

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**  
**OF THE**  
**HOMWOOD-FLOSSMOOR AREA**  
**(LWV HF-AREA)**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**

**May 15, 2022**  
**2:00 – 6:00 P.M.**



*Idlewild Country Club*  
*Flossmoor, Illinois*

*In Memoriam*  
*Frima Margolin*  
*Marie King*

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| Introduction of President Hayes                         | Trinita Henry, Interim Vice President        |
| Welcome and Call to Order                               | Barbara Hayes, President                     |
| Adoption of Order of Business                           | Trinita Henry                                |
| Report of Disposition<br>Of 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes | Erin Roeper, Cheryl Berger,<br>Chastity Neal |
| Guest Speaker   | Mayor Richard Hofeld                         |
| Honorees  | Barbara Hayes                                |
| Treasurer's Report                                      | Pat Jackson                                  |
| Proposed Budget   | Pat Jackson                                  |
| Nominations & Elections                                 | Pearlene Carter &<br>Committee               |
| Membership  | Lorea Farley                                 |
| Directions to the Board                                 | All Members<br>(Use Zoom Chat Tool)          |
| Announcements and Other Business                        | Barbara Hayes                                |

Adjournment

**Board of Directors  
2021-2022**

**Executive Board**

Term Ending

**May**

|                                   |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| Barbara Hayes, President          | 2023 |
| Trinita Henry, Interim Vice Pres. | 2022 |
| Patricia Jackson, Treasurer       | 2022 |
| Sandra Slayton, Secretary         | 2023 |

**Directors**

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| Eugenia Cutler  | 2022 |
| Lorea Farley    | 2022 |
| Cheryl Gansauer | 2022 |
| Mary Griffin    | 2022 |
| Michelle Hayes  | 2022 |
| Trinita Henry   | 2023 |
| Chastity Neal   | 2023 |
| Patty O'Brien   | 2022 |
| Desiree Watkins | 2022 |

**Nominating Committee**

2022

Pearlene Carter, Chair; Ruby Donahue, Lillian Lee, Mary Griffin, Sandra Slayton

## **President's Message 2022 Annual Meeting**

Our Annual Meeting is a time to celebrate the League's accomplishments for the 2021-2022 program year. This is our culminating event of the year. Our members and community are able to witness the fruit of our labor. Please come out and meet and greet your hard-working Board of Directors in person. We've had a successful season. Next year, rather than addressing Statewide and national issues, our League will concentrate on our local programs that our communities need for us to address such as school finance, shelter for the homeless, tax increment financing, and diversity in the South Suburbs. Please read the articles in the program booklet for a summary of our past activities. If you missed some of our general meetings, you will find some of the pertinent information in our Program Committee Reports.

### **League's Fund-raising Ideas for Treasury/Budget and Cash Flow**

- Hosting a Golf Outing
- Selling tickets to attend plays and concerts and other engaging entertainment events
- Increase membership

### **League's Goals for 2022-2023 Program Year**

- Goal 1:

Increase membership by 20%

We would like our Drink & Dialogue Membership Drive (where members invite non-members for a social evening at nearby restaurants in hopes of attracting new members)

Starting soon: August / September 2022

- Goal 2:

Support the Cook County Forest Preserve and vote for the Cook County Referendum (see the article on the forest preserve regarding how we can help)

- Goal 3:

Increase Voter Service registration: develop comprehensive strategies to register potential voters in the community, including eligible high school students.

I would like to thank our Board for taking positive action to meet the growing demands placed on our league. Board members provided broad organizational support in many areas. They continually sustain a high level of achievement and continue to meet all goals. I can count on them to make a substantial contribution in areas of operation and growth. Kudos to our Board!!

