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**Tobolski Opposes Brookfield Zoo Tax and Wonders Where Tony Peraica Is?**

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La Grange, IL – Citing the recently proposed amusement tax by the village of Brookfield targeting Brookfield Zoo, McCook Mayor and Cook County Board Candidate Jeff Tobolski is standing up and saying “enough is enough.” The tax, which will be voted on by Brookfield trustees at Monday's board meeting, would assess an added fee on ticket sales, membership fees, the rental of equipment for entertainment purposes, parking, and even food.

“I stand with Brookfield Zoo President Stuart Strahl in voicing my opposition to this tax. Families out in the 16<sup>th</sup> District are being taxed to death, and this is just another nail in the coffin,” said Tobolski. “Brookfield Zoo is a vital economic engine that generates \$150 million in economic activity every year, and supports over 2,000 jobs. A burdensome tax like the one proposed by the Village of Brookfield could threaten an already struggling enterprise.”

Tobolski also questioned Cook County Board Commissioner Tony Peraica's silence on the issue. “If this were some hot button issue that could land Peraica on Fox Chicago news he would be the first to jump up in opposition. However, since this is a local issue that actually requires leadership and coalition building, Tony is mum. This is typical and highlights the heart of why I'm running to replace him,” said Tobolski.

Jeff Tobolski will be in attendance at Brookfield's board meeting on Monday with former Brookfield President Bill Russ and other residents who oppose the tax increase. The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Brookfield Village Hall, 8820 Brookfield Avenue.

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.

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