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"The current city administration has not been able to work with our 12 TIF Districts without shutting out our citizens, creating bad private loans and paybacks to developers, like Dozer Stadium, Cub Foods and Marriott, to name a few.

Our current city leaders have not been able to work with our business leaders, including, Caterpillar. The building of headquarters and 31 acres now sit empty and vacant; I will work closely with Caterpillar and community leaders to fill the area with new business, and retail.

I will work with federal dollars like the US Treasury Department "Hardest Hit Fund" to revitalize older neighborhoods with transportation, converting vacant lots to natural meadows, and revitalizing housing.

I will work with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to help build our parks on taxpayers behalf. I envision parks like Chicago's Grant Park.

I will create local green jobs for recycling centers similar to Springfield. I will push and support an option to buy out of Peoria District of Illinois American Water Company saving taxpayers millions a year. I support a green solution to address combined sewage overflow and ensure these green jobs go to city residents.

Finally, I support our citizens with "open door" policies, home ownership with city supported services, and federal dollars into development to grow our city.

With my expertise as a Real Estate Broker and experience working with developers; I can bring this city to the next level of a cycle of renewal."