## **President's Message**

(continued)

Finally, the term is ending for Board members **Eugenia Cutler and Patty O' Brien**, who served on the Finance Committee. We will miss them and thank them for their contributions to the Finance Committee. We hope that they will continue to participate on some of our committees and in league events. Board members **Roxie Williams, Lillian Bacon, Dominique Bardelon-Bristol, and Joni Bradley-Scott** also served; however, had to step down during the year for various reasons including family obligations and health. We thank them for their excellent service and contributions to the League. Thanks to all of you, ladies, for your membership and interest in the league. We can always benefit from your ideas and support.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank our membership and all of our sponsors for their cooperation throughout the years! We truly appreciate you and hope that you will continue to support us.

Barbara Koger Hayes, President  
LWV H-F Area

**MEMBER RECOGNITION 2022-2023**

**50 + Years**

*Peg Boivin  
June Gerrish  
Barbara Gordon  
Pat Paulsen  
Peggy Butler  
Karen Maurer*

**40 + Years**

*Anita Healey*

**30 + Years**

*Edna Littlewood  
Sylvia Tufts*

**20 + Years**

*Ruby Marsh  
Chris Schmitt  
Ruby Donahue  
Joyce Grant  
Marjorie Armstrong  
Freeda Marshall*

**15-19 Years**

*Dr. Rachel Berg  
Beth Bongard  
Rich Bongard  
Dr. Jane Brown  
Erin Roeper  
George Roeper  
Joan Strohm  
Kate Atkins-Trimnell  
Diane Williams*

| The League of Women Voters Homewood- Flossmoor Area |  |                     |
|---|--|---------------------|
| March 2022 Treasurer's Report                       |  |                     |
|   |  |                     |
| Beginning balance March 1, 2022                     |  | \$18,162.76         |
| Receipts  |  | \$ -                |
| Transfers   |  |                     |
| Disbursements                                       |  | \$ 4,089.18         |
|   |  |                     |
| Ending balance March 31, 2022                       |  | <b>\$ 14,073.58</b> |
|   |  |                     |
| <u>Statement of Assets</u>                          |  |                     |
| Cash- Harris Bank - Current                         |  | \$ 14,073.58        |
| Restricted - Cash Harris                            |  | \$ 2,103.41         |
| <b>Operating Cash Harris</b>                        |  | <b>\$ 11,970.17</b> |
| Vanguard Star Funds 3/31/2022                       |  | \$ 17,053.59        |
|   |  | <b>\$ 29,023.76</b> |
|   |  |                     |
| LWV - IL Education Fund 7/1/2021-6/2022             |  | <b>\$ 11,300.35</b> |
| Ending - 3/31/2022                                  |  |                     |
|   |  |                     |

## ***Proposed Budget***

| REVENUE   | Date: 5/15/22 Annual Meeting | 2021-22     |                            | 2022-2023   |                    |
|---|------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
|   |                              | March       | YEAR TO DATE<br>THRU March | Budget      | PROPOSED<br>BUDGET |
| <b>DUES</b>   |                              | \$ -        | \$ 5,283.34                | \$ 6,475.00 | \$ 6,545.00        |
|   |                              |             |                            |             |                    |
| <b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>                                  |                              | \$ -        | \$ 510.00                  | \$ 460.00   | \$ 480.00          |
| LWV of H-F Area (not tax- deductible)                 |                              |             | \$ 450.00                  | \$ 400.00   | \$ 420.00          |
| LWVIL Education (tax-deductible) Deposited @State     |                              |             | \$ -                       | \$ -        |                    |
| Bulletins Mailed (5 mailings)                         |                              |             | \$ 60.00                   | \$ 60.00    | \$ 60.00           |
|   |                              |             |                            |             |                    |
| <b>OTHER INCOME</b>                                   |                              | \$ -        | \$ 3,260.00                | \$ 6,160.00 | \$ 5,066.00        |
| Bulletins Ads/ Sponsorship                            |                              |             | \$ 100.00                  | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 750.00          |
| Fundraisings  |                              |             | \$ -                       | \$ 450.00   | \$ 420.00          |
| Annual Mtg  |                              |             | \$ -                       | \$ 1,750.00 | \$ 2,400.00        |
| Miscellaneous   |                              |             | \$ 200.00                  |             |                    |
| Transfer from Ed Fund(paid directly to State/National |                              |             | \$ 2,960.00                | \$ 2,960.00 | \$ 1,496.00        |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                                  |                              | \$ -        | \$ 9,053.34                | \$13,095.00 | \$ 12,091.00       |
|   |                              |             |                            |             |                    |
| <b>Restricted Income (Website)</b>                    |                              | \$ 1,600.00 |                            |             |                    |
|   |                              | \$ 75.00    |                            |             |                    |
|   |                              |             |                            |             |                    |



