

December 29, 2022

Lake County Forest Preserve District
1899 West Winchester Road
Libertyville, Illinois 60048

Dear Lake County Forest Preserve District Board Members and Staff,

The Adlai Stevenson Center on Democracy, having suspended all activities, is now closing its books. The Center is aware that all through the years in which the Center leased the use of the Stevenson Home and Service Buildings for programs, the lease in no way compensated the District for the long term maintenance of the house and grounds. Throughout those many years, the Center received welcome cooperation, friendship, and gracious help from Board and staff members.

As closing time approached, it was agreed that the Center would leave appliances, furniture, window coverings, dishes, kitchen materials for the District's use, plus historic items on loan for as long as the house is used as an historic site. The Center is also aware that the District may find many items that will need to be removed from the house and service buildings as plans move forward for the Stevenson property.

This small donation of funds is meant to cover some of the costs of the clearing of the house and service buildings.

The Center's years of contact with the District has been a heart warming experience for its many dedicated volunteers and the Stevenson family. The people who attended programs on District property often spoke of their appreciation of the opportunity to enjoy the history and beauty of the place, all enhanced by the District's careful management.

With gratitude and best wishes for the District's continuing mission,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Stevenson". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Nancy Stevenson
Former President, Adlai Stevenson Center on Democracy