

Item #2:

**Resolution Urging Lawmakers To Finalize State Budget
With No Reductions To Local Governments**

**VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-R-__**

**A RESOLUTION URGING ILLINOS STATE LEADERS TO PASS AND FINAL BUDGET
WITHOUT REDUCTIONS OF DISTRIBUTIVE REVENUES TO MUNICIPALITIES**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Long Grove, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Illinois provides in Article VIII, Section 2; that the General Assembly pass a budget based on proposed expenditures and estimated funds; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has been operating without a Fiscal Year 2016 state budget since July 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, needed health and safety services and critical infrastructure services such as road construction, maintenance, and repair are negatively impacted by the lack of a state budget; and

WHEREAS, the Village Of Long Grove and every other unit of local government is directly and indirectly adversely affected by the failure of the General Assembly to pass a budget; and

WHEREAS, consideration of cuts to local revenues and mandated property tax freezes in connection with the State's Fiscal Year 2016 budget threaten the stability and viability of local units of government; and

WHEREAS, when the State Income Tax; State Sales Tax; State Gas Tax and State Personal Property Replacement Tax were adopted, these revenue sources were sold to the people of Illinois by various governors and legislators in part on the notion that portions of these revenues would be returned to local municipalities under the rationale that the returned revenues would be used to fund local services and invest in local capital projects;

WHEREAS, local taxpayers deserve to have these tax dollars returned to their communities to pay for local community employees, to provide local community services and to not see local tax increases; and

WHEREAS, Illinois taxpayers that live in municipalities throughout the state \ contribute income tax of which 90% goes to the state and 10% goes to municipal services; and

WHEREAS, Illinois municipalities recognize the compelling need for solutions that address the financial challenges facing the State of Illinois and the Illinois municipalities and strongly supports solving existing severe financial problems through reduced spending, increased efficiencies, etc that would effectively address these financial concerns without going into further debt and/or passing the State's financial burden onto municipalities; and

WHEREAS, local municipalities have made very difficult decisions to reduce funding for critical programs such as: police protection; downtown operations; park district operations, road maintenance, mosquito abatement, and more in order to have a balanced budget. If this change in funding is approved, we and other towns across the state will be forced to consider deeper cuts including the possibility of completely eliminating funding for critical local services; and

WHEREAS, the State's budget issues must not be used as an excuse to force uncertainty and financial instability upon units of local government and the residents who live there.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Long Grove, Lake County, Illinois as follows:

SECTION 1: The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Resolution as findings of the President and Board of Trustees.

SECTION 2: President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Long Grove call upon the Governor and General Assembly to discharge their respective Constitutional duties and promptly adopt a balanced State budget for Fiscal Year 2016;

SECTION 3: The Village of Long Grove does not levy a municipal property tax and would be severely financially impacted by any reductions in distributive funds that may forced the Village to consider local budget cuts and reductions of services.

SECTION 4: The Village Clerk is hereby directed to send copies of this Resolution to the Governor, Senate President, Senate Minority Leader, House Speaker, House Minority Leader, Members representing this municipality, Lake County Municipal League and the Illinois Municipal League and

SECTION 5: This Resolution shall be in effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

Passed This 22nd Day Of March, 2016.

AYES: Trustees

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Approved This 22nd Day Of March, 2016.

Village President, Angela Underwood

ATTEST:

Village Clerk, Heidi Locker-Scheer



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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BRUCE RAUNER
GOVERNOR

March 3, 2016

Dear City Mayor or Village President:

Last month, I proposed two paths for dealing with the fiscal crisis facing our state: working together or executive management. The first is my preferred path: a bipartisan balanced budget alongside structural reforms that make our state more competitive, drive down costs for local governments and lower the total tax burden on all Illinois families.

Under that scenario, we would fully fund the Local Government Distributive Fund, lower workers' compensation costs, provide relief from unfunded mandates, enact pension reform, provide local control of collective bargaining and prevailing wage and invest in our infrastructure. Mayors across the state have advocated for all of these reforms for years.

But this future cannot be achieved if the leaders of the General Assembly refuse to compromise and reject this preferred budget path. If Speaker Madigan, President Cullerton and the members of their caucuses refuse to work together, we must still take action to balance the state budget. That would mean deep cuts. It's not my preferred path, but we cannot keep digging ourselves into a financial hole.

I encourage you to contact your elected officials and urge them to choose the preferred budget path of working together so that we strongly support local governments with reforms and revenue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Rauner".

Bruce Rauner
Governor, State of Illinois