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October 14, 2024

Ron Ware
President

Mayor Eddie Melton
Office of the Mayor of the City of Gary
401 Broadway
Gary, IN 46402

Matt Rhoades
Vice President

Re: Letter of Support – Hard Rock Northern Indiana Proposal for Lake
County Convention Center

Brian Keane
Secretary - Treasurer

Dear Mayor Melton:

Mike Toth
Sergeant - At - Arms

We provide this letter of support for the proposal submitted by the
Hard Rock Northern Indiana (“**Hard Rock**”) in response to the RFP/RFQ
issued by the Lake County Board of Commissioners for a Lake County
Convention Center (the “**Proposal**”).

Jason Struzik
Trustee

NWIBCTC supports the Proposal, as we believe that the City is the
best home for a Lake County Convention Center to benefit the entire
region. It is our position that the Hard Rock, which was all union built,
presents the best opportunity for Lake County to become home to a
well-run convention center that will bring about opportunities for all
surrounding municipalities, Lake County businesses, residents, and
organizations like ours.

Tom Elkins
Trustee

Our hope is that, in selecting the winner of the RFP/RFQ, the Board
of Commissioners will consider our support of this Proposal. The
Commissioners may feel free to contact me with any related questions.

Kreg Homoky
Trustee

Sincerely,

Randy Palmateer
Business Manager

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