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Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 3:15 PM

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Submitted at 08/12/24 3:15 PM

Meeting Date: 08/13/24

Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: Pete Soltesz

Organization: CookDuPage Beekeepers Association

Address: Villa Park, IL 60181

Daytime

Comment:

Phone:

Subject: Pollinator Well Being

My name is Pete Soltesz, I am President of the CookDuPage Beekeepers
Association, (CDBA) one of the largest beekeeping Associations in the
Midwest. My partner, Kim Kulton, is an entomologist, and founder of Illinois
Rea Passua, Illinois Rea Passua provides relocation services for pasts of flyin

Bee Rescue. Illinois Bee Rescue provides relocation services for nests of flying

stinging insects.

As CDBA President, every day, all summer long, I receive phone calls from concerned home owners over the well being of pollinators, namely bumble,

carpenter, and honey bees. As well as wasps, hornets, yellow jackets, and other species of native bees including among others: leaf cutter, sweat, mason, and miner bees.

Members of the board identify the honeybee as an invasive species of insect. Facts reveal the honeybee has been on the continent of N America since the beginning of time. Paleontologist Entomologist Michael Engel, U of Kansas, recently discovered fossil evidence of honeybees in the shale plates of central Nevada. Implied in this, honey bees have always been competing with other species of bees, along with all other insects, birds, mammals, etc. The honeybee has not always had success. This is why European settlers had to import European honey bees to plant their European crops, which we all eat today. While most of the DNA of today's honeybee can be traced to European origins, there is also influence from other continents as well including Asia and Africa. To say the honeybee is not native and therefore does not belong ignores historic fact and is misleading.

Board members also believe the honey bee is consuming "scarce" resources which should be for the sole benefit of the "native" pollinators. There is no evidence supporting the notion honeybees in DuPage County consume resources at the expense of other pollinators. Honey bees are generalists, and seek large volumes of flowers, whereas their counterparts prefer very specific, specialized plants. This is not a zero sum game. Logic would dictate that we focus on habitat, rather than trying to choose one pollinator winner over another.

Board members refer to honeybees as "livestock." This narrow perspective reflects a lack of understanding of how the local agriculture industry in DuPage County works. Bumble bees, Mason bees, leaf cutter bees, among others, are livestock as well. I know multiple orchard growers in DuPage, Kane, and Cook Counties that purchase "quad packs" of bumble bees and release them. These bees compete with "native bees" as well. Mason bee cocoons can be purchased or rented every spring, same goes for leaf cutter bees. There are very little inspection regulations. And these bees have been known to carry disease.

The board should also be aware that their attempts to regulate a citizens rights to own honeybees are perceived by the public as a violation of their basic human right to grow their own food and vegetables. Whether this is the intention of the committee or not, the common perception is that without the honeybee we would perish. Any citizen with a yard should have the right to grow their own vegetables, and ensure they can be pollinated with pollinators of their choosing.

And finally, the board should be aware that the greatest threat to pollinators are the local pest control companies. Local pest control companies regularly

spray or dust insecticide agents onto bumble bee nests, carpenter bee galleries, honey bee colonies, and other pollinator nests exterminating them.

Thus, we support proposals to lift bans on the keeping of honey bees. And we recommend the board focus attention on limiting the use of pesticides, herbicides, fungicides on properties in the county. And enact regulations which encourage the cultivation of native plants and trees, at the expense of Kentucky blue-grass and ornamental plants.

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Meeting Date: 08/12/24

Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: Sandra Mueller

Organization:

Address: Downers Grove , IL 60516

Daytime

Subject:

Phone:

Beekeeping

Comment: Please vote no on residential beekeeping. Honeybees, are not native and may

be interfering with native bees. Thank you.

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Meeting Date: 08/12/24

Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: Ben Leonard

Organization:

Address: Naperville, IL 60563

Daytime

Subject:

Phone:

Bee Keeping

I am writing in support of the new bee keeping ordinance. Everyone should be

able to have the same rights in this area regardless of their property size.

Comment:

Kindest regards,

Ben Leonard

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Meeting Date: 08/12/24

Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: Carol Di Cola

Organization:

Address: Downers Grove, IL 60516

Daytime

Subject:

Phone:

Bee ordinance vote yes.

I live in unincorporated Du Page County and would like you to support the new

bee keeping/hive ordinance that allows residents to responsibly keep bee

Comment: hives.

Thank you.

