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Name of Board or Agency you are interested in appointment to Northern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA)

Previous Board Experience

Have you ever served on this Board or Agency before? No

Personal Information

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Additional Information

Please explain why you wish to serve as an appointee and share any unique qualifications or experience you feel you would bring to this agency.

I wish to serve as an appointee to the NITA Board because the future of regional transit is one of the most important issues facing DuPage County. A strong, accountable, and financially sustainable transit system is essential to economic development, workforce mobility, access to jobs and services, and the long-term competitiveness of our communities. For DuPage County, that means not only maintaining connections to Chicago, but also building a more balanced system that better supports intercommunity and inter-suburban connectivity.

As the region continues to evolve, our transit system must respond to how people actually live, work, study, shop, and access services today. The traditional hub-and-spoke model has served an important purpose, but it cannot be the only framework for future investment. DuPage County residents need practical connections between suburbs, employment centers, health care facilities, educational institutions, downtowns, commercial corridors, and regional destinations. We also need creative, flexible solutions for pockets of our communities where traditional fixed-route transit may not fully meet the need, but where better public transportation access could make a meaningful difference for residents, workers, seniors, students, and people with limited mobility options.

I would bring a unique combination of municipal, regional, fiduciary, private-sector operational, and educational experience to this role. I hold a Bachelor's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and am nearing completion of a Master of Public Policy and Administration from Northwestern University. That academic background complements my real-world experience and gives me a strong foundation in land use, public finance, governance, policy analysis, and the relationship between transportation systems and community development.

As Mayor of Roselle, I manage a municipal budget and oversee core local government services for a community located along the Metra Milwaukee District West Line. This gives me direct experience with the connection between transit access, infrastructure investment, redevelopment, and local economic vitality. I have also led long-term strategic planning, infrastructure funding efforts, zoning modernization, and downtown redevelopment initiatives that prioritize walkability, design quality, and transit-supportive development. Regionally, I have served in executive leadership with the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, including as President. In those roles, I worked with municipal leaders across DuPage County on transportation funding, transit governance, municipal finance, infrastructure, pensions, and state legislative policy. That experience has given me a strong appreciation for the need to balance regional coordination with local accountability, and to ensure DuPage County has a meaningful voice in shaping the

future of transit.

I also serve as an Executive Trustee of the Illinois Firefighters Pension Investment Fund, helping provide fiduciary oversight for a statewide public pension investment system managing approximately \$11.1 billion in assets. That role has strengthened my experience with governance, transparency, compliance, long-term financial stewardship, and taxpayer accountability. In my private-sector career at a fortune 500 company, I lead teams across the United States, Canada, and Panama focused on automation, supplier operations, process improvement, and performance management. That background would allow me to bring an operational mindset to NITA's work, with a focus on measurable outcomes, efficient service delivery, cross-functional coordination, and continuous improvement.

If appointed, I would approach the role with a commitment to fiscal responsibility, regional collaboration, practical problem solving, and balanced transit policy. My goal would be to help advance a system that continues to connect our region to Chicago while also doing more to connect DuPage communities to one another, support suburban job centers, and serve residents whose daily transportation needs do not fit neatly into an outdated commute pattern.

Are you a lobbyist registered with the State of Illinois? No

Are you an elected official? Yes

Are you currently employed or have an ownership interest in a company that conducts business with the government entity to which you are seeking an appointment? No

Do you have any relatives who are currently employed with the governmental entity to which you are seeking an appointment? No

Conviction Information

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense? No

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Do you attest to the above? Yes
