9/16/2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:

Kevin Fanning (847)309-4880

<u>kevin@jefftobolski.com</u> www.jefftobolski.com

Tobolski Blasts Peraica for Attending Stroger Flood Party While Victims Are Hung Out to Dry

"I can't decide if these politicians are really that stupid or if they just don't care about the people they represent. People in Westchester are still waiting for their flood assistance. This is downright offensive." - Jeff Tobolski

La Grange, IL –While victims of the recent flooding are desperately scrambling to save their homes Tony Peraica was busy rubbing elbows at a party at Brookfield Zoo hosted by Todd Stroger and the Cook County Board of Commissioners. Even more alarming is that the County used federal flood disaster money to pay for the party.

Last night ABC 7 ran an investigative report exposing the gross abuse of funds while flood victims around the 16th District are still frantically searching for funding to help recoup their losses.

"Instead of using federal disaster money to help victims of the flood Tony Peraica and Todd Stroger decided to throw a party with the money? I can't decide if these politicians are really that stupid or if they just don't care about the people they represent," said Jeff Tobolski. "People in Westchester are still waiting for their flood assistance. This is downright offensive."

This isn't the first time that Peraica has been criticized over the flooding. At a special County Board meeting Peraica stated that the best solution to the flooding was for the County to purchase rain barrels to put outside suburban homes.

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.