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The Honorable Mayor Brad Stephens
Village of Rosemont
9501 W. Devon Avenue
Rosemont, IL 60018

March 4, 2024

Dear Mayor Stephens,

Your letter to Secretary of State and State Librarian Alexi Giannoulis was forwarded to my office for review and response. I have spoken with Jo Bonell, Director of the Des Plaines Public Library, to confirm the relationship that has been established to provide library services to the residents of Rosemont.

Ms. Bonell has confirmed that an intergovernmental agreement has been created with the Des Plaines Public Library for the entire Village of Rosemont. That agreement is permissible under 23 Ill. Adm. Code 3050.80 as part of the rules which govern public library non-resident services in this state. Given the corporate authority, the Village of Rosemont, has formalized this relationship through an intergovernmental agreement, no consideration for the "commonality of community interests" is required as might be allowed by 23 Ill. Adm. Code 3050.25 (a). The rules providing for non-resident status and the need for an individual to apply for a library card at the "closest public library" do not apply to any person residing within the village because of this formal contractual relationship.

I commend you for assuring that residents of your village have access to a public library and are afforded the benefits of those services in their daily lives.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at 217.782.2994.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg McCormick".

Greg McCormick, Director

cc: Jo Bonell, Des Plaines Public Library
Monica Harris, Reaching Across Illinois Library System
Laura Williams, Schiller Park Public Library