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Joanne Stawik Zoning Board of Appeals 6204 North Emerson Street Rosemont, IL 60018 March 17, 2015

WRITER'S DIRECT LINE (312) 541-1073

#### Re: Agenda for April 7, 2015 Zoning Board Meeting

Dear Joanne:

Enclosed is an agenda for the Tuesday, April 7, 2015 meeting of the Rosemont Zoning Board of Appeals. There is only one item on the agenda relating to the Gene & Georgetti Restaurant proposed for the property at 9421 West Higgins Road. This public hearing is for a special use to allow the establishment and operation of a Gene & Georgetti Restaurant and event banquet facility at 9421 West Higgins Road. Also included is a request for several sign variations. I have also enclosed a copy of the Public Hearing Notice for this application. I have arranged with Marco Greco of the Journal-Topics newspaper for this notice to be published in the March 18 edition of the newspaper.

Please don't hesitate to call should you have any comments or concerns regarding this letter.

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PDC:bb Enclosures cc: (w/enclosures) Ron Holtman

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT

#### AGENDA

## APRIL 7, 2015 MEETING 3:00 P.M. 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR 9501 DEVON AVENUE ROSEMONT, IL

#### I. Call to Order and Roll Call

II. Public Hearing on whether the Village should grant: (1) a special use to allow the establishment and operation of a Gene & Georgetti restaurant and The Estate by Gene & Georgetti event banquet facility at 9421 West Higgins Road, Rosemont, Illinois (the "Subject Property"), including variations from the requirements of Section 18A-24 and 18A-25 of the Rosemont Sign ordinance to permit: (2) a pole sign containing two (2) panels with a total area of 108.5 square feet per facing, with one sign panel containing the words "Gene & Georgetti Chicago's finest since 1941", and the second sign panel containing the words "The Estate by Gene & Georgetti"; and (3) an increase in the number of permitted wall signs to permit the following additional wall signs: (i) an approximately 29.58 square foot wall sign containing the words "Gene & Georgetti" to be placed on the covered porte-cochere entrance to the restaurant; (ii) an approximately 64 square foot wall sign panel containing the words "The Estate by Gene & Georgetti" to be placed at the entrance to the event banquet portion of the facility; and (iii) an 32 square foot wall sign containing the words "Restaurant & Bar" to be placed at the entrance to the restaurant portion of the facility, all in accordance with drawings submitted by the Applicant.

- 1. Swearing in of witnesses
- 2. Presentation by applicant
- 3. Statements by members of public in attendance
- 4. Questions and comments by members of zoning board
- 5. Closing of Public Hearing
- 6. Additional Discussion by Zoning Board.

7. Motion and vote on whether to recommend that the Village Board approve (1) a special use to allow the establishment and operation of a Gene & Georgetti restaurant and The Estate by Gene & Georgetti event banquet facility at 9421 West Higgins Road, Rosemont, Illinois (the "Subject Property"), including variations from the requirements of Section 18A-24 and 18A-25 of the Rosemont Sign ordinance to permit: (2) a pole sign containing two (2) panels with a total

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III. Adjournment.

Joanne Stawik Secretary Zoning Board of Appeals

### VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Rosemont, Illinois, will hold a public hearing on the application of 9421 Higgins. LLC. an Illinois limited liability company (the "Applicant"), with the consent of the owner of the property, for: (1) a special use to allow the establishment and operation of a Gene & Georgetti restaurant and The Estate by Gene & Georgetti event banquet facility at 9421 West Higgins Road, Rosemont, Illinois (the "Subject Property"), including variations from the requirements of Section 18A-24 and 18A-25 of the Rosemont Sign ordinance to permit: (2) a pole sign containing two (2) panels with a total area of 108.5 square feet per facing, with one sign panel containing the words "Gene & Georgetti Chicago's finest since 1941", and the second sign panel containing the words "The Estate by Gene & Georgetti"); and (3) an increase in the number of permitted wall signs to permit the following additional wall signs: (i) an approximately 29.58 square foot wall sign containing the words "Gene & Georgetti" to be placed on the covered porte-cochere entrance to the restaurant; (ii) an approximately 64 square foot wall sign panel containing the words "The Estate by Gene & Georgetti" to be placed at the entrance to the event banquet portion of the facility; and (iii) an 32 square foot wall sign containing the words "Restaurant & Bar" to be placed at the entrance to the restaurant portion of the facility, all in accordance with drawings submitted by the Applicant.

The public hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Rosemont at the Rosemont Municipal Building, 9401 West Devon Avenue, Rosemont, Illinois, on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 3:00 o'clock p.m. in the Village Board meeting room on the second floor.

