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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

To All of South Lakeview,

We had a good meeting in September, with a presentation from Alderman Waguespack. As I write this letter, I hear the "oompah" of the Octoberfest at St. Alphonsus... a good time was had by all.

Schools are in session. The contract with the Chicago Teachers Union is still not settled. Money is usually the main issue. Hopefully, both sides can compromise and reach an agreement. And I hope that the CEO for the CPS schools stays on. Removal at this time serves no purpose. Stability for the schools and most importantly, the children is essential.

MEETING INFORMATION

TUESDAY- OCTOBER 8, 2024

7:00PM SHARP
Doors open at 6:30PM
At the

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for Thought & Culture in the Paradiso Event Center 2936 N. Southport

Agenda:

- 1)Chicago School Board Election District #4 Meet the Candidates Forum All 6 candidates to appear
- 2) Cook County State's Attorney Candidate appearances Bob Fioretti – Republican (confirmed) Eileen O'Neill Burke – Democratic (invited)

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Once again the General Election is coming up in November. The Presidential as well as local offices are up. For the first time, we will vote for elected School Board Members. We are District #4 and there are six candidates for the one position on the Board. They will all speak at our October 8 membership meeting. For more information, look on Google for "chalkbeat" or go to www.chalkbeat.org to get info on each candidate's position. See you on October 8.

Bob Blitstein Co-President South Lakeview Neighbors

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OCTOBER 2024 MEMBERSHIP MEETING – PREVIEW

City of Chicago School Board Election – Meet the Candidates Forum First ever School Board Election for City of Chicago

On November 5, the citizens of Chicago will vote in the first ever Chicago Public School Board election. 10 candidates will be elected and 10 School Board members will be appointed. The appointed members will be replaced by elected candidates in the next election.

In SLN's quest to keep the membership and the neighborhood informed on election candidates (last 2023 Mayoral and Police District Council), SLN has invited the candidates for District 4 School Council to present at the October 2024 meeting. The candidates are as follows:

In alphabetical order

Kimberly Brown, a marketing professional, adjunct professor and CPS parent.

Andrew A. Davis, a nonprofit leader, CPS parent and former LSC member.

Thomas Day, a CPS parent, co-founder of Illinois Veterans for Change.

Carmen Gioiosa, a CPS parent, LSC member, adjunct professor, former CPS administrator and former CPS teacher.

Ellen Rosenfeld, a family and community engagement manager at CPS, a CPS parent and former CPS teacher.

Karen Zaccor, a teacher at Uplift High School and former LSC member.

School Board members are responsible for overseeing Chicago Public Schools and its more than \$9 billion budget. They review and approve the District's annual and capital spending plans, hire and evaluate the CEO(Pedro Martinez), establish and review CPS policies, approve contracts, school year calendars and much more.

Illinois State law does not allow school board members to be paid, though they can be reimbursed for expenses. The CPS Board website estimates that a Board Member will require 25-30 hours of time per month to perform their responsibilities.

District 4 boundaries cover Lakeview, Lincoln Park and Uptown. The north boundary is mainly Montrose Ave (Balmoral near the Lake), North Ave. to the south and predominately the Chicago River to Lake Michigan, the west and east boundaries.

District 4 has 34 schools serving over 23,000 students. There are 26 elementary schools, seven high schools, including one alternative school for students at risk of dropping out and a 2-year high school that allows students to get their associate degree. Nine of the schools are magnet schools drawing students through a city-wide lottery system.11 of the schools are among the top 10% for academic performance.

The District 4 general population is more than 70% White, 10% Hispanic and Asian and under 8% Black. However, the District 4 CPS student enrollment is approximately 36% White, 32% Hispanic, 16% Black and 8% Asian.

Cook County State's Attorney election

Kim Foxx did seek re-election after two terms in office. The primary for this election was held back in the Spring. The SLN Board has invited the candidates to appear at the October meeting.

Bob Fioretti – Republican candidate has confirmed his attendance.

Eileen O'Neill Burke – Democratic candidate has received the SLN invitation and has forwarded the request to her scheduler.

AT the SEPTEMER 2024 MEETING

Alderman Scott Waguespack- State of the Ward

Alderman Waguespack came before the Membership for what was his 17th State of the Ward address.

The Alderman has presented himself as an independent since his 2007 election. He has been an advocate for transparency in City Government during the Mayor Daley and Emanuel terms and served as the Chair of the Finance Committee (taking over for convicted former Alderman Ed Burke) during the Mayor Lightfoot term. He indicated that it has been a "wild ride" under new Mayor Brandon Johnson siting the shot-spotter issue, run-ins with the Police Oversite Board, the

Mayor's nomination of controversial appointees to the Intergovernmental Staff at City Hall (liaison between the City Council and the Mayor) and the Zoning Committee (compromise appointee approved) and the almost \$1 billion budget deficit that City faces for the upcoming year.

