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To: The City of the Village of Douglas Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

From: Lisa Nocerini, City Manager

RE: Taft Law Update

Date: Thursday, May 9th, 2024

As stewards of environmental remediation and redevelopment in our community, it is imperative that we have a clear understanding of the historical contamination sources at the 200 Blue Star Site. Taft Law, our trusted legal counsel specializing in environmental matters, has been diligently working on behalf of the City of the Village of Douglas, and the Douglas Brownfield Authority to investigate and identify responsible parties.

Given the significance of this matter and the need for transparency and accountability, felt it would be beneficial for the Authority to receive a comprehensive update from Taft Law. The goal of this update is to provide an opportunity for the Authority to:

- Receive an update on the progress made in identifying potentially responsible parties (PRPs) for the contamination at the 200 Blue Star Site.
- Understand the methodologies employed by Taft Law in conducting the investigation, including research, data analysis, and legal assessments.
- Discuss any challenges or complexities encountered during the identification process and strategies for overcoming them.
- Review the legal implications and obligations associated with holding responsible parties accountable for environmental remediation and cleanup costs.
- Explore potential avenues for enforcement actions or negotiations with PRPs to facilitate timely and equitable resolution of the contamination issues.

I believe that this engagement and discussion are vital to ensuring that we proceed with diligence and prudence in addressing the contamination concerns at the 200 Blue Star Site.