## ***Proposed Budget***

| Date: 5/15/22 Annual Meeting                   | 2021-22          |                            |                  | 2022-2023          |
|--|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| EXPENDITURES                                   | March            | YEAR TO DATE<br>THRU March | Budget           | PROPOSED<br>BUDGET |
| <b>Operating Costs</b>                         |                  |                            |                  |                    |
| Supplies                                       |                  | \$ -                       |                  |                    |
| Printing( Annual Mtg Booklets)                 |                  | \$ -                       | \$ 120.00        | \$ 60.00           |
| Postage  |                  | \$ -                       | \$ 70.00         | \$ 40.00           |
| PO Box/ paid annual                            | \$ 156.00        | \$ 156.00                  | \$ 118.00        | \$ 156.00          |
| Insurance                                      |                  | \$ -                       | \$ 115.00        | \$ 118.00          |
| Equipment ZOOM                                 | \$ 29.98         | \$ 269.82                  | \$ 175.00        | \$ 180.00          |
| Media/Publicity                                |                  | \$ -                       | \$ 125.00        | \$ 100.00          |
| Fundraising                                    |                  | \$ -                       |                  |                    |
| Miscellaneous                                  |                  | \$ -                       | \$ 150.00        | \$ 100.00          |
| <b>Total Operating Costs</b>                   | <b>\$ 185.98</b> | <b>\$ 425.82</b>           | <b>\$ 873.00</b> | <b>\$ 754.00</b>   |
|  |                  |                            |                  |                    |
| <b>Sponsorship/Finance Committee</b>           |                  |                            |                  |                    |
| Printing (12 Bulletins) 6 per year(paper -lnk) | \$ -             | \$ -                       | \$ 125.00        | \$ 100.00          |
| Postage (12 Bulletins) 6 per yer Thank You     | \$ -             | \$ -                       | \$ 110.00        | \$ 25.00           |
| Supplies (Envelopes-Thank You)                 | \$ -             | \$ -                       | \$ 70.00         | \$ 25.00           |
| <b>Total Sponsorship Committee</b>             | <b>\$ -</b>      | <b>\$ -</b>                | <b>\$ 305.00</b> | <b>\$ 150.00</b>   |
|  |                  |                            |                  |                    |