CITY BUDGET: The Alderman sited unchecked spending under Mayor for his election campaign programs contributing to the current year deficit and the projected near \$1 billion 2024-2025 deficit. The Alderman noted that the Mayor believes that the City can either "new tax revenue" or "new real estate development" the budget out its deficit. The Alderman noted that revenue streams from these areas do not happen immediately. He also stated that the City needs to continue the invest in the South and West side as started under Mayor Lightfoot and not rely on the Northside to have the brunt of development and the related tax burden under increased property taxes. He felt the many of the recent development plans on the Northside are too large for the already congested Northside to absorb. The Mayor has proposed using the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) surplus to fund part of the deficit. The Alderman also noted that the Mavor is counting on the State or the Federal government to help close the budget deficit. The Alderman is not confident in that happening. So in ending, the Alderman indicated that unless spending is reduced, the whole city will be store for some near future property tax hikes.

CRIME- the Shot Spotter Program issue is still ongoing, though projected to cease operations at the end of September. The Alderman said the Program is dedicated to the high crime/violence areas of the South and West sides and that the 32nd Ward is not part of the Program. Though the Mayor does not feel Shot Spotter is effective, the Alderman noted that the combination of the Shot Spotter and the activation of the City-wide camera system is effective in assisting the Police Department in the arrest of criminals. He stated that in many high-crime areas, residents don't bother to call 911 when there are shootings, so Shot Spotter is the first line of defense.

SLN PLAYLOT and CUL DE SAC & STREETS – The Alderman indicated there is money being set aside in his funding package for repairs to the Playlot and the removal of the dead trees and planter boxes at the cul de sac outside the park.

Greenview and Southport Ave.'s are slated to be resurfaced this Fall. Greenview is already started.

METRA - UP North Train Track Improvements-The replacement and moving of the Metra train tracks and underpass improvements is on-going. There have been some issues about houses built that back-up to the tracks are partially on Metra's property.

NO PARKING REQUIREMENTS on NEW DEVELOPMENT

The Mayor is talking about removing all parking requirements on new or rehab projects to increase density. The Alderman felt this might be OK right next to Rapid Transit or Metra stations, he did not feel it is appropriate for residential neighborhoods.

ELBO ROOM-

Located on Lincoln at George St. and vacant since 2019. The Alderman reported that a group is looking at the building to rehabbed and returned to music venue.

BEL RAY HOTEL EXPANSION – Single Room Occupancy (SRO) at Racine and Belmont.

This was a SLN meeting and voting issue on February 2019. The expansion into the next door parking lot and building 86 new SRO affordable units is scheduled to begin.

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS:

- Q- Reports the Fire Department needs more ambulances.
 - A- An on-going issue. City is looking to purchase the advanced version of needed ambulances

Q- Immigrant Update

A- The shelters seem to be well managed. There have been problems at the Salt Shed shelter with some Policemen being injured. Some migrants are moving to the suburbs using rental subsidies. Migrants that are legally able to work, seem to be working. The City is pushing the migrants to get all the school-age children into schools; however, some parents are keeping their kids with them particularly when pedaling goods or begging on the streets.

Q- Lincoln Ave. commercial vacancies

A- The Alderman's office tracks vacancies and works the various Chambers. If prospective businesses come to the Alderman's office, they pitch certain areas to the businesses. If a Developer comes to the office with a Project that will have ground-level commercial, the Alderman will inquire what the plans are to fill that space.

Q- Bears and Sox Stadiums

A- Not in the City or State budgets at this time. The Alderman commented that studies have shown that the municipalities that invest in Stadiums never get their money back.

Alderman Waguespack 32nd Ward News Office located 2657 N. Clybourn, 773-248-1330 www.ward32.org, email = info@ward32.org

From Congressman Quigley's Office

Yoni Pizer- Community Liaison from the Congressman's office gave the SLN membership a brief update.

Democratic National Convention(DNC)- He stated that the DNC was a great party and the City of Chicago shined brightly to the nation. The Congressman was instrumental in obtaining \$25 million for security both the DNC and the Republican Convention in Milwaukee.

U.S. Government shutdown- stated that the Republicans are again "playing Budget/Deficit games" that threaten a U.S.Government shutdown on October 1. That includes Social Security payments. Weeks before the Presidential Election date.

