

JULY 15, 2025, CITY COUNCIL MEETING
POSITION STATEMENTS & WRITTEN COMMENTS

PUBLIC FORUM

WRITTEN COMMENT ONLY

1. **Mara Vettori** (Naperville) My name is Mara Vettori and I am writing to urge you to vote against the IMEA contract extension. I work in Naperville and the entirety of my K-12 education was in the city of Naperville. By extending the IMEA contract, you are enabling the city of Naperville to continue to be fueled by coal. There is so much opportunity to invest in clean energy and work toward a clean future for younger generations and more generations to come. Allowing Naperville to be powered by coal until 2055 in this day and age is just wrong. It is very clear the impacts burning coal has on our climate both locally and globally. Dragging out our reliance on coal is setting future generations up for failure. I urge you to think about how you want Naperville and our world to look by 2055. If you image a clean and healthy world, voting for the contract extension will not allow that. Please vote for your future, your kid's futures, as well as future generations futures.
2. **Zoe Rountree** (Naperville) Hello my name is Zoe Rountree and I am a constituent of Naperville. I am not in support of the extended IMEA bill. I do not support the use of coal in Naperville. As an 18 year old this IMEA bill will affect the majority of my adulthood and my future children's lives resulting in major health troubles.
3. **Rebecca Mask** (Naperville) I am asking that Naperville City Council votes against the IMEA contract extension. Voting against IMEA is the decision that will benefit the most amount of people and the city as a whole. Running on coal is something that should be put in the past. The future is clean energy (which will bring better health, sustainable innovation, and new jobs). Hence, Naperville City Council should vote against coal.
Thank you for your time
4. **Ani Apresyan** (Naperville) I ask the Naperville City Council to oppose the extension of Naperville's contract with IMEA. IMEA sources about 80% of its power supply from coal power plants. Much of this comes from Prairie State Generating Station, which consistently ranks among the ten greatest polluters in the entire United States. Prairie State dumps coal ash in the Near Field Facility, which houses 750 acres consisting entirely of coal ash. This is a blemish on all of Illinois, and Naperville should refrain from continuing to remain so intrinsically connected to this facility.
Naperville's continued contract with IMEA would signify a turning point in the future of Naperville and Illinois at large. Naperville is a model for the rest of Illinois. I have grown up here, I volunteer here, and I am active in the community. I know how beautiful this town is, and I am familiar with how often nearby communities turn to us to determine what the best course of action is. Naperville's commitment to green energy would drive others to follow suit. Likewise, committing to dirty sources of energy would drive our state further away from sustainable goals moving forward - a move which is detrimental to us all. Coal power harms our health and our planet. Committing to a contract which tethers us to dirty sources of energy until 2055 entirely neglects the potential of renewable sources of energy. We cannot tout our Sustainable Naperville 2036 action plan while actively taking steps to undermine the initiatives set forth by the Naperville Environment and Sustainability Task Force. I am currently nineteen years old. This decision will continue to affect me until I am nearing my fifties, and likely much longer. The environmental and public health degradation caused by a continued reliance on coal

power will greatly diminish the community's quality of life by the middle of this century. Sacrificing citizens' health and the environment for cheaper utility bills is extremely near-sighted. The current administration has slashed incentives for renewable energy. But this administration will only remain in power for another four years. This contract will last decades beyond that, with incentives and rebates likely to reoccur in the coming years. Meanwhile, while other communities advance forward, we will remain compliant with the IMEA, which will struggle to transition from its overwhelming reliance on coal power to renewable energy. We will lag behind our fellow communities in Illinois. We will no longer be the suburb to beat in Illinois. To avert this, I implore you to please oppose the extension of Naperville's IMEA contract. Thank you for your time and all that you do.