## ***Proposed Budget***

| Date: 5/15/22 Annual Meeting            |                  |                            |                    |                    |
|---|------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| EXPENDITURES                            | 2021-22          |                            |                    | 2022-2023          |
| EXPENDITURES                            | March            | YEAR TO DATE<br>THRU March | Budget             | PROPOSED<br>BUDGET |
| <b>President Even Year = (STATE)</b>    |                  |                            |                    |                    |
| Transportation                          | \$ 368.00        | \$ 368.00                  | \$ 207.00          | \$ 225.00          |
| Meals/ Lodging                          |                  | \$ -                       | \$ 822.00          | \$ 257.00          |
| National/State Conventions-Registration | \$ 575.00        | \$ 575.00                  | \$ 200.50          |                    |
| <b>Total President</b>                  | <b>\$ 943.00</b> | <b>\$ 943.00</b>           | <b>\$ 1,229.50</b> | <b>\$ 482.00</b>   |
| <b>Delegates (1) National (1) State</b> |                  |                            |                    |                    |
| Transportation                          |                  | \$ -                       | \$ 207.00          | \$ 225.00          |
| Meals/ Lodging                          |                  | \$ -                       | \$ 822.00          | \$ 257.00          |
| National/State Conventions-Registration |                  | \$ -                       | \$ 200.50          |                    |
| <b>Total Delegates</b>                  | <b>\$ -</b>      | <b>\$ -</b>                | <b>\$ 1,229.50</b> | <b>\$ 482.00</b>   |
| <b>Annual Meeting</b>                   |                  |                            |                    |                    |
| Room Rental Idlewild                    | \$ -             | \$ 250.00                  | \$ 1,045.00        | \$ 1,106.00        |
| Speakers                                | \$ -             | \$ -                       | \$ -               | \$ -               |
| Diversity Dinners                       | \$ -             | \$ -                       | \$ 125.00          | \$ 100.00          |
| Meals                                   | \$ -             | \$ -                       | \$ 1,113.00        | \$ 1,652.00        |
| Gifts                                   | \$ -             | \$ -                       | \$ -               |                    |
| <b>Total Annual Meeting</b>             | <b>\$ -</b>      | <b>\$ 250.00</b>           | <b>\$ 2,283.00</b> | <b>\$ 2,858.00</b> |

## ***Proposed Budget***

| Date: 5/15/22 Annual Meeting            | 2021-22     |                            |                    | 2022-2023          |
|---|-------------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| EXPENDITURES                            | March       | YEAR TO DATE<br>THRU March | Budget             | PROPOSED<br>BUDGET |
| <b>Membership</b>                       |             |                            |                    |                    |
| Printing (Book)                         | \$ -        | \$ 783.80                  | \$ 700.00          | \$ 800.00          |
| Postage                                 | \$ -        | \$ -                       | \$ 75.00           | \$ 100.00          |
| Recruitment                             | \$ -        | \$ -                       | \$ 300.00          | \$ 200.00          |
| <b>Total Membership</b>                 | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ 783.80</b>           | <b>\$ 1,075.00</b> | <b>\$ 1,100.00</b> |
| <b>Voter Service - Restricted Funds</b> |             |                            |                    |                    |
| Supplies                                |             | \$ 133.99                  | \$ 75.00           | \$ 25.00           |
| Local                                   |             | \$ -                       | \$ 75.00           |                    |
| Voter Service Candidates Meetings       |             | \$ -                       | \$ 50.00           | \$ 50.00           |
| <b>Total Voter Service</b>              | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ 133.99</b>           | <b>\$ 200.00</b>   | <b>\$ 75.00</b>    |
| <b>Hostess</b>                          |             |                            |                    |                    |
| Supplies                                | \$ -        | \$ -                       | \$ 50.00           | \$ 50.00           |
| <b>Total Hostess</b>                    | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ -</b>                | <b>\$ 50.00</b>    | <b>\$ 50.00</b>    |
| <b>Website - Restricted Funds</b>       |             |                            |                    |                    |
| Consultant                              | \$ -        | \$ -                       | \$ 600.00          | \$ 600.00          |
| Constant Contact                        | \$ -        | \$ 108.00                  | \$ 230.00          | \$ 230.00          |
| Hosting                                 | \$ -        | \$ -                       | \$ 400.00          | \$ 400.00          |
| <b>Total Website</b>                    | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ 108.00</b>           | <b>\$ 1,230.00</b> | <b>\$ 1,230.00</b> |

