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AGENDA

FIFTH WARD ALDERMANIC CANDIDATE SELECTION

CITY HALL
SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
505 BUTLER PLACE PARK RIDGE, IL 60068

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M.

I. Call to order

II. Roll Call

III. Interviews

6:30 p.m.	Charles Melidosian
7:00 p.m.	Helen Barrett Fanning
7:30 p.m.	Eric Bangeman
8:00 p.m.	Steve Schermerhorn
8:30 p.m.	Anita Rifkind

IV. Adjournment

Charlie Melidosian
321 Courtland Avenue
Park Ridge, IL 60068

January 16, 2017

Acting Mayor Marty Maloney
c/o Deputy Clerk Cheryl Peterson, City Administration
505 Butler Place
Park Ridge, IL 60068

Dear Acting Mayor Marty Maloney,

Please accept this letter as my formal stated interest to fulfill the duties of Park Ridge's vacant Fifth Ward Alderman position. While the circumstances around this vacancy are unfortunate, this is an opportunity for me to continue the forward progress of Alderman Dan Knight. Like the late Alderman Knight and Mayor Schmidt, I too believe in the guiding principles of Honestly, Integrity, Transparency and Accountability.

I am a Park Ridge born native and have been a fifth ward resident for the past 20 years. During my professional career, I have had the opportunity to serve on many boards as well as hold officer position on those boards. I lead with a servant heart and donate my time to philanthropic efforts -- representing Park Ridge wherever I go.

More specific to Park Ridge's city government, I have proudly volunteered in the following ways:

- Served as the city's Fair Housing Commissioner
- Pioneered the initial recording and Internet publishing of the Committee of the Whole, City Council meetings and political debates
- Assisted with two mayoral election campaigns for the late Mayor Dave Schmidt

I have attended many city meetings, am familiar with their procedures and have a personal understanding behind many of today's ordinances and past decisions. Through these efforts, I also have established positive working relationships with city staff and elected officials.

I welcome the opportunity to interview for this Aldermanic position and earn the support of the interview committee, the Aldermen and you. I pledge to do my best to not only represent the residents of the fifth ward but also serve as a good steward for all of Park Ridge.

Sincerely,



Charlie Melidosian

CHARLIE MELIDOSIAN

SIX SIGMA, ITIL CERTIFIED

Senior information technology manager successful in technology operations, regulatory compliance and strategy development. Skilled at rapidly delivering unique, cost-effective solutions for business growth and continuity. Performance-driven leadership successfully enriches customers' experiences and internal colleagues' productivity.

Strengths include:

- Building effective working relationships with executives, clients and vendors
- Attracting, motivating and molding technology professionals into respected and trusted solutions providers
- Creating distinct, member-valued products and services in collaboration with marketing, sales and operations

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Highly-disciplined, visionary leader, developed business strategies, managed operations and staff, and improved processes, workflow and organizational structures.
- Demonstrated success at partnering with executive leadership team to actualize desired business goals through selection and implementation of technology solutions.
- Recruited, coached, recognized and rewarded high performing staff. Development of employees resulted in retention of key performers and achievement of goals.
- Earned a reputation for fostering high energy environment in which employees are trusted, valued and supported resulting in optimum performance.
- Skilled at initiating and solidifying strategic alliances, contract negotiations, acquisitions, joint ventures, license agreements, intellectual property protection, technology transfers and mergers that optimize and secure the firm's value.
- Excellent presentation and communication skills that engage both technical and non-technical audiences.
- Successful leadership of business process re-engineering, call center operations, e-commerce, sales force training, contract negotiation, turn-around operations and innovative solutions.

EXPERIENCE

Manager Information Security, Alliant Credit Union Chicago, IL **2016 – Present**
Managing a team of security and governance experts for a financial institution with assets of approximately \$10 billion.

