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Whitney B Robbins, Chair
Naperville Planning and Zoning Commission
City of Naperville
400 S. Eagle Street
Naperville, IL 60540

Re: Public Notice – Case # DEV-0057-2025; Karis Critical Member, LLC
1960 Lucent Lane, Naperville
PIN: 08-05-207-037

Dear Chairperson Robbins,

The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County recently received a Notice of Public Hearing regarding Karis Critical Member, LLC's request for a Conditional Use and three (3) variances as it relates to the proposed development of a data center at 1960 Lucent Lane, Naperville. We appreciate receiving timely notification of such requests that may have an impact on Forest Preserve District property and thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Forest Preserve District staff have reviewed the Photometric Site Plan dated June 12, 2025. Numerous studies have documented that light pollution and artificial light at night have negative and deadly effects on amphibians, birds, mammals, insects and plants. Newer installations of lighting in nearby communities have adopted recommendations as set forth by the International Dark Sky Association and Dark Sky Society. We ask the Planning and Zoning Commission to heed their recommendations to protect our plant and animal neighbors.

We suggest the developer refrain from using asphalt sealants that contain coal tar products. Coal tar sealants contain Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) which pose adverse threats to aquatic organisms, plants, and humans when subjected to long-term exposure. The DuPage County Environmental Committee has urged communities to prevent the use of coal tar in DuPage County. Less detrimental and more environmentally safe alternatives to coal tar products exist.

Please consider this as the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County's request that this letter be read and entered into the public record at the September 3, 2025 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. If you have any questions, please call me at (630) 933-7235.

Sincerely,

Kevin Stough
Land Preservation Manager

Cc: Jessica Ortega, Strategic Plan & Initiatives Manager