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Arnold L. Randall

To: President Toni Preckwinkle and the Board of Commissioners

From: Chris Slattery, Director of Planning & Development

cc: Arnold Randall, Eileen Figel and Delio Calzolari

Date: October 21, 2021

Re: Agenda Item 21-0479 Agreement with Institute for Market Transformation

The Forest Preserve is seeking to replace and upgrade the obsolete heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems at the General Headquarters, which is the second largest building owned by the Forest Preserves.

We were made aware of an emerging technologies demonstration program and submitted an inquiry to ComEd a few months ago. In October, staff received notice from ComEd of acceptance to participate in the program. The project is one of ten selected by ComEd.

ComEd's Emerging Technologies program offers an incentive of \$300,000 toward the cost of installation of Very High Efficiency (VHE) HVAC systems.

ComEd's technical assistance partner for oversight of the VHE program is the Institute for Market Transformation ("IMT"), a non-profit organization based in Washington D.C. that promotes sustainable building technologies.

The Forest Preserves is requesting authorization to enter into a no-cost Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with IMT to participate in the incentive program subject to specific requirements and conditions.

The MOU requires the Forest Preserves to provide plans, specifications and data to IMT for their review. IMT also documents sustainability outcomes. Once the Forest Preserves and IMT agree on plans, specifications and outcomes, the Forest Preserves would then enter into a grant agreement with ComEd.

The Forest Preserves is not obligated to proceed if, after good faith efforts, it determines the total project is not in the Forest Preserves best interests.