- Overseeing the governance risk and compliance efforts through the authoring and implementation of Information Security policies, procedures and standards
- Implementing controls and reducing risks in the areas of cyber security, online fraud, and data breaches
- Ensuring Identity and Access management best practices are maintained to uphold stringent security around off-boarding, on-boarding and position changes to personnel
- Vetting technology procurements through initial and calendared vendor due diligence screenings

PCI Compliance Project Manager, Halock Security Labs, Chicago, IL **2015 –2016**
Manage a PCI compliance certification project for a financial institution client. This client services over 280,000 members with in excess of \$8 billion in assets and 400 employees. Duties include implementing the appropriate controls, documentation and technology solutions to achieve PCI compliance and other duties assigned by the CISO:

- Tracking and following-up with staff across the enterprise to ensure their assigned tasks are understood and completed
- Authoring applicable policies, procedures and standards to satisfy PCI DSS Requirements
- Managing the LMS for end-user and developer security awareness training. Ensuring all training is completed on time.
- Analyzing current user account base and identifying potential items out of compliance (e.g., stale active accounts, password rotation, inappropriate group privileges)
- Assisting the Audit department with the collection of required materials for regulatory audits

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CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, Association Management Center, Chicago, IL 2012 –2015

Led technology strategy and operations for 30 professional membership associations in the trade and healthcare industries. Associations service over 100,000 members and 500,000 constituents.

Operations included onsite 24x7 high availability virtualized infrastructure, cloud hosted services, SQL/.NET application development, call center, CRM, sales, finance, PCI Compliance, Point of Sale, web content, mobile applications, e-commerce, journals/publications and product fulfillment.

- Managed project to achieve PCI Compliance status for all merchant accounts.
- Led team to build out and relocate headquarters location to a new facility with minimal business interruption and featured showcased technology as marketing asset.
- Recruited staff and created award winning Help Desk service desk. Shifted infrastructure operations to a proactive, service minded team to improve customer satisfaction and build trust for new strategic initiatives.
- Implemented initiatives including system performance and high availability, enterprise software upgrades, business intelligence, infrastructure resiliency, business continuity, e-marketing platform and customer demographic collection.
- Formed and chaired IT Steering Committee to align technology initiatives with business goals through strategic planning sessions including executive business dashboards and e-commerce.

Vice President, Our Sherpa LLC, Chicago, IL 2010 –2012

- Led strategic technology and management consulting firm focused on driving profitability and product innovation for clients.
- Developed innovative artificial intelligence applications to audit and identify errors in sales commissions, recovering millions in lost sales profits.
- Authored strategic business and technology plans, ERP product selections, sales force training, call center re-engineering, creation and benchmarking of key performance indicators, business analytics and leveraging cutting edge sales and marketing tools that embrace e-commerce and social media.

VICE PRESIDENT, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, Baird & Warner, Chicago, IL 2000 – 2010

\$6.6 billion privately owned residential real estate brokerage, mortgage banker, title insurance and home services company. Responsible for supporting retail locations with 2,200 employees and agents.

- Ensured on-line and off-line regulatory compliance at the local, state and national levels.
- Instituted Technology Advisory Board to establish strategic innovation priorities. Board helped senior executives, agents, branch and department managers understand and approve technical business developments.
- Developed an enterprise-wide strategy to profitably integrate corporate Internet presence with social media and mobile devices that identified and attracted an emerging new category of home buyers preferring to shop for a home on-line. Strategy integrated with a company-wide CRM solution.
- Partnered with marketing and sales to create a new generation of 500+ high-tech agents skilled at interacting with high-tech clients. High-tech program shortened sales cycle by more than 500 percent from lead to close.

RESULTS:

- Leveraged content, SEO and SEM to create a top-trafficked financial services website showcasing Baird & Warner's innovative approach for attracting and serving clients and prospective clients.
- Implemented mobile application allowing customers to engage services on-line
- Improved Baird & Warner profitability by generating home buyer and seller Internet leads for high-tech agents.
- Implemented data warehouse and business intelligence system that integrated multiple ERP systems.
- Recruited agents attracted by Baird & Warner's time-saving, technology-oriented capabilities.

Other savings:

- Increased sales commissions \$1.5 million by developing software to evaluate the accuracy of pending commissions.

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- Saved \$1 million by pioneering secure wireless networks for branches and high-tech agents.
- Reduced IT costs \$1 million annually through more efficient technology and contract renegotiations.
- Developed e-fax services adding \$70 thousand/year in new revenue.