5. **Luke Goodfellow** (Naperville) We must not go forward with the IMEA contract extension. Continuing to rely on coal powered electricity will further the irreversible damage we've already done to our planet, and we live in a time where we have the ability to switch to a greener solution. I hope you'll consider how damaging this 20 year contract extension is and look into what alternatives are possible. Thank you
6. **Carrie Mask** (Naperville) I would like Naperville City Council to support renewable energy for our power source. Please do NOT renew our contract with IMEA. Let's lead by example and support a healthy environment that is sustainable.
7. **Nisshita Marikumar** (Naperville) As a citizen of Naperville, I do not think we should extend our contract with IMEA. We are responsible for keeping the environment and city safe, and relying on coal for our energy source is extremely unsustainable and dangerous. Please vote against an extension so we can mitigate climate change and move towards renewable energy.
8. **Kelvin Price** (Warrenville) Vociferously opposed to any long term, coal burning contract extension, not least of all one that offers no egress. We literally do not have the time to continue to burn fossil fuels, and the sooner we transition to 100 or near 100% clean energy the better it will be for everyone on the planet. Naperville has a golden opportunity to be leaders in this transition. Don't do the wrong thing
9. **George Kalinka** (Naperville) I'm wondering if the City might consider addressing the issue of e-bikes and e-scooters. I noticed this issue in the news lately. For example, Elk Grove Village's new regulations were enacted as of July 1.

<https://www.elkgrove.org/government/police-department/community-resources/e-bikes-e-scooters>

I live in Naperville and have noticed these vehicles on streets, sidewalks, and walkways.

10. **Karen Adams** (Naperville) I have been a Naperville resident for 32 years and have had reliable, cost effective power supply. IMEA has been vetted by other towns and proven to be a reliable source of our power. It is not the time to try to replace with another unproven entity. Not the time to increase costs with potential for unreliable resources. I support retaining g IMEA and renewing our contract with them. Thank you!
11. **Caroline Dejesus** (Naperville) I do not support the proposal of a rental community in the area near Plank and Tuthill road. This is a small and extremely dangerous intersection. There is not enough room for a large population of people to move into this area. It is bad for the traffic pattern, making it dangerous. It will add to over crowded schools. It will

cause flooding in the nearby retention pond in my neighborhood. This area would be a benefit to the city with single family homes. Rental units that are managed by an out of state company will not be a positive for the Naperville community.

12. **Susan Weber** (Naperville) Please outline the process and timeline being used to decide whether to renew IMEA contract or choose another supplier.

J2-J8 Annexation Agreement for The Residences at Naper and Plank (PZC 24-1-128/DEV-0035-2025) (Items 1-7)

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1. **Dave Nelson** (Naperville)- I live in the house directly south across Plank from the development.

I fully support the development called "The Residences at Naper and Plank" and support the approval of the agenda items 25-0882 through 25-0888 related to the development.

I would like the City of Naperville, the County of DuPage, and Lisle Township, to consider adding the following road traffic and pedestrian enhancements to the area, primarily for the existing safety and congestion, not due to the incremental traffic from the development:

1. Add right turn lanes in all directions at the intersection of Naper and Plank
2. Add a four way stop or traffic lights to the corner of either Tuthill and Plank or Naperville-Wheaton and Plank
3. Connect the new sidewalks along Tuthill and Naper to the existing sidewalks to the north, and
4. Develop a pedestrian and bike path between the intersection at Plank and Naper and the intersection at Naper and Chicago/Maple as this has become incredibly dangerous for both the existing pedestrian and bike traffic.

Thank you for your consideration.

2. **Chad A Vargo** (Naperville) I am writing to formally express my opposition to the proposed development project DEV-0035-2025, which seeks to construct a 90-unit townhome community at the properties located at 25W344 Plank Road, 25W372, 25W354, and 25W424 Burlington Ave, among others . While I understand the need for development and growth within our community, I have significant concerns regarding the impact this project will have on our local infrastructure and quality of life.

1. Overcrowded Schools

The proposed development will add a substantial number of new residents to our community, which will inevitably lead to an increase in the number of students attending our local schools. Our schools are already operating at or near capacity, and the addition of new students will exacerbate this issue, leading to overcrowded classrooms and strained resources. This will negatively impact the quality of education our children

receive.

