



City of Aurora

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David L. Stover
Mayor

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To Whom It May Concern:

As the Mayor of Aurora, I am pleased to have Chicago Premium Outlets in our City. The center has been a very successful and welcome addition to the community. It has provided much-needed tax revenue, jobs for local citizens, and a wonderful place to shop without leaving the City.

Chelsea Property Group, Inc. worked hand-in-hand with the City's staff in the planning and development of the center. Since its opening in May 2004, they have remained involved in the community, including local chambers of commerce and other civic organizations. Chelsea delivered the type of development they promised, and has kept their commitments to the community.

In addition, Chelsea was instrumental in working with local officials to help solve long-standing problems in the area with stream flooding. The resulting environmentally progressive design helped increase floodplain storage by over 50 percent, and created a natural ecosystem of over 80 acres, which the Kane County Forest Preserve District has agreed to take ownership and maintain after a period of stabilization.

Chelsea's project has been a welcome addition to Illinois' second largest city, and we continue to working with them for a successful long-term relationship.

Sincerely,

David L. Stover
Mayor

cc: Sherman L. Jenkins
Aurora Economic Development Commission