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April 15, 2024

Mayor Christopher Clark
City of Harvey
15320 Broadway
Harvey, Illinois 60426

Dear Mayor Clark:

I am writing to inform you that two Harvey residents recently met with my staff to discuss the City's plans to construct a detention pond and municipal park near 153rd Street and Myrtle Avenue.

The concerned residents are Joseph Poole and his daughter Carlita Poole-Tingle, who reside next door to each other at 15305 and 15307 Myrtle. Both of their homes would be demolished to make way for the pond and park.

Joseph, aged 90, has resided in his home for 51 years, while Carlita lives next door and assists in caring for her father. Both homes seem to be well maintained, and The Poole's are deeply attached to their residences. Carlita has also expressed concern that her father likely wouldn't survive being displaced after all these years.

The Poole's would like to arrange a meeting with you and/or your city planners to express their concerns and to inquire whether there might be alternative locations available for a pond that could provide flood abatement for the neighborhood while also sparing their homes.

I hope that you or your staff can arrange to meet with The Poole's regarding this matter. Ms. Carlita Poole-Tingle can be reached at (708) 955-7011 or at layla06.cpt@gmail.com. I appreciate your dedication to serving the residents of Harvey. Thank you for your full and fair consideration consistent with applicable law, rules, and regulations.

Sincerely,

Robin L. Kelly
Member of Congress