All interested persons will be given an opportunity to speak at the Public Hearing. In addition, objections and other comments, if any, relating to the above listed request may be made in writing and filed with the Village Clerk before the hearing in addition to being offered verbally at the hearing. Documents relating to the requested special use and sign variations are available for review in the offices of the Village's Building Department, 9501 West Devon Avenue, Rosemont, Illinois, during regular business hours.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2015

Zoning Board of Appeals Village of Rosemont Ronald Holtman, Chairman

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March 12, 2015

## VIA UPS OVERNIGHT

Ron Holtman Director of Building and Code Enforcement of the Village of Rosemont 9501 W. Devon Avenue Suite 200 Rosemont, IL 60018

## RE: Gene & Georgetti Rosemont – 9421 Higgins Road, Rosemont, Illinois

Dear Mr. Holtman:

Enclosed herewith is the application for both the special use and sign variance for the restaurant and banquet facility to be located at 9421 Higgins Road. Additionally, we enclose a check in the sum of \$695.00 for these matters.

Would you please arrange for necessary publication and notices? We understand that this matter will be placed on the April zoning board agenda. Please confirm the time and date.

Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

LILLIG & THORSNESS, LTD.

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cc: Anthony Durpetti (w/o encl. via email) Rich Ciota (w/o encl. via email) Jonathan A. Thorsness, Esq. (w/o encl. via email) March 11, 2015

Chairman and Members of the Building and Zoning Board Village of Rosemont 9501 W. Devon Avenue Suite 200 Rosemont, IL 60018

RE: Special Use Permit and Sign Variance Applications – 9421 Higgins Road, Rosemont, Illinois

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

9421 Higgins, LLC, formerly known as 9241 Higgins, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company ("Petitioner") has entered into a lease of the commercial building located at 9421 Higgins Road, Rosemont, Illinois ("Premises"), with the Village of Rosemont, and intends to operate a classic fine dine independent steakhouse known as *Gene & Georgetti Rosemont* and an event banquet facility known as *The Estate by Gene & Georgetti*. Please consider this letter our formal request for the issuance of a special use permit in connection with the lease of a commercial building and operation of restaurant with outdoor seating and banquet facility, and a variance for signage to be installed thereon.

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 2.1 of The 1961 Zoning Regulations of the Village of Rosemont ("Ordinance"), restaurants may be allowed by special use permit issued by the Village Board after a public hearing. As such, Petitioner requests such relief in an effort to establish a steakhouse restaurant with outdoor seating and banquet facility. Petitioner also requests that a variance issue in connection with signage.

The Premises consist of approximately 1.57 acres of land improved with a one story brick building containing approximately 23,300 square feet. The site contains parking for approximately 108 automobiles.

The Premises has been continuously operated as a restaurant for at least the past twenty (20) years by Rosewood Restaurants and Banquets, Ltd. ("Rosewood") under a lease agreement. On or about January 5, 2015, the lease was terminated and Rosewood has vacated the Premises.

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The conditions and issuance of a special use permit, as set forth in Article VII, Section 2.1 of the Ordinance, were satisfied in 1988 and are satisfied presently. Pursuant to Article X, Section 8, Subsection 8 of the Ordinance:

Section 8. The President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rosemont, may by a special use permit, after a public hearing is held by the Zoning Board of Appeals... authorize the location or extension of any of the following uses:

8. Any use not otherwise allowed as a permitted or special use under the district regulations for the..."D"...zoning district may be allowed as a special use provided that such use is similar to the types of uses allowed as permitted uses in the zoning district where it is to be located and provided that the outward appearance of the building in which the use is to be located is similar to the outward appearance of the buildings in the area.

The Petitioner will be operating the Premises for a similar use as its predecessor, Rosewood and would therefore satisfy the zoning requirement in Article X, Section 8, Subsection 8 of the Ordinance. The Premises is neither detrimental to nor endangers the public health, safety, morals or comfort. The Premises will be operated in conformity with applicable laws in a healthy and safe manner. Further, the Premises will have a positive effect on neighboring properties by being well-maintained and bringing customers into the Village, which will result in residual benefits to all businesses and residents located in the Village. The normal and orderly development of surrounding properties will not been impeded. The Premises has been served by adequate utilities, access, drainage and other necessary facilities to function as a commercial building. See Exhibit "A" attached hereto for a survey of the Premises.

The Petitioner will be utilizing the space located at the north end of the Premises as outdoor seating. The space will accommodate seating for approximately 35 to 40 people with approximately 10 to 12 tables. See <u>Exhibit "B"</u> attached hereto for plan depicting the outdoor seating area.

The Petitioner requests a variance for construction of signs to advertise the restaurant and banquet facility. Proposed renderings of the signage are attached hereto as <u>Exhibit "C"</u>. Note that the exact dimensions have not yet been finalized. However, we believe that the dimensions are consistent with the Rosewood signage. The dimensions of the pylon sign will be approximately  $10'5'' \times 10'4''$ .

Petitioner believes that the Premises conforms to the regulations of the zoning district to which it is located. Petitioner respectfully requests that the Village issue its special use permit, permitting the continued use of the Premises as a restaurant with outdoor seating and banquet facility and for a sign variance.

# Respectfully Submitted

9421 HIGGINS, LLC, formerly known as 9241 Higgins, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company

Jugette By: <u>Anthony</u> Durpetti Name: Anthony D. Durpetti Its: Manager





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