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Community Voices Heard at Cook County Zoning Board Meeting on Proposed Repo Lot

Supervisor Paul O'Grady and Orland Park Mayor Jim Dodge attend hearing with Orland Township Residents

Orland Township, IL – Residents of Orland Township made their voices heard at the Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on **May 7**, where concerns were raised by the community against the proposed repo lot location at **17101 Wolf Road**, within a residential area of Orland Park.

Residents traveled to the Cook County building at **69 W. Washington** with signs displaying a message of **"No Repo in Orland Township"**, and delivered over **1,800 signatures** from community members opposing the project. The petition now boasts over **2,000 signatures and counting**. To add your name, visit:

 <https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/say-no-to-repo-lot-in-orland-park>

Hundreds of residents joined the hearing virtually, voicing objections.

"Thank you to all residents who signed our petition, attended the hearing virtually and in person," said Orland Township Supervisor **Paul O'Grady**. "The zoning board heard your concerns and is thoroughly going through the objections provided by Orland Township."

One 45-year resident emphasized:

"Imagine what this would do to the safety of our neighborhood with tow trucks and multivehicle car carriers coming and going at all hours of the day and night. This does not belong in this setting."

O'Grady expressed sincere gratitude to everyone involved, especially thanking **Orland Park Mayor Jim Dodge**, **Orland Township Executive Administrator Lindsay Napleton**, and **Township Public Relations Nabeha Zegar** for organizing efforts, informing residents, and helping coordinate the petition.

Resident **Paula Pries** also spoke on behalf of the community, raising concerns related to **public safety, property values**, and **environmental impact**.

Both **Mayor Jim Dodge** and **Supervisor Paul O’Grady** addressed the Zoning Board directly, resulting in a continuation of the hearing to allow time for additional expert testimonies in areas such as **public safety, traffic, property values, and environmental effects**.

“This business is simply not a good fit for a residential area,” stated **Mayor Dodge**. “Let me be clear, I do not oppose this business coming to Orland Park, but there are more suitable properties in our industrial zones that would better serve the needs of both the business and our community.”

“We have to consider the potential contamination risks to Marley Creek due to the floodplain and the implications this proposal has on our community's well-being,” **Supervisor O’Grady** added. “This development does not align with our residents’ needs—especially concerning safety and quality of life.”


The **continuation of the hearing** is tentatively scheduled for **August 6** at **69 W. Washington, 22nd Floor, Chicago, IL**, at **11:00 a.m.** All residents are encouraged to attend and participate.

Opposition signs are available for pickup at **Orland Township, 14807 S. Ravinia Avenue**, while supplies last. Interested residents should contact **Lindsay Napleton**.

This hearing underscores the community’s united stance for **transparency, responsible development, and public engagement** in decisions affecting their neighborhoods.

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