PUBLIC NOTICE

In 2018, DeKalb County Ordinances 2018-16 and 2018-45 granted approval to Sun Vest Solar, Inc. (SVS) for the establishment and operation of two (2), 2-megawatt Solar Gardens, to be known as SVS CSG Kirkland 1 and 2, collocated on the same property located on the east side of Pearl Street, approximately 2,000 feet south of Wolf Road, in Franklin Township, in anticipation of being selected to participate in the Illinois Community Solar Program. Approval of these Special Uses were subject to sixteen conditions, one of which required that Building Permits be sought within 18 months of the approval date of the Ordinances, otherwise they would expire. Neither of these projects were chosen to participate in the program, and the expiration dates passed with no action taken. In 2020, they were informed that the State would be modifying the previous program, however, to remain eligible to be included in the new program, SVS had to apply for and be granted new Special Use ordinances for the proposed solar gardens. They subsequently applied for and were granted DeKalb County Ordinances 2020-21 and 2020-22. In late 2021, the State developed a new Illinois Community Solar program, and SVS was chosen to participate, however, SVS realized that they would be unable to take action on these projects before the 18-month expiration dates of the 2020 Special Use ordinances passed. SVS has therefore resubmitted applications to be granted new Special Use ordinances for the proposed solar gardens. Before Special Use Permit ordinances can be approved by the DeKalb County Board, a public hearing must be held before the DeKalb County Hearing Officer.

Sun Vest Solar, Inc. is requesting approval of Special Use Permit Ordinances for the two (2) proposed solar gardens. A public hearing will be held before the DeKalb County Hearing Officer on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 1:00 pm, in the DeKalb County Legislative Center, Gatheratorium, 200 North Main Street, Sycamore, IL, 60178. Because this will be the opportunity for public input on this application, all interested persons are encouraged to attend the meeting and be heard. The Special Use Permit petitions, FR-22-02 and FR-22-03, are available for inspection on the DeKalb County website at: https://dekalbcounty.org/government/public-hearings/.

Additionally, interested persons may submit testimony, comments, and questions via email at the following address: Communitydevelopment@dekalbcounty.org. Any such electronic submissions must be received by noon of the day of the public hearing to be included in the public record.

THE NORTHWEST ¼ OF THE NORTHWEST ¼ OF SECTION 24 (EXCEPTING THE SOUTH THREE QUARTERS OF AN ACRE OF THE NORTHWEST ¼ OF SECTION 24), ALL IN TOWNSHIP 42 NORTH, RANGE 3, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN DEKALB COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

P.I.N. 01-24-100-001

The applications for the Special Use Permits have been filed in accordance with the requirements of Section 53-I-2 of the County Code in order to approve the construction of solar gardens on property zoned A-1, Agricultural District.

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