2. Inadequate Roads and Sidewalks

The current infrastructure in the area surrounding the proposed development is not equipped to handle the increased traffic that will result from the addition of 90 new townhomes. The roads are already congested during peak hours, and the increase in traffic will only worsen this situation. Additionally, there are no sidewalks in the area which does not provide safe pedestrian access and is a significant concern for the safety of our residents.

3. Water Runoff Issues

The construction of a large-scale development will increase the amount of impervious surfaces in the area, leading to greater water runoff. This can cause flooding and water damage to nearby properties, as well as negatively impact the local environment. The proposed development does not adequately address how it will manage this increased runoff and mitigate its effects on the surrounding neighborhoods.

4. Property Value Concerns

The introduction of a high-density townhome community in an area predominantly consisting of single-family homes can lead to a decrease in property values for existing homeowners. The change in the neighborhood's character and the potential increase in traffic and noise can make the area less desirable for potential buyers, thereby affecting the market value of nearby properties. This is a significant concern for residents who have invested in their homes and expect their property values to appreciate over time. In conclusion, while development is necessary for the growth of our community, it must be done in a way that does not compromise the quality of life for existing residents. I urge the Naperville Planning and Zoning Commission to reconsider the approval of this project until these critical issues are addressed.

5. Safety Concerns with Proposed Park Location

The proposed park near the intersection of Plant and Tuthill is situated too close to a busy road, raising significant safety concerns for children and families. With heavy traffic frequently passing through this area, it would not be safe for children to play in such close proximity to moving vehicles. The lack of a sufficient buffer between the playground and the street increases the risk of accidents and does not provide a safe recreational environment for our community's youngest residents.

3. **Susan Weber** (Naperville) Additional support for northbound traffic is necessary. To allow the proposed development to proceed, a left turn lane and left turn signal on Naperville-Wheaton Road northbound at Ogden must be added. Northbound traffic on Naperville-Wheaton Road is already problematic with waits of up to 3 cycles of the traffic lights to get through.

This plan creates a HUGE traffic issue traveling north on Naperville-Wheaton Road as well as Tuthill Road. With no left turn lane or left turn signal northbound on Naperville-Wheaton Road, cars going straight or turning right pile up, frequently not making it through the green light. The added traffic in past years from Aldi's, Starbucks and the 14 houses built on Burlington and Declan has significantly worsened the northbound traffic. With no light at Tuthill Road and Ogden Avenue, anyone from the proposed development headed north would likely use Naperville-Wheaton Road. It is extremely hard and unsafe to turn left onto Ogden from Tuthill and almost impossible to turn right and cross lanes to turn left/north on Naper Boulevard given Tuthill's proximity to the light there. 7 Brew Coffee has recently added enormous traffic to Iroquois Avenue and

Naperville-Wheaton Road as well, with cars lining the road on Iroquois all the way down to Naperville-Wheaton Road and around the corner. Sometimes two-way traffic on Iroquois is impeded by the line of waiting cars as well as the many U-turns done in the street. Adding 90 additional families without any northbound traffic support will be disastrous. The best option to support the existing northbound traffic, along with additional traffic from the proposed development, would be to add a left turn lane and left turn signal on Naperville-Wheaton Road northbound at Ogden. If that is not possible, no left turns should be allowed at all, forcing left turns at Naper Boulevard or Iroquois Avenue. Not allowing left turns at Tuthill onto Ogden would also be a good idea, so people can get onto Ogden headed east. If the intent is to have northbound traffic from the 90 families use Plank Road to exit, that could not be enforced and would exacerbate the traffic problems at Plank Road. I sincerely hope the traffic situation is addressed properly. The current situation CANNOT support the additional traffic from the proposed development.

4. **Brittany Rhyne** (Naperville) I would like to be sure a conversation around adding a right turn lane on Plank going South on Naper is part of the discussion around The Residences. Traffic already backs up on Plank at this intersection because of the large number of vehicles that need to turn but get held up by a single car going straight. There is not enough space for pulling up safely to let turners past - the car going straight risks getting too close to the intersection. The light isn't that long and doesn't always accommodate the amount of traffic waiting. With additional traffic added from the development, a right turn lane needs to also be added. Thanks

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1. **Caroline Dejesus** (Naperville)