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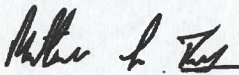
To the council members, administrators, and other pertinent parties associated with the West DuPage Transfer Station siting process for Lakeshore Recycling Services:

As a corporate citizen in West Chicago since the 1980s, Blachford Incorporated has invested millions of dollars, developed three facilities very near the proposed transfer station site, and employed many people from the local population. We have endured many years of littering from the existing transfer station, as well as from the existing Lakeshore facility nearby. Large amounts of trash blow out of passing Lakeshore vehicles every day from full trucks, as well as smaller pieces of trash blowing out of emptied trucks. Developing this Lakeshore location into another waste transfer station will only exacerbate the current problems.

On multiple occasions, the City of West Chicago has attempted to impose fines on our property at 1445 Powis Road for loose trash on the ground. This location is our world-class R&D facility built by us in 2003, which also has a natural wetland area occupying a large amount of the property. When confronted with citations, Blachford Incorporated has presented evidence of the culprits, including Lakeshore Recycling Services garbage stickers. Blachford Incorporated was informed by the City of West Chicago that the source of the litter did not matter and that we were responsible for it anyway.

In addition to various sites throughout the US, Canada, and the United Kingdom, Blachford owns a large site in Milwaukee, which has much cleaner neighbors. If the City of West Chicago continues to fill our industrial park with waste transfer sites and their associated pollution, Blachford will choose to invest in this location in the future rather than in West Chicago. Our businesses, our properties, our natural areas, and our people must not be continually besieged by waste-handling companies with poorly executed waste-handling policies and a lack of accountability.

Blachford Incorporated stands firmly against the Lakeshore Recycling Systems waste transfer facility and demands that the city officials of West Chicago keep the sentiment of our well-established businesses and neighbors at the forefront of their minds throughout this decision-making process.



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