Served as Baird & Warner's Industry-facing Senior Representative **2000 – 2010**
Primary executive advocate for Baird & Warner's interests in a wide range of real estate organizations and associations.

- Enabled by external board positions to understand the real estate industry in a unique way.
- Leveraged that knowledge to build the next generation of service capabilities for Baird & Warner drawing on an exceptional perspective of the real estate.
- Provided guidance to association-owned service companies and persuaded them to upgrade their capabilities as Baird & Warner introduced new, innovative services.

VICE PRESIDENT, E-BUSINESS, Baird & Warner, Chicago, IL **2005 – 2007, 2009**
Responsible for e-Business Division and corporate Internet presence. Managed call center operations and outsourced service providers with \$1.5 million budget.

- Launched retail-oriented website acclaimed as "the best website for finding real estate" by Chicago Magazine.
- Generated \$220 million in annual sales by establishing a sales call center enabling agents to communicate with prospective buyers and sellers visiting the corporate website.
- Initiated outbound email solicitations to attract sellers and buyers.
- Closed 18% of Internet sales leads, the highest ratio in the industry.

DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, Bowne Business Solutions, Chicago, IL **1998 – 2000**
\$200 million IT and facilities management service provider with 12 regional offices, 200 sites and 2,200 employees. Managed technical architecture, operations and strategic direction with an annual budget of \$2.5 million. Recruited and developed 40+ IT professionals in a competitive market for technical staff and during a period of significant internal change.

- Headed the Y2K investigation and remediation initiative for internal systems as well as with vendors and suppliers; maintained high degree of coordination with all other divisions of parent company. Conducted product evaluations, negotiated contracts, and implemented a human resource information recruiting system able to automatically load fax, web, email, and imaged paper resumes into a full-text workflow application.
- Achieved significant cost savings by eliminating manual transmission of 1,000+ faxes monthly by designing, developing and implementing electronic delivery of financial reports.

CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, Cozen & O'Connor, Chicago, IL **1996 – 1998**
High-tech Chicago-based law firm specializing in insurance and reinsurance defense. Responsible for technology staff in the U.S. and international offices delivering IT and telecommunications services.

- Managed \$6 million technical architecture with \$1.2 million annual budget.
- Led reengineering project team to streamline business processes across firm for greater efficiencies and more integration between business units.
- Increased revenue and enhanced global collaboration among the offices by implementing a joint defense VPN Extranet to provide a shared web server.

MANAGER, Keane Consulting Group, Chicago, IL **1994 – 1996**
Boutique management consulting firm specializing in reengineering business processes, developing organizational structures and leveraging workplace technology. Responsible for project management and directing technical and business analysts.

Navigant Consulting, Inc., Chicago, IL **1989 – 1994**
A 2,500 person litigation support and systems consulting firm specializing in providing damage calculation and business dispute resolution to the legal community.

EXECUTIVE CONSULTANT responsible for sales and managing client engagements **1992 – 1994**
SENIOR CONSULTANT AND MANAGER responsible for project management **1990 – 1992**

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STAFF CONSULTANT responsible for application and database design and development 1989 – 1990

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin, Bachelor of Science, Communications	1989
Six Sigma Green Belt	2012
ITIL Certification	2012

AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

- CIO's Most Effective Team of the Year Award – Society of Information Managers
- CIO of the Year – Association of Information Technology Professionals
- Good Will Award Recipient ~ Baird & Warner's highest accolade for outstanding altruistic commitment
- Man of the Year Award Recipient (2009 and 2012) – Park Ridge Community Women
- Inman Innovator of the Year Award Recipient – Inman News
- Information Technology Leadership Award – Association of Information Technology Professionals
- 40 Under 40 – Crain's Chicago Business & Chicago Agent Magazine

