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This is yet another example of our opponents disseminating misinformation about the O'Hare Modernization Program- just like their consultant's letter on Airport Improvement Program funding that was sent to airports all across the country, including O'Hare and Midway. The FAA's Associate Administrator for Airports was compelled to "set the record straight" regarding the consultant's "serious misunderstanding" of how the program works.

The City's decision to contact residents regarding legitimate hardship cases was prompted by an FAA letter encouraging us to do so, because "the FAA believes that such acquisition programs are laudable because they enable airport sponsors to act in a humane manner." In fact, there is an agreed order in place, signed by the Villages of Bensenville and Elk Grove, allowing for property acquisition of hardship cases with FAA and Village approval.

We have every hope and expectation that when presented with a genuine hardship case by their constituents, the Villages will act in a humane and compassionate manner.