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Preckwinkle and Other Elected Officials Endorse Tobolski

CHICAGO, IL- Citing Tony Peraica's complete inattention to municipal needs, partisan sniping, media grandstanding, and numerous anti-business votes, a large group of state and local officials headed by Alderman Toni Preckwinkle endorsed Jeff Tobolski for Cook County Board Commissioner today.

"Jeff Tobolski is clearly the best choice to represent the 16th District," said Preckwinkle. "With the economic hardships we are facing at every level of government, we need someone who will put the people of Cook County ahead politics, and build the coalitions necessary to meet these challenges. As Cook County Board President, I am committed to identifying ways for the County to play a more active and aggressive role in economic development and regional planning. We need to work hard and to push for policies that create jobs. As the Mayor of McCook, Jeff helped create more than 750 new jobs in his community and he has a proven track record and he has my support."

"Today I join my former colleague on the Board, Congressman Mike Quigley, in endorsing Jeff Tobolski. We need more Commissioners who are concerned with actually solving the problems of Cook County instead of scoring political points. Jeff has proven to be an independent thinker and a leader," said Commissioner Larry Suffredin.

"I've seen the way that Jeff works with other mayors on the West Central Municipal Conference, and it's truly impressive. He wants to do the right thing, regardless of who gets credit, and that's why he's being supported by Republican mayors in the 16th District like Jim Discipio of LaGrange Park and Ken Krochmal of North Riverside," said State Senator Don Harmon.

"I'm a Republican, and most of my village usually votes Republican," said North Riverside Mayor Kenneth Krochmal. "But I'm voting for Jeff Tobolski because he has worked tirelessly with me to make our neighboring communities a better place. Tony Peraica can't even be bothered to return our phone calls."

In attendance were Alderman Preckwinkle, Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin, State Senator Don Harmon, State Representative Lisa Hernandez, Franklin Park Mayor Barrett Pedersen, Berwyn Mayor Lovero, Bridgeview Mayor Steve Landek, North Riverside Mayor Kenneth Krochmal.

Cook County District 16 includes the villages of Berwyn, Cicero, Schiller Park, Franklin Park, McCook, Hodgkins, Lyons, Summit, Willow Springs, Countryside, Western Springs, LaGrange, LaGrange Park, Northlake, Forest Park, Westchester, Stone Park, Berkley, Broadview, Hillside, Melrose Park, Brookfield, Riverside, North Riverside, and Stickney.