## ***Proposed Budget***

| Date: 5/15/22 Annual Meeting                | 2021-22            |                            |                     | 2022-2023           |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| EXPENDITURES                                | March              | YEAR TO DATE<br>THRU March | Budget              | PROPOSED<br>BUDGET  |
| <b>Financial Support for the League</b>     |                    |                            |                     |                     |
| National PMP 25%-50%                        | \$ 1,480.00        | \$ 2,960.00                | \$ 2,960.00         | \$ 2,992.00         |
| State PMP 25%-50%                           | \$ 1,480.00        | \$ 2,960.00                | \$ 2,960.00         | \$ 2,992.00         |
| <b>Tot Financial Support for the League</b> | <b>\$ 2,960.00</b> | <b>\$ 5,920.00</b>         | <b>\$ 5,920.00</b>  | <b>\$ 5,984.00</b>  |
|   |                    |                            |                     |                     |
| <b>Inter-League Organizations</b>           |                    |                            |                     |                     |
| Cook County - Waved 2021-22                 |                    | \$ -                       |                     | \$ 106.00           |
| Upper Mississippi River Region              |                    | \$ 25.00                   | \$ 25.00            | \$ 25.00            |
| Lake Michigan                               |                    | \$ 40.00                   | \$ 50.00            | \$ 50.00            |
| <b>Total Inter-League Organizations</b>     | <b>\$ -</b>        | <b>\$ 65.00</b>            | <b>\$ 75.00</b>     | <b>\$ 181.00</b>    |
|   |                    |                            |                     |                     |
| <b>Educational Activities</b>               |                    |                            |                     |                     |
| Program Committees                          |                    | \$ -                       | \$ 55.00            | \$ 50.00            |
| Combined National & State                   |                    | \$ -                       |                     |                     |
|   |                    | \$ -                       |                     |                     |
| <b>Total Educational Activities</b>         | <b>\$ -</b>        | <b>\$ -</b>                | <b>\$ 55.00</b>     | <b>\$ 50.00</b>     |
|   |                    |                            |                     |                     |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>                   | <b>\$ 4,088.98</b> | <b>\$ 8,629.61</b>         | <b>\$ 14,525.00</b> | <b>\$ 13,396.00</b> |
| <b>Restricted Expenditures (minus)</b>      | <b>\$ -</b>        | <b>\$ 241.99</b>           | <b>\$ 1,430.00</b>  | <b>\$ 1,305.00</b>  |
| <b>Total Expenditures (Operating)</b>       | <b>\$ 4,088.98</b> | <b>\$ 8,387.62</b>         | <b>\$ 13,095.00</b> | <b>\$ 12,091.00</b> |
|   |                    | \$ 665.72                  | \$ -                | \$ -                |

## LWV HF

### **Nominating Committee Report Candidate Slate 2023-2024**

#### **Executive Committee**

#### **Term Ending**

Deborah Hampton, Vice President

2024

Patricia Jackson, Treasurer

2024

#### **Board of Directors**

- |                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| 1. Lorea Farley    | 2024 |
| 2. Michelle Hayes  | 2024 |
| 3. Elaine Chisholm | 2024 |
| 4. Mamie Smith     | 2024 |

#### **Nominating Committee Members: for 2023**

Pearlene Carter, Chair

Lillian Lee

Ruby Donahue

#### **Candidates for one (1) year Appointment** **(no vote required)**

- |                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| 1. Mary Griffin    | 2023 |
| 2. Cheryl Gansauer | 2023 |
| 3. Desiree Watkins | 2023 |
| 4. Gina LoGalbo    | 2023 |

## **Membership Committee Annual Report**

**Lorea Farley- Chairperson**

**Pearlene Carter, Chastity Neal**

**Patricia Jackson- Treasurer**

Even though the unprecedented covid-19 pandemic has not been declared officially over, there is light at the end of the tunnel. Things are opening up (restaurants, performances, venues, etc.), mask mandates are being eased, and more people are out and about. Due to edicts from the CDC to isolate, quarantine, and social distance, there were no in-person events held to recruit members during this past year. The League continued to engage members on Zoom with informative programs, and quality speakers.

Even with the myriad of changes (worldwide), including new and unfamiliar situations, we are happy to report that our League still has over 100 members as of April 22, 2022. A warm welcome to our newest members:

Elaine Chisholm

Mary Hollie

Dr. Mamie L. Smith

We also mourn the loss of Frima Margolin, our Life Member for 54 years, and will miss the dedicated service of Carol Vance, the former Climate Change Committee Chairperson, who has relocated to another state.

