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To Rochelle City Council and City Manager,

City of Rochelle and Rochelle Area Chamber of Commerce staff members are seeking council approval to hold a "Wine on Lincoln" event this fall. The goal of the event is to hold an upscale event to introduce our community to Illinois Wineries while attracting visitors to local businesses. We plan to feature wine, cheese, chocolates, steak dinners and music in downtown Rochelle on Saturday, October 4th from 5:00-9:00 pm.

A representative of the Illinois Grape Growers and Vintners Association (IGGVA) has provided expertise for this event and access to their network of wineries. Waterman Winery and Vineyards and Hopewell Winery have confirmed their participation in the event and one other winery has expressed interest in participating. Participating wineries will apply for a One-Day Liquor License from the City and a Special Event Retailer's License from the Illinois Liquor Commission. Wristbands will be issued to everyone over 21 attending the event. The wineries will provide complimentary tastings. The wineries will sell wine by the glass and bottle for consumption at the event and by the case for off-site consumption.

Aldo's Pizzeria and Italian Ristorante will feature Italian wine, beer and Italian foods in the event area. In addition, Aldo's will provide non-alcoholic beverage choices.

The DeVine Wine Bar and Eatery will feature two appetizer cheese boards, each serving 4-6 people. One will be a simple board including crackers, cheddar cheese, Colby jack, pepper jack, and summer sausage. The other board will be a Chef Ashley Special board with blue cheese, smoked Gouda, Havarti, sharp cheddar, prosciutto, salami, and grilled ciabatta bread.

Colonial Flowers will provide complimentary tastings of their fresh, classic chocolates. The assorted chocolates will be available for purchase individually as a dessert or in upscale packaging for gift giving.

Headon's Fine Meats will grill and provide steak dinners on-site. The dinners will include a New York strip steak, vegetable, potato, side salad with dressing and a roll. Tickets for steak dinners may be purchased in advance at Rochelle City Hall, Rochelle Area

Chamber of Commerce, Quinn's Jewelry Store and Headon's Fine Meats at a cost of \$22.00 or at the event at a cost of \$25.00.

Entertainment will be provided throughout the evening. Local violinist Chantel Davis will perform from 5:00-6:30, followed by Russell Konstans with his guitalele from 6:30-7:15 and music and song by Ricardo Galindo from 7:00-9:00.

Kim Hicks, owner of Something Borrowed, Something Blue located in the Hickory Grove Banquet Building, will provide décor for the event. In addition to setting the tone for a pleasant, relaxing evening, the event will provide an excellent opportunity to showcase her wedding planning, rental shop and party supplies.

The Wine on Lincoln Planning Committee respectfully requests the closure of the following street and parking lot on October 4th:

- Lincoln Highway from Cherry Avenue north to 5th Avenue (5th Avenue will be open for traffic)
- City Parking Lot #6 next to Rochelle Municipal Utilities

We are excited about the opportunity to host this upscale event in the downtown and appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Wine on Lincoln Planning Committee

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