyone else. Any new hire that
16 has on-boarded with LRS is told that safety is
17 absolutely their No. 1 concern. Safety is
18 always more important than productivity, always
19 more important than customer service. They are
20 told that if they can't do something safely,
21 they are not to do it. They are to call their
22 supervisor. That applies to all aspects of

1 their job, whether it be driving, sorting,
2 collecting, lifting, et cetera. They are told
3 that no job, no company, and no customer is more
4 important than their safety, their health, and
5 their wellbeing.

6 Safety training is part of my job,
7 okay, a large part of it. I send out training
8 materials to every LRS site weekly so that they
9 have training materials they need to conduct the
10 following week's safety meeting.

11 Another big part of my job is
12 compliance. I work to ensure that every LRS
13 site that I oversee is compliant with DOT, OSHA,
14 and EPA regulations. I have a moral and a legal
15 obligation to make sure that my sites are
16 compliant. All right.

17 It is my opinion that a company
18 like LRS that values and supports a good
19 environmental health and safety program
20 exercises good business sense. I know that LRS
21 upper management cares about their employees,
22 the people, and the communities that we service

1 and the environment.
2 As I stated earlier, I have been in
3 the waste industry for over 25 years and, to
4 date, LRS is the most environmentally conscious
5 company that I have ever worked for. They have
6 been on the cutting edge of technology in the
7 industry. They are always seeking innovative
8 solutions to decades-old industry problems,
9 including environmental health and safety
10 issues. I am positive that if this proposal is
11 approved, LRS will have a facility that causes
12 no harm to its employees, residents of West
13 Chicago, or to the environment.

14 When I hear people say that LRS
15 does not care about people or the environment,
16 my opinion is that they are either misinformed
17 or that they truly don't know LRS or truly don't
18 know LRS employees.

19 So I'd like to thank each and every
20 one of you for your time today. I encourage you
21 to vote yes on this proposal. Thank you very
22 much.

1 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Thank you.
 2 Next is Andy Ferrer.
 3 MR. ENGINEER: I guess he's not here.
 4 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Then, that
 5 leaves you, Mr. Engineer.
 6 MR. ENGINEER: My name is Jim Engineer,
 7 E-n-g-i-n-e-e-r. I'm a manager of environmental
 8 social governance initiative of LRS, as well as
 9 government affairs and communications.
 10 Before I start, LRS -- And this has
 11 not been mentioned publicly at the hearings yet,
 12 so I wanted to do that for a second. When we
 13 filed our application on September 16th, we
 14 launched a web page. I wanted to make that
 15 available. It's in English and Spanish. But
 16 want to let people know who are here today that
 17 if they go to www.LRSrecycles.com, click on the
 18 resources tab in the upper right corner, and
 19 then click on the West DuPage RTS page. And
 20 Jonathan will just translate that briefly in
 21 Spanish.
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1 schools in Aurora where Indian-Americans today
 2 make up the majority of the student population.
 3 How things have changed. And I have no doubt
 4 that Dr. King is looking down and smiling at
 5 just how diverse and integrated our society has
 6 become.
 7 Things also continue to change
 8 dramatically here in West Chicago. Where a
 9 Latino native has brought considerable economic
 10 growth and development and raised the standard
 11 of living. It is here where a West Chicago born
 12 and raised Latina became your state rep in 2019,
 13 and in the last election went on to be reelected
 14 as your state senator in the 25th District. And
 15 recently where the first Latina congresswoman
 16 won the 3rd Congressional District extending
 17 from Chicago's northwest side, all the way here
 18 to West Chicago. Dr. King sure would be proud.
 19 He also would be proud to see West Chicago
 20 recognized by Fortune Magazine as the ninth best
 21 place to live for families in the United States.
 22 I have been with LRS since the

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1 (WHEREUPON, Jonathan Luna
 2 translated from English to
 3 Spanish.)
 4 MR. ENGINEER: I also want to add that
 5 I am delivering these remarks on my own behalf,
 6 as I'm a passionate DuPage County resident and a
 7 resident of the 25th and 49th Districts.
 8 It's a pleasure to be with you
 9 during the week we observe and pay tribute to
 10 the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King,
 11 Jr. Dr. King came to Memphis in 1968 to
 12 advocate for mistreated and grossly underpaid
 13 sanitation workers, who simply wanted more than
 14 \$0.65 an hour to collect garbage in the City of
 15 Memphis. How things have changed since.
 16 My family immigrated to the U.S.
 17 from the U.K. and India back in 1982, and we
 18 have been DuPage County residents since 1984. I
 19 attended Naperville Central High School from '84
 20 to '88, when the student population was more
 21 than 95 percent white. Today, more than
 22 35 years later, my daughters attend District 204

