

REMARKS FOR JOSEPH H. HOGSETT
Twin Aire Land Acquisition Agreement
December 18, 2017

Good morning and welcome. I'm honored to be with you all on our city's southeast side. Thank you to Jeff Sparks and the residents of Twin Aire who are with us here today. Your passion for this community has been evident throughout this process.

And to Jeff Harrison and Citizens Energy Group; we've been exceedingly fortunate to have you all as partners.

Today we are here to announce that the City of Indianapolis has reached an agreement with Citizens Energy Group to acquire the former Citizens Energy Manufactured Gas & Coke Plant – now known as Pleasant Run Crossing -- for 4.2 million dollars. These 140-acres will be the future home of our Community Justice Campus – and a catalyst for this neighborhood and our community.

Once built, the Community Justice Campus will not just be the creation of a new facility. The complex that we build will reflect

how we value the well-being of every single citizen and insure two things:

- First, that justice is served,
- And second, that those in need of our help will receive it, as we move to value people over prisons, and futures over jail beds.

These parcels of land will be the epicenter for holistic criminal justice reform throughout the city of Indianapolis – something I believe we can all be proud of.

In addition, thanks to this agreement -- as lives are saved, a community will also be revitalized. Local businesses will prosper, employment opportunities will follow in waves, and even the water in the Pleasant Run Creek will soon be restored to a quality not enjoyed in more than a century.

Indeed: this marks an exciting moment for the City of Indianapolis and the Twin Aire neighborhood and I want to thank all who worked to reach this agreement – an agreement that is not only financially sound for the taxpayers of Indianapolis, but also guarantees that

Pleasant Run Crossing will receive the thorough environmental remediation it deserves.

Lastly, I would be remiss if I didn't once again applaud Citizens for embodying what it truly means to be a community partner. In this agreement, Citizens has balanced its business interests with the needs of our city and for that, Indianapolis is grateful.

Together, we are ushering in a new dawn for the City of Indianapolis, and I look forward to working alongside you, as we continue to raise up our city.

Now, it is my honor to introduce Jeff Harrison – President and CEO of Citizens Energy Group.