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Village of Lemont Mayor Brian Reaves issued the following statement in response to the lawsuit filed by Cook County State’s Attorney challenging the Village’s annexation of 17 parcels of property:

“On behalf of the Village Board, we are perplexed as to why the Cook County State’s Attorney would be — in some cases 20 years later and the last being six years ago — challenging the annexation of owners and tenants who clearly wanted to become part of the Village of Lemont, had nowhere else to go, and have enjoyed Village of Lemont services for years.

“Returning these properties to unincorporated Cook County would be in direct contrast to the Cook County Board President’s mandate to remove as much territory from unincorporated Cook County as possible.

“The Village Board and I are extremely perplexed as to why the Cook County State’s Attorney is getting involved.”