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- President and Board of Directors, MRED (Midwest Real Estate Data LLC, *formerly the Multiple Listing Service of Northern Illinois*)
- Board of Directors, the Multiple Listing Service of Northern Illinois
- Board of Directors, NAR (National Association of Realtors)
- Board of Directors, AITP (Association of Information Technology Professionals)
- Board of Advisors, Realty Alliance Technology Advisory Board
- Board of Advisors, LendingTree, LLC
- Commissioner, City of Park Ridge Fair Housing Commission
- President, Midwest Association of Alpha Delta Phi

PHILANTHROPIC COMMITMENTS

Acknowledges and accepts responsibility to support the local and global community with a very real and hands-on approach. Past efforts have included the following:

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| Habitat for Humanity | Long-term commitment to Habitat for Humanity and other similar organizations (Hopes for Hope, Youth with a Mission, Casas Por Cristo, Appalachia Service Project, Solid Rock Carpenters) dedicated to building homes for national and international families in need. Contributions include participating in local builds for Chicago residents and Katrina victims as well as traveling to a number of on-site builds in various impoverished Mexican and Guatemalan locations and US cities. |
| Homeless Shelters | Planned, prepared and served meals at local shelters and soup kitchens. |
| Assistant Minister | Served as Assistant Minister at local Lutheran Church. Responsibilities included leading regular and special purpose worship services and communing congregation and clergy. |
| United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees | Worked in tandem with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Charlie spent countless hours easing African refugee families from refugee camps (primarily from Somalia and Darfur) where they were born into war, poverty, disease, rape and violence to safe Chicago neighborhoods. In addition to providing furnished apartments, food, rent, and clothing, he helped these families navigate the necessary U.S. medical, legal and INS |

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requirements and learn how to assimilate into Western civilization (including using diapers, flush toilets, medicine, and public transportation).

PTO

Worked closely with PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) leadership including chairing various committees, programs and fundraisers for the benefit of the local elementary school and other philanthropic recipients.

Website Design and Support for Not-for-Profits

Designed and developed a number of websites from the ground up for several local not-for-profit organizations including PRCW, Roosevelt Elementary School PTO, AITP, Boy Scouts of America, and the Park Ridge Historical Society. Worked closely with the boards of directors to design website and create content. Provided continuous consulting regarding future website page changes/additions, troubleshoot issues, and perform general website support and content revisions.

Elected Chief - Indian Guide Tribe

Elected Chief of the local chapter of the YMCA Indian Scouts program. Responsibilities included directing meetings, planning activities, managing tribal funds, and planning ceremonies, camping trips and various field trips for fathers & daughters ranging in age from kindergarten to 7th grade.

Other Community Involvement

Past participant/supporter in other community outreach programs such as the meals on wheels program (delivering meals to shut-in seniors), Girl Scouts of America, YMCA Adventure Guides (formerly known as Indian Princesses) Park Ridge Community Women, Park Ridge Historical Society, Park Ridge Heritage Society, and Park Ridge Fine Arts Society.

HELEN BARRETT FANNING

Attorney at Law
205 S Cumberland Ave.
Park Ridge, IL 60068

January 11, 2017

Hon. Marty Maloney
Mayor
City of Park Ridge

Deputy Clerk Cheryl Peterson
cpeterso@parkridge.us

RE: Application: Alderman 5th Ward

Dear Mayor Maloney and Deputy Clerk Peterson:

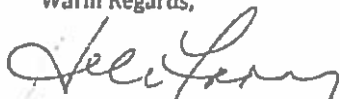
I am writing to you to be considered for the position of 5th Ward Alderman. As a resident of the 5th Ward since 2010, I am excited about the opportunity to serve my community. While I grew up on the Northwest side of Chicago, I have been a resident of Park Ridge since 2002.

I am a fiscal conservative with a history of community service. My oldest child graduated from Mary, Seat of Wisdom School in 2011 and now attends the University of Missouri pursuing a Social Work degree. My youngest is an 8th grader at MSW and will attend Maine South in the Fall, 2017. As an MSW parent and parishioner, I have been a member of the School Board for many years, serving several years ago in my capacity as an attorney, later in marketing and intitutional advancement and currently in recruitment of new board members. I ran the MSW Parish's major fundraiser, the Angel Event, several times and I'm known as a parish leader and frequent volunteer. As my children's elementary school years are nearly behind them, I look forward to serving my community at large.