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Meeting Date: 08/13/24

Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: Cynthia Schneider

Organization: Resident

Address: Naperville , IL 60540

Daytime

Comment:

Phone:

Subject: Bee keeping in DuPage County

Please vote yes on the current Beekeepers law up for a vote today. Organic & small farms in DuPage County would benefit consumers by decreasing cost to the consumers. In these tough economic times the last thing we need is to pay

more at our Farmer's Market's across the county.

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Submitted at 08/13/24 7:15 AM

Meeting Date: 08/13/24

Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: Cynthia Schneider

Organization: Citizen of DuPage

Address: Naperville , IL 60540

Daytime

Comment:

Phone:

Subject: Beekeepers ordinance sponsored by Patty Gustin

Please vote yes on the current Beekeepers ordinance up for a vote today.

Organic & small farms in DuPage County would benefit consumers by

decreasing cost to the consumers. In these tough economic times the last thing we need is to pay more at our Farmer's Market's across the county.

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Submitted at 08/13/24 7:53 AM

Meeting Date: 08/13/24

Meeting: **DuPage County Board**

Name: Sarah Porfilio

Organization: Retired

Address: Naperville, IL 60540-5036

Daytime

Phone:

Subject: **Beekeeping Ordenance**

Please vote yes on the Beekeeping ordinance. It would benefit all of us and Comment:

would bring prices down. We have been digging into our savings to keep up

just pay for the basics

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Submitted at 08/13/24 7:57 AM

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Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: Lance Porfilio

Organization: Retired

Address: Naperville, IL 60540

Daytime

Phone:

Subject: Beekeeping ordinance

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Meeting Date: 08/13/24

Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: Joseph Sell

Organization:

Address: Naperville, IL 60540

Daytime Phone:

Subject: Beekeeping Ordinance

Comment: I support the proposed change to the beekeeping ordinance.

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Meeting Date: 08/12/24

Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: Sherri Benson

Organization:

Address: Batavia, IL 60510

Daytime

Phone:

Subject: Beekeeping square footage restrictions

Comment: I am in support of changing the ordinance to lessen the square footage

restrictions on beekeeping.

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Submitted at 08/14/24 9:02 AM

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Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: Richard Benson

Organization:

Address: Batavia, IL 60510

Daytime

Subject:

Comment:

Phone:

Beekeeping square footages restrictions

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Daytime

Phone:

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Submitted at 08/14/24 5:31 PM

Meeting Date: 08/13/24

Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: Joseph Sell

Organization:

Address: Naperville, IL 60540

Daytime Phone:

Subject: Beekeeping Ordinance

Comment: I support the proposed change to the beekeeping ordinance.

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Meeting Date: 08/27/24

Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: John Kavouris

Organization: DBM Services, Inc.

Mokena, IL 60448

Daytime Phone:

Comment:

Address:

Subject: Subcontractor Payment on County Projects

I am the owner of a small subcontractor working on the renovation of the DuPage Care Center at 400 N. County Farm Road. The construction manager is running a good job and the subcontractors are working hard. The project is

going well... except for payment from DuPage County.

As I write, progress bills to the County are now over 90 days past due.

Subcontractors have not been paid for work completed in May, June, or July, nor has the construction manager received payments. We all have a "pay

when paid" clause in our contracts meaning we will not get paid by the CM until the County pays. This is common in our business and the CM is not at fault.

What is not common is the owner of the project (DuPage County) taking so long to pay. Like me, many of the subcontractors on the project are small businesses. Waiting this long for payment puts a tremendous financial strain on us. I know the County has the money budgeted and none of us agreed to act as lenders and help finance the project. Even if you don't pay us on time, we don't have the luxury of waiting to pay our suppliers, tradespeople, and their unions.

In case you're wondering, I live in DuPage County and diligently- if not painfully- pay my property taxes on time. I don't think it's too much to ask that the County pays on time as well.

Government likes to say they support small businesses. A good way to prove that is to make timely payments. Can someone on the County Board please help expedite payments?

Thank you.

John Kavouris, P.E. President DBM Services, Inc.

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Meeting Date: 08/27/24

Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: Bob Sitze

Organization: ---

Address: Wheaton 60187

Daytime

Phone:

Subject: Regional Office of Education Work-Based Learning Funding Support

Good evening!

Comment:

I write it support of County funding for work-based learning programs for high school students. Years ago, I served as Director for the Tahoe Jobs Program, a manpower development program funded by the Department of Labor. One of

its key components was the participation and leadership of significant elements of the private sector, exemplified and staffed by the National

Alliance of Businesses (NAB).