As we make plans for the upcoming year, we will continue to grow our membership through invitations to participate in virtual and in-person gatherings. Our success as a League depends on the continued support and participation of our loyal League members, like you!! We appreciate and thank you.

## **Programs Committee Annual Report**

### **Michelle A. Hayes, Chair and Trinita Henry, Co-Chair**

What an incredible year! We were privileged to have phenomenal, distinguished guest speakers present to our League, members, and guests. Although we were still not able to meet in person for safety precautions, we were definitely impacted, and we truly benefitted from all of our guest speakers' knowledge, expertise, experience, and passion!

In September, our League kicked off our General Monthly Meeting with, "Conversations with our Mayors". We were honored to hear about all the different initiatives, projects and great updates from Mayor Vernard Alsberry Jr. (Hazel Crest), Mayor Michelle Nelson (Flossmoor) and Mayor Christopher J. Clark (Harvey).

In October, **Dr. Jacqueline Anderson-Carter** was our distinguished guest speaker. She addressed our members and guests about mental wellness. She also discussed several available tools and resources on mental wellness to help us create the life we deserve. The link to one of those resources is below. NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI's website provides information on mental health and how to get help for someone in need.

<https://nami.org/About-Mental-Illness/Mental-Health-Conditions>

In November and in honor of Indigenous Peoples' Month, we had **Dr. Theodore Karamanski** as our distinguished guest speaker. [Dr. Karamanski](#) is a Professor of History and Public History Director at Loyola University Chicago where he teaches courses in American Indian History, the Civic War and public history. He was the founder and later director of Loyola's Public History Program. Dr. Karamanski shared a powerful Power Point slide and his extensive knowledge and the remarkable history and contributions of Native Americans.

In February, we were proud and excited to have retired **Chicago Fire Department Deputy District Chief Carmelita Wiley-Earls** as our distinguished guest speaker for our Annual Black History Meeting. Ms. Wiley-Earls is the first Black and the first woman to serve in this position. Deputy District Chief Wiley-Earls is a lifelong resident of Chicago and has held many positions in the Fire Department. She shared her accomplishments and challenges journey in her career, the many lessons she learned along the way and how she pays it forward. Last year in November, she retired as the only woman holding the position in Fire Suppression.

In March and in honor of Women's History Month, our distinguished guest speaker was **U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth**. Senator Duckworth addressed concerns about the war in Ukraine and its impact on the U.S; gas prices and inflation; student loan payments (whether they will resume in May), gas prices and inflation; student loan payments (whether they will resume in May), She also talked about the challenges of life as a working mom. Senator Duckworth gave a warm and informative presentation. she has written her memoir, "Every Day is a Gift" in which she shares more of her astonishing story.

In April and in honor of Earth Month, our distinguished guest speaker was **John D. Schaefer**, Arborist Director of Public Works Village of Homewood who discussed, "The Effect and Benefits of Trees on the Environment".

We were given a first-hand account and valuable information on the importance of trees, and the actions we might take to help protect the planet for future generations.

## **VOTER SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT**

**Mary Griffin, Chair**  
**Lillian Bacon, Co-Chair**

### **September 2021**

9/14 – A webinar training was held for voter registrars who planned to participate in the National Voter Registration Day, hosted by the National Voter Registration Day (NVRD) Committee. Several members of the LWV-HF Voter Services Committee were in attendance. The topic of the training was “Talking to Voters on National Voter Registration Day.”

9/28 - The Voter Services of the Homewood-Flossmoor League of Women Voters participated in the National Voter Registration Day by registering voters at four libraries in our area: Grande Prairie Library, University Park Library, Olympia Fields Library, and Lansing Library. We were also able to register voters at the Hazel Crest Park District.

