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**FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WILMETTE
Monday, December 4, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.
Lakeview Center
800 Gillson Park Drive, Wilmette, Illinois**

Additional Agenda Material (12/4/2017- 5:30pm)

1. Resident Communication- Statement of Interest

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY AND NEED SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN AND/OR ATTEND A VILLAGE OF WILMETTE PUBLIC MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY THE VILLAGE MANAGER'S OFFICE AT (847) 853-7509 OR TDD (847) 853-7634 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

From: [Joseph Lunkes](#)
To: [Braithman, Michael](#)
Cc: [Sullivan, Dan](#); tscanlan@surplusrecord.com
Subject: Re: Wilmette Working Group- Cook County Ordinances
Date: Monday, December 4, 2017 1:26:10 PM

Hi Mike,

Sorry for the tardy reply. I presume you have filled your committee. However, if you are still looking for balance on it here is my background and positions:

I voted against the *advisory* referendums that appeared on the general election ballots. I support the need for people to have the opportunity to support themselves, but disagree that a mandated "living Wage" and government imposed PTO-sick time policies are the way to address. Having stated my fundamental positions, I can approach the subject with an open mind. Too complex of a subject to discuss in an email but issues such as unfunded burdens on private businesses, employment liability exposure, child and low wage income tax credits - payments, economic effect of on amount of low paying jobs (e.g. recent Seattle study), Wilmette home rule v Cook County board regulation of our community, etc. These are just some of the just some of the issues.

As to experience, I have my CPA and MBA from Kellogg. In the 80s I was an auditor for Price Waterhouse, commercial loan lender at Continental Bank and treasurer for Lane Industries who owned/operated hotels, office products and local banks (former Lane - LaSalle - ABN Amro) Banks.

For the past 30 years, except for a three year period when I was CEO and ran a small printing business for three years in Plainfield, that employed lower wage, unskilled laborers and highly skilled printing press operators, I have been an investment banker that represents the owners of micro middle market business when they sell or raise capital. I define micro middle market as firms generating \$1 million to \$10 million of profits. I've represented owners of convenience stores and temporary labor businesses to very high skill manufacturing service or software companies. I have good insights into the challenges these owners wrestle with everyday.

Frankly, I think the Trustees are looking for political cover behind a committee's recommendation. I felt the trustees did a good job of vetting the issues and deciding, but buckled to pressure to take a final stand. I am concerned proponents for the ordinance intend to use the committee to meet and meet and waste time until other members capitulate to ordinance. I am too busy to waste time with this type of circus. I also expect proponents of the ordinance to disparage the opposing committee members... look what they started with the whispers of a boycott of local businesses. Having said this, I recognize the challenges small businesses face and admire John Jacoby. I would enjoy getting to know John and supporting him on the committee.

Again, sorry for my tardy reply. Hoping you have your committee seated, but could understand if you are struggling to balance it out.

PS I've been a Wilmette resident residing at 811 Park Ave. since 1985.

Best, Joe Lunkes

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On Mon, Nov 27, 2017 at 4:43 PM, Braiman, Michael <braimanm@wilmette.com> wrote:

Mr. Lunkes,

It has been suggested by Tom Scanlan that I contact you in regards to the Village's upcoming minimum wage and paid sick leave working group. As you may know, the Finance Committee of the Village Board plans to recommend creation of a working group to help in its study of the Cook County Minimum Wage & Paid Sick Leave Ordinances. If you are interested in volunteering to serve on this group, please let me know via email no later than Thursday, November 30th. The Finance Committee will be meeting on Monday, December 4th at 7:00pm at the Lakeview Center to finalize its recommendation concerning the composition and mandate of the working group.

Should you wish to discuss the working group in further detail, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at [847-853-7506](tel:847-853-7506).

Thank You,

Mike

Michael Braiman

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