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Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: Patrick Bond

Organization: Special Council, DuPage County Clerk's Office, Election Division

Address: Wheaton, IL 60187

Daytime

Phone:

Subject: Election Division Request for locating a Polling Place in a secure statutorily

compliant room within the Darien Park District Community Center Facility

Comment:

As well-intentioned and supported as that program was, what it lacked was precisely what you are considering right now: Extending the learning -- motivation, mentoring and training included -- into high school cohorts. To say that another way, by the time our trainees entered the program, too many of their life habits and experiences had already been shaped, some of them close to irredeemable. In a word, were too late....

What the Board considers here is a proven and effective program that offers experiential learning to younger citizens precisely at a time when they may be especially receptive to the program's various elements. How much wiser and effective this approach, far exceeding what we could have hoped for back then! This effort builds on strong, solid and dependable evidence that show positive results for both businesses and students/trainees.

I urge you to consider including this effort in the County's budget, as a continuing sign of the County's forward-looking outlook about a society that cares for its residents and its employers equally well.

Bob Sitze Wheaton, IL

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Submitted at 08/23/24 4:26 PM

Meeting Date: 08/27/24

Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: Tom Wendorf

Organization: DuPage Workforce Board

Address: Wheaton, IL 60187

Daytime

Comment:

Phone:

Subject: DuPage Regional Office of Education Work Based Learning Initiative

The Regional Office of Education initiative deserves DuPage County financial

support. This effort is important on many levels. It actively supports

development of future talent for the thousands of DuPage County businesses. It is an economic development engine that addresses a leading concern of all

business, acquiring talent. It asists High School students in the difficult task of finding out what inspires them. As as retired business executive and active in

the workforce development arena, I strongly support this effort.

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Meeting: **DuPage County Board**

Daniel Edelman Name:

Organization: none

Address: Winfield, IL 60190

Daytime

Phone:

Subject: DC-O-0056-24

We strongly oppose this proposal. People bought homes on large lots believing this is a neighborhood of single family homes. The proposal would Comment:

permit a severe adverse change in the character of the neighborhood.

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Meeting Date: 08/27/24

Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: William Alrich

Organization: Wooster Assocs

Address: DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60516-3526

Daytime

Comment:

Phone:

Subject: Regional Office of Education Work Based Learning Funding Support request

I strongly encourage the Board to approve this funding request. Work based learning has been shown to improve educational and employment results.

This is providing benefits, not just for students, but for employers in DuPage

who have another reason to stay and expand here.

Thank you.

From:

Sent: Sunday, August 25, 2024 11:48 AM

To:

Subject: Public comment

From: Mary Lou Wehrli

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 7:14 AM

Subject: Re: Eagle Street Bridge

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Done. Just sent the form. Thank you for supporting this.

I support the ordinance change to allow hobby bee keeping. Native habitats are increasing every day in DuPage County. Residents are planting more native species. Efforts to remove non-native species have increased. Bee keeping expands awareness of nature, provides superior honey, and provides intergenerational connections. Please vote YES to allow bee keeping.

[&]quot;We owe our existence to a six-inch layer of topsoil and the fact it rains." ~ Colin Ramsay

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Meeting: **DuPage County Board**

Name: Kraig Kistinger

Organization: National Tube Supply

Address: UNIVERSITY PARK, IL 60484-3143

Daytime

Comment:

Phone:

Subject: DuPage ROE Work Base Learning

> As a human resources professional for more than 25 years, I can attest to the need for work base learning for the youth of today. With the changes in education and everyone teaching to the test, work base learning takes what is

learned in the classroom and converts it to real life.

Work base learning not only takes what is learned in the classroom and and brings it to real life, but is also gives the participant real life exposure to critical

work skills often missing today such as accountability, adaptability,

communication skills, etc.

Finally, work based learning is typically though of only for "the trades". I feel this is a great dis-service to all other professions. Work base learning is essential for every profession. This is why we have interns and do student teaching.

I fully support any effort to increase work base learning.

Thank you,

Kraig Kistinger Director of HR

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Meeting Date: 08/27/24

Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: Cody Baumbach

Organization:

Address:

Daytime Phone:

Comment:

Subject: collective bargaining

Hello all,

My name is Cody Baumbach. I am a Detective with the DuPage County Sheriff's Office and currently the President of Metropolitan Alliance of