I genuinely support the current administration's goals of safeguarding taxpayers' money while still improving the lives of our citizens through the revitalization of the uptown area, encouragement of new business and a modern approach to maintaining the character of our community.

While the taking of a nominal salary should not necessarily be consideration for this position, if appointed I will donate my salary back to the City of Park Ridge. My goal is service to my community and I have the experience, desire and reputation to do exactly that, serve. I welcome questions and look forward to appearing before a committee of 5th Ward residents to answer questions about my proposed service.

Warm Regards,



Helen Fanning

Helen Fanning

205 S. Cumberland Park Ridge, IL 60068
Phone.

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Objective

To serve my community as the 5th Ward Alderman

Experience

- HELEN BARRETT FANNING, Attorney at Law** 1991 to present
- Sole practitioner, representing buyers and sellers in residential real estate transaction, commercial lease agreements and small business buy/sells.
- THMM ENTERPRISES, INC., President** 2014 to present
- Contract Service Provider, FedEx truck delivery employing 18 drivers and a manager.
- O'CONNELL TIVIN MILLER & BURNS** 2004 to present
- Depositions of plaintiffs, fact and damages witnesses in asbestos defense cases.
- HORWITZ HORWITZ & ASSOCIATES, PC.** 1995 to 2003
- Associate attorney responsible for litigation of all criminal defense, family law and general litigation cases including personal injury.
- BARRETT & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Partner** 1991-1995
- Represented clients in criminal, family law, real estate and other matters.
- CABRINI GREEN LEGAL AID CLINIC** 1989-1991
- Represented indigent clients in criminal and forcible entry and detainer cases.

Education

- DePaul University School of Law** 9/87-5/90
J.D. 1990. Participated in moot court, served on the moot court executive board, conducted mock trials, judged mock trials.
- DePaul University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences** 9/83-5/87
Bachelor of Arts, History

Personal

I have been an attorney for 24 years and self-employed since 2004. I currently work from my Park Ridge home office. My legal work includes residential real estate closings and contract work in asbestos defense cases. My husband, Tom Fanning and I also own a trucking company. I handle the bookkeeping, accounting, human resources, legal and other duties for the company. My service work includes parish leader and volunteer at Mary, Seat of Wisdom School and Church, School Board, Girl Scout Leader, Englewood Hopewell Church Christmas Party volunteer, and other volunteer and charitable work.

Eric Bangeman

316 South Cumberland Avenue
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068

January 6, 2017

Cheryl Peterson
Deputy City Clerk of Park Ridge
505 Butler Place
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068

Dear Ms. Peterson,

I am writing to express my interest in filling the vacant position of alderman for the Fifth Ward of Park Ridge. I have lived in the ward since moving to Park Ridge in 2008, fulfilling the residency requirement for the position.

My children attend Maine South and Lincoln Middle School, and my wife recently started a psychotherapy practice here in town, so we have not only put down roots here, but are very invested in the city. I have always been keenly interested in the machinations of local government, especially since moving here from Chicago.

A bit about me: I have worked full-time from home for over a decade as the managing editor of Ars Technica, a technology and science news website owned by Condé Nast. When my children were younger, I was very active with the Park Ridge Wilderness Scouts and Princesses, spending two years on the executive board in my capacity as Chief of the Winnebago Nation (Fourth Ward Alderman Roger Shubert and his son Garrison were in the same tribe as my son and I). I have also served on the board of the Chicago Area Rugby Football Union Referee Society since 2010 as treasurer and referee assignment officer, on the board of the Midwest Rugby Referee Society since 2012, and on the board of deacons at North Park Covenant Church prior to moving to Park Ridge.

I am keenly aware of the challenges facing Park Ridge and its residents at this time, including flooding after heavy rains, noise from the ongoing O'Hare expansion, attracting and keeping businesses, and dealing with the financial aftermath of the Uptown development last decade. In short, the city has a lot to do, and it has to do so in a financially responsible manner.

I have appreciated the transparency with which Mayor Schmidt and Acting Mayor Maloney have governed the city as well as their determination to make sure city government lives within its means. In short, I like the direction in which Park Ridge is headed, and I want to ensure it stays the course.

