

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
TRANSFORMATION AND REUSE
OF FORMER MOTOROLA CAMPUS**

WHEREAS, the former Motorola Campus (the “Campus”) of more than 300 Acres which is improved with approximately 1.5 million square feet of manufacturing, office, and distribution building has been vacant and unused for more than fifteen years, and

WHEREAS, Xiao Hua Gong aka Edward Gong controls and apparently owns Edward Harvard Holdings, LLC the current owner of the Campus (“Owner”), and Gong is under indictment in Canada, and

WHEREAS, the United States, at the request of the Canadian government, has disclosed an intention to forfeit the Campus should the principal of owner be convicted pursuant to the Canadian indictment and has obtained a restraining order against the Owner, requiring among other things that it maintain the building in conformance with all applicable building, mechanical and life safety codes, and prevent its deterioration, and

WHEREAS, Owner has largely ignored that requirement and has let the building and site deteriorate, and

WHEREAS, the deterioration of the building is approaching a critical juncture after which it may be uneconomical to restore it to commercial use, and

WHEREAS, there has been only limited communication between Owner or its agents and local officials and stakeholders, and many of the representations of the Owner to local officials and stakeholders appear inaccurate or contrary to observed acts and omissions of Owner, and

WHEREAS, real estate taxes for the campus, the largest taxpayer within the City of Harvard, and Harvard Community Unit School District No. 50 have not been paid for the second installment of 2016, all of 2017, and 2018 have not been paid by Owner, thereby injuring the City, the School District and other taxing bodies, and

WHEREAS, the fire suppression system and fire sensor system have failed, and neither the local fire department nor other departments with which it cooperates have the capacity or technical expertise to address a fire in such a large structure, placing the entire City of Harvard at risk of a catastrophic fire, and

WHEREAS, repeated requests to Owner and his agents to address the foregoing have been ignored over the entire period of ownership, and

WHEREAS, Owner has made no good faith attempt to use the Campus itself, or to market it to any third-party user, in spite of repeated requests to do so by local stakeholders, and

WHEREAS, offers to purchase the Campus at fair market value have been made to Owner by a company who wishes to own the Campus for advanced manufacturing, which would provide the

City of Harvard, the County of McHenry, and the entire region with substantial investment and employment, and Owner has refused to respond to such offers, and

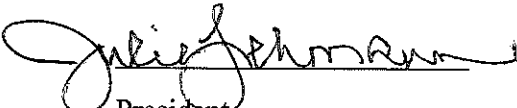
WHEREAS, City of Harvard, the County of McHenry, and the surrounding region and their citizens have been willfully injured by the enumerated conduct and many other acts and omissions of Owner of the Campus,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Harvard Community Unit School District No. 50 that continued ownership of the Campus by Owner is intentionally harmful to the public interest, and that the District supports any and all lawful actions to be taken to remove Owner and place ownership with those who will properly restore and maintain the Campus in conformance with applicable codes and regulations, and that it should then be sold to the highest qualified buyer prepared to do so and to utilize the Campus for lawful economic activity, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the undersigned request that the State of Illinois and the United States assist in this endeavor with all lawful means within their power and jurisdiction, and that to further this request,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be entered into the record, and shall be submitted to the Governor and Attorney General of the State of Illinois, and such other officials as shall seem necessary or convenient to advance the request for relief contained herein.

Adopted by vote of the Board of Education of Harvard Community Unit School District No. 50
this 7th day of August, 2019.


President

Attest:



Secretary