### **January 2022**

LWV-HF voter registrars were notified to renew their Deputy Voter Registrar oath, either online or by mail.

### **April 2022**

April 5/7 – Several members of the Voter Service Committee registered for the online Voter Services Round Table. The focus was primarily on candidate forums, and the information shared was invaluable.

April 13 – The Voter Service Committee was invited to partner with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., in a Voter Registration Pop-Up at several south suburban high schools. The two-day event culminated with 136 high school seniors registered to vote.



## 2022 Legislative Interviews

**Committee members: Barbara Hayes, Chair; Erin Roeper, Isaac Wiseman,  
Ruby Donahue, Gina LoGalbo**

Annually the League asks local LWV Chapters to conduct interviews with legislators in their districts. This process provides the local leagues an opportunity to develop and/or nurture relationships with our State Representatives. It also lets us know the legislators' opinions on topics representing league positions that may have consequences in future legislative sessions. This year Barbara Hayes coordinated a team of LWV HF members who interviewed two State legislators representing congressional districts in which many of our members reside.

Legislators interviewed:

**William Davis, State Representative, Illinois 30<sup>th</sup> District**

**Thaddeus Jones, State Representative, Illinois 29<sup>th</sup> District**

Topics discussed:

**Environmental Justice**

**Criminal Justice**

**Gun Violence Prevention**

**Fiscal Policy**

**Mental Health**

A summary of the interviews follows:

## **Legislator Interview**

April 14, 2022

**William Davis**

**30<sup>th</sup> District**

### Environmental Justice

Rep. Davis stated that he would likely support the environmental justice bill. He also said he would like to hear the relevant parties' input when it comes to developments coming into a community. He wasn't gung ho for automatically saying no to certain companies coming into a community, and the number of jobs that a business could bring to the area seemed to be an important factor for him to consider.

### Criminal Justice

He supports the SAFE-T Act.

### Fiscal Policy

He supports all elements of the Governor's proposed budget but thinks there is more to be done.

Regarding 22-23 budget, he stated that increased funding is included for the items listed on our sheet.

### Gun Violence Prevention

The problem with the way guns are stored, he says, is being able to monitor the standards as stated in current law.

With five members participating in this discussion with Rep. Davis, time ran out before we were able to ask other questions.

## **Legislator Interview**

April 18, 2022

**Thaddeus Jones**

**29<sup>th</sup> District**

### Environmental Justice

Rep. Jones stated that the House had passed HB4093, which he supported and voted for. He supports Environmental Justice communities having the right to public hearings and refusal of permits for polluting businesses in their neighborhood. The problem, however, is that some communities are not aware of the environmental problems they have OR if they are aware, they do not know what to do about it. He described "fly dumps" in several towns in his district —lots of dumping of waste (tires, scrap metal, etc.) in empty lots. When called, the EPA comes out immediately to dispose of it, he says.

### Criminal Justice

He supports the SAFE-T Act, as well as opposing efforts to impose longer .sentences or mandatory sentences.

### Fiscal Policy

Regarding the Governor's proposed budget, he says he supports it. The problem is spending the money that has already been allotted. He states that it takes a long time to get the allocated funds where they are supposed to be. He stated that he'd like to see more funding for affordable housing. When asked about money to address the teacher shortage in Illinois, he said he had not thought about that issue and was going to look into it. He seemed satisfied the funding in the budget for early childhood care and education, publicly funded preschool, child welfare, behavioral health and public safety.

### Gun-Violence Prevention

He recognizes that there is a huge problem with guns in this state and spoke of passing legislation against the sale of ghost guns.

HB5913 has passed both houses. However, though he personally supports 4839, he says that because there are no co-sponsors, he doesn't feel it's going anywhere. The majority of legislators are not interested in changing the age requirement.

### MENTAL HEALTH

He supports the investment in crisis response models that involve mental health and substance use professionals.

## **Ad Sponsorship and Fundraising Report** **Patty O'Brien and Eugenia Cutler, Committee Members**

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