



The Joliet City Council, in a 7 to 1 vote, rejected approval for plans to build a 300 acre warehouse development on the south side of the city. It is so refreshing to see a local government come down on the side of the people rather than big money.

SOME FACTS (Courtesy of Warehouse Workers for Justice):

- * Chicago is a global transport hub that transports half the nation's rail freight and is a two-day truck haul from 219 million people, or 42% of the continent.
- * By some estimates Chicago is now the third-largest container port in the world after Hong Kong and Singapore.
- * Chicago has half a billion square feet of warehouse space, making it one of the largest concentrations of warehouses on the planet.
- * Will County is home to the biggest intermodal expansion, Logistics Park Chicago, in Elwood, IL. It's a designated Foreign Trade Zone and companies that ship there pay discounted duty fees. It was built with over \$150 million in public funds.
- * Because of intermodal expansion Will County is now home to more than 300 warehouses.
- * All of this makes the number of trucks clogging our roadways totally insane, negatively impacts our infrastructure, and increases pollution in an area already grossly polluted.
- * While there's big money to be made in the warehouses, the big bucks seldom trickle down to the warehouse workers who work at poverty-level jobs, almost always hold perma-temp positions, face discrimination and abuse, lack basic benefits (health care is limited and vacation and sick days are almost unheard of), endure unsafe working conditions, and face violations of workers' rights.

Warehouse Workers for Justice is partnering with Sierra Club Illinois and the Clean Energy Jobs Coalition to host a Joliet Clean Energy Town Hall on Sept. 24, 6:00 pm, at Unity CDC, 1 Doris Ave, Joliet, IL. It will be a community conversation about climate change, clean energy, and equity. Please RSVP to Roberto at 815-722-5003.



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