Abortion and In Vitro Fertilization(IVF)_- Quigley has reaffirmed that he supports Roe v. Wade, is pro-choice and supports turning Roe into a Federal Law. Same for IVF.

Ukraine War- the Congressman is co-chair of the Ukrainian caucus and supports weapons to be used to strike into Russia.

Metra Edgebrook Station and O'Hare Blue Lineappropriated \$2 million for handicap access

SLN Blue Playlot- has been working with the Playlot Committee on much needed repairs.

Passports- contact the Congressman's office with issues. Yoni encouraged everyone to get your passport or renew ASAP as delays continue.

Congressman Mike Quigley Office

1925 N. Clybourn 773-267-5926 202-225-5603 (fax) Contact by email through his Website at: www.quigley.house.gov

From State Rep Ann Williams's Office

Sara Butterfield- Director of Outreach and Engagement from Ms. Williams' office also gave the SLN membership a brief update.

Springfield Assembly- the Summer Session has wrapped-up. The State Rep's office is now in the process of getting input from the Community input for the November session. Her focus for upcoming session is on Environmental and Carbon Sequestration (CO2 removal and storage) legislation.

School Board Elections- working on moving to fully elected Boards.

Lake Shore Drive reconstruction- working on getting Community input on the redesign of the Lake Shore Drive, specifically at the Oak Street Scurve.

State Representative 11th District Ann Williams Office located- 1726 W. Belmont, 773-880-9082 www.repannwilliams.com
Chief of Staff Lauryn S. Schmelzer email = lauryn@repannwilliams.com

3027-37 Lincoln Ave. Peerless Rug Development

This Property is recently demolished and is being built/developed "by right" as the Developer did not request any zoning change or upgrade.

PLD Homes is the Developer is building the Project. PLD has been developing projects in Chicagoland since 2000. Their offices are located in the SLN boundaries at 2929 N. Lincoln Ave. #1. Co-founders Sabina and Joanna Szura represented PDL reqarding the Development.. The Project architect was not able to attend the SLN meeting with a visual presentation. Ms. Sabina Szura presented a description to the SLN membership. The Project will consist of 15 residential Condo Units. They will be on the large size with 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. The Project will have roof decks and balconies. One parking space per Unit as required under the current zoning. Ms. Szura

indicated the average cost per Unit will be around \$1 million. PLD intends to sell the ground floor commercial space as a Condo-business space.

PDL Homes have previously developed the Project also on 3000 Lincoln Ave. that has the SALON SUITES in the ground floor retail space.

NEIGHBOR NEWS AND INFORMATION

Real Estate Development

1210 W. Wellington which was a massive 2-unit property with a bonus in-law unit on an oversized 37.5 feet wide lot. The all brick building had original woodwork and hardwood floors.

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Website = www.19thdistrictcouncil.com

Your District Council is:

Maurilio Garcia

Jenny Shaffer

Sam Schoenburg

The Council is required to hold monthly Community meetings. These meeting include:

- 1) Updates on the work the Council has been doing.
- 2) 19th Police District public safety updates.
- 3) Guest speakers on issues impacting public safety like mental health response, community violence intervention, homelessness and more.
- 4) A public comment period of up to 20 minutes limited to 2 minutes per speaker.

The meetings are very informative, well run, and end by 8PM and are held in a variety of 19th District locations.

Next meeting is scheduled for WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 @ 6:30PM at TO BE DETERMINED. TOPIC – to be announced.

Go to 19th District Police Council website for detailed information of the past monthly meetings or to view a recording of previous meetings and see a schedule for future meetings.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS STRATEGY MEETING

19th District CAPS Meetings:

1931 (Roscoe Village/Lincoln Park - Cornelia to Fullerton, Western to Ashland) - Tuesday, November 26 at 6:30 pm at the Gantz Boys & Girls Club at 2915 N. Leavitt

1932 (South Lakeview/Lincoln Park- Lincoln to Ashland, Belmont to Fullerton) – Tuesday, October 1 at 6:30 pm at New Life Church at 1110 W. Lill

1933 (South Lakeview - Racine to Lincoln, Belmont to Diversey) - Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30pm at Illinois Masonic, 836 W, Wellington

Email= CAPS.019district@chicagopolice.org

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SLN is looking for volunteers to circulate flyers to their Block neighbors announcing the SLN Monthly Meeting and Agenda.

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To volunteer contact Bill Haderlein at the SLN email: info@slneighbors.com.

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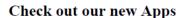
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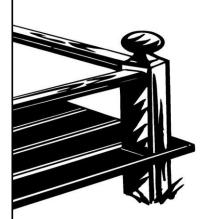
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