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1 company was formed in 2013, and had the honor of
 2 working in our West Chicago facility from 2019
 3 to 2022. For the past year, I have helped lead
 4 up the company's environmental social governance
 5 initiatives, which include our diversity,
 6 equity, and inclusion and community social
 7 impact programs. Our company's roots run deep
 8 as a sustainability industry pioneer in our use
 9 of the circular operating model, meaning the
 10 more we divert from the waste stream, the more
 11 material we reuse and repurpose back into the
 12 local economy.
 13 In DuPage County, now home to more
 14 than one-million people, LRS is committed to
 15 increasing community access to recycling
 16 services, including free household recycling and
 17 electronic waste drop-off for West Chicago
 18 residents.
 19 In order to provide our essential
 20 frontline services, we need a yes vote on the
 21 siting application. We are simply asking for a
 22 competitive level playing field and have more

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1 than proven and met all nine criteria required
 2 to site a new transfer station. Friends, LRS is
 3 not a nuisance business, as the lead of Protect
 4 West Chicago told the Daily Herald in late
 5 December. On the contrary, we are in the
 6 essential and honorable business of collecting,
 7 sorting, and repurposing waste and recycling
 8 week after week. In fact, I'd argue that we
 9 divert more waste from landfills in proportion
 10 to any other provider.

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11 Free market capitalism and
 12 innovation. That's what forms the bedrock of
 13 who we are, how we advance, and how we lift each
 14 other up. It's also how we keep prices in
 15 check, by encouraging competition. Folks,
 16 capitalism without competition is nothing more
 17 than crony capitalism driven by misinformation,
 18 fear mongering, lobbyists, marketing mailers,
 19 and special interest groups.

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20 The city and the people of West
 21 Chicago deserve better and have everything to
 22 gain by voting yes to LRS. Together, through

1 true public-private collaborations, we can make
 2 West Chicago and DuPage County the region's
 3 beacon for waste diversion, recycling, and
 4 environmental stewardship. Alderman, seize this
 5 critical moment for future generations of West
 6 Chicagoans. It starts by voting yes for LRS.
 7 Thank you.

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8 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Thank you,
 9 Mr. Engineer.

10 Again, last call for Mr. Ferrer.
 11 (No response.)

12 So that concludes those who have
 13 registered to provide oral public comment.
 14 Unless there's something from one of the
 15 parties, that will bring us to the conclusion of
 16 the hearing portion of the application process.

17 Mr. Mueller?

18 MR. MUELLER: Mr. Price, I want to file
 19 a memo that has been in my folder the entire
 20 length of the hearing. It has to do with the
 21 railroad zoning issue. I just figured it's
 22 easier to just give it to people now than to

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1 mail it in.

2 That's all that the applicant has
 3 by way of supplemental information.

4 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Anything from
 5 Protect?

6 MR. LEUTKEHANS: We'll respond to this
 7 in the proposed findings of fact and the
 8 conclusions of law, if that's acceptable.

9 HEARING OFFICER PRICE: Sure. That
 10 works.

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11 Anything else for the good of the
 12 order? If not, then, I'm going to declare the
 13 hearing concluded, commencing the 30-day written
 14 comment period. Again, those dates are anything
 15 postmarked before February 18th would be
 16 accepted as written public comment that can be
 17 provided. Thereafter, I'm looking to have the
 18 proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law
 19 to me by the end of the 21st, and then I will be
 20 getting my report to the council by the end of
 21 the day on the 24th.

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22 With that, then, I will adjourn the

1 hearing on the application and be on the lookout
 2 for the next meeting dates in front of the
 3 council.

4 Thank you, all.

5 (Which were all of the
 6 proceedings in the above-
 7 entitled cause.)

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) ss:
COUNTY OF DU PAGE)

I, KRISTI LANDOLINA, Certified Shorthand Reporter, Notary Public in and for the County DuPage, State of Illinois, do hereby certify that previous to the commencement of the examination and testimony of the various witnesses herein, they were duly sworn by me to testify the truth in relation to the matters pertaining hereto; that the testimony given by said witnesses was reduced to writing by means of shorthand and thereafter transcribed into typewritten form; and that the foregoing is a true, correct and complete transcript of my shorthand notes so taken aforesaid.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my electronic signature this 30th day of January, A.D. 2023.

/s/ Kristi Landolina
KRISTI LANDOLINA
C.S.R. No. 84-4611
Notary Public, DuPage County

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