Regards,


Eric Bangeman

ERIC BANGEMAN

EXPERIENCE

MANAGING EDITOR (FULL-TIME)

Condé Nast

May 2006-present

Reporting to Editor-in-Chief; responsible for overseeing day-to-day content operations at Condé Nast-owned Ars Technica. This includes assigning news stories and features; maintaining a publishing calendar; monitoring traffic and the news cycle; supervising the staff of writers, editors, and freelancers; and editing stories. Average monthly traffic has grown from under 10 million pageviews to well over 75 million under my leadership as managing editor.

MANAGING EDITOR (PART-TIME)

Ars Technica, LLC (Chicago, IL)

February 2004-May 2006

Same responsibilities as above, but about 20-35 hours per week

STAFF WRITER

Ars Technica, LLC (Chicago, IL)

July 2003-February 2004

Responsible for writing news and feature articles as needed

MULTIMEDIA EXPERT

McKinsey & Company, Inc. (Chicago, IL)

November 1996-April 2006

Responsible for preparing graphic reports, multimedia presentations, content editing, and proofreading. Worked in the Chicago office from 1996 to May 2000, then in the Business Technology Office from May 2000-April 2006

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

North Park Theological Seminary (Chicago, IL)

September 1995-June 1996

Responsible for grading papers, lecturing, and assisting professors as needed.

ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR

National Conference of Bar Examiners (Chicago, IL)

September 1990-December 1994

Responsible for overseeing character and fitness investigation for bar applications.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Chicago, IL — Graduate studies in the computer science department

June 1999-June 2000

NORTH PARK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Chicago, IL — M.A., Theological Studies, magna cum laude

September 1994-June 1996

NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Chicago, IL — B.A., History, summa cum laude

August 1992-May 1994

CROWN COLLEGE

St. Bonifacius, MN — undergraduate studies

August 1984-December 1988

Steven G. Schermerhorn
225 North Wisner Street
Park Ridge, IL 60068



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EF Educational Foundation Tours – Cambridge, MA - Tour Guide 1992 – 2004
Part-time tour guide for American high school students traveling throughout Europe.

ET – Educational Tours – Deerfield, IL – Tour Guide 1992 – 1999
Part-time tour guide for American middle school students specializing in Washington, D.C., Colonial Williamsburg and Gettysburg, VA.

Plainfield School District 202 – Plainfield, IL – Teacher / Coach 1990 – 1998
Middle school English and history teacher. Varsity Boys High School Soccer Coach.

United States Department of Energy – Argonne National Labs – Argonne, IL – Staff Speech Writer 1991 – 1995
Part-time staff speech writer for the United States Department of Energy affiliated with Argonne National Laboratory.

Luminarts Cultural Foundation - Union League Club of Chicago 2009 – Present
Board Member 2012 – Present
The Luminarts Cultural Foundation at the Union League Club of Chicago develops and promotes programs that support education, civic responsibility, and the arts for children and young adults in the Chicago metropolitan area.

Park Ridge Charity Classic 5K – Fundraising Chair Person 2003 – Present
For more than 30 years, the PRCC5K foot race has raised money for different local Park Ridge based non-profit charity organizations. As the Director of Fundraising, I am responsible for gathering corporate donations for the charity.

Steven G. Schermerhorn

Union League Club of Chicago – Member 2009 – Present

Networking Activity Group 2009 - 2011

Membership Committee 2012 – 2016

-M2M Campaign Region Director – 2014 to 2015

Admissions Committee 2013 – 2015 / 2016 - Present

Technology Committee 2013 – 2014

House Committee 2014 – Present

Field & Stream Activity Group – 2012 – Present

Park Ridge Rotary Club 2000 – Present

Board of Directors 2005-2007

Board of Directors 2010-2012

Rotary International is the world's first service club organization, with more than 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs worldwide. Rotary club members are volunteers who work locally, regionally, and internationally to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and job training, promote peace, and eradicate polio under the motto of "Service Above Self".

