

6/7/2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:

Kevin Fanning

(847) 309- 4880

kevin@jefftobolski.com

www.jefftobolski.com

Tobolski Blasts Peraica for Lack of Oversight at Forest Preserve “Police Paradise” in Own District

“All he had to do was drive past the building. If he really had no idea that this was going on he is truly incompetent, and if he did know about it then he is lying.”- Jeff Tobolski

La Grange, IL – Citing today's *Sun-Times* investigative report on the Forest Preserve's “police paradise” and the countless excuses enlisted by Tony Peraica, Cook County Commissioner Candidate and McCook Mayor Jeff Tobolski is again calling upon Tony Peraica to stop wasting taxpayer money and do the job that he was elected to do.

The report stated that in addition to the \$2 million cost to purchase the Westchester property, renovations to the mansion were supposed to cost \$200,000 yet ended up costing the taxpayers more than three times that- \$714,526. However, all three candidates running for Cook County Board President support Sheriff Tom Dart's proposal to have his office take over the Forest Preserve police force's duties at an estimated savings of \$8 million a year.

Tony Peraica claims that he had no idea about the renovations and was quoted by the *Sun-Times* saying that was because “forest preserve officials buried the project in budget paperwork.” “That is a completely unacceptable excuse from our Commissioner,” said Tobolski.

“This is becoming a dangerous pattern of behavior. Whenever some controversy arises at the County Board Peraica huffs and puffs, and points fingers,” Tobolski said. “Yet, the simple truth of this is that the renovations to what is now the headquarters of the forest preserve police headquarters began in August of 2008, nearly two years ago- **in Peraica's own district!**”

The Cook County Board of Commissioners oversees the Forest Preserve and their police force. They approved the appropriations for the renovations and the purchase of the property. Speaking to this point Tobolski said that “all Peraica had to do was drive past the building. If he really had no idea about this he is truly incompetent, and if he did know then he is lying.”

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.

###