The Workforce Board of Northern Cook County – Board Member 2009 – 2012

The Workforce Board of Northern Cook County is a governing board that oversees the distribution of the funding for the United States Federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA). It also oversees the employment and training related activities delivered through the Illinois workNet Centers in Northern Cook County. The Workforce Board plays a key role in the economic development of the local workforce by bringing together a myriad of employment, training, and educational services.

Park Ridge Resource Group – Founder – 2003 – Present

The Park Ridge Resource Group is a "think tank" comprised of more than 25 local area entrepreneurs working together to help all of the members grow their businesses.

Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care – Associate Board Member 2014 – Present

RHPC is one of the largest non-profit hospice organizations in the state of Illinois. As an Associate Board Member, I serve as an advisor tasked with assisting RHPC grow and thrive throughout the local business community.

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January 11, 2017

Cheryl Peterson, Deputy Clerk
City of Park Ridge
505 Butler Place
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068

Subject: Application for Vacant Aldermanic Position
5th Ward
Park Ridge, Illinois

Dear Ms. Peterson:

Please consider this letter my application to serve as Alderman for the 5th Ward. I moved into the 5th Ward from my 40-year residence at 533 N. Merrill in Park Ridge in August of 2015. (My husband and I still own the Merrill residence.) My current address in the 5th Ward is 460 South Northwest Highway, Unit 211. (Waterford Place Condominiums)


I have a long history of public service to the community, including service on the Board of the Park Ridge Park District, the Maine Township Town Board, and two terms on the Planning & Zoning Commission. In addition, I believe my background in Urban Planning and in commercial property valuation would be a useful addition to the deliberations and discourse of the City Council.

I grew up in Park Ridge, attending Merrill School, Lincoln Junior High School, and both Maine East and Maine South. My daughter and son-in-law currently live on Western Avenue in Park Ridge; my son's business and home are located in Niles.

I have attached a resume; please contact me for additional information.

I would consider it an honor to finish Alderman Dan Knight's term.

Thank you for your consideration,



Anita Rifkind

CURRICULUM VITAE ANITA RIFKIND

Anita Rifkind is an Urban Planner, currently employed by MaRous and Company, located at 300 South Northwest Highway, Park Ridge. She has worked for the firm since 1986, specializing in appraisal matters related to urban planning issues. She has also developed appraisal reports for a variety of commercial properties, including several major office buildings and downtown hotels. Mrs. Rifkind has represented MaRous and Company at a number of public hearings, and has spoken at seminars and conferences on valuation issues.

APPRAISAL AND CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

- Commercial Appraisals
- Market Impact Studies
- Marketability and Feasibility Studies
- Zoning Impact Analysis
- Highest and Best Use Analyses

RELATED EXPERIENCE

- Research Analyst
Office of Urban Renewal
City of Chicago, Illinois 1969 - 1971
- Urban Development Specialist
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 1971 - 1979
Programs: Urban Renewal, Neighborhood Development, Open Space, Water and Sewer
(Urban Intern, 1971 - 1972)
- Elected Public Official
Park Ridge Park Board, Park Ridge, Illinois, 1980 - 1984
Financial oversight and policy direction of district operations.
President 1983-1984
Township Trustee, Maine Township, Cook County, Illinois, 1984 - 1988, 1994-2001
Financial oversight, including tax levies, budgets and appropriations
Policy direction of township operations
Township Collector, Maine Township, Cook County, Illinois 1991-1994
- Commissioner - Planning & Zoning Commission
City of Park Ridge, Park Ridge, Illinois, 2004 to 2013
Zoning Re-write Committee 2006 - 2007

EDUCATION

- University of Illinois - Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
Bachelor of Arts (Education) - June 1969
Split major: English and Political Science
- Loyola University, Chicago Illinois
12 graduate semester hours in urban studies

CURRICULUM VITAE - ANITA RIFKIND (Cont.)

INTERESTS/VOLUNTEER WORK

- **Park Ridge Community Church**
Park Ridge, Illinois
Chairman of Congregation 1994 - 1996
Stephen Minister 2005 to present
Stephen Ministry Leader 2007 to present
Chairman of Memorial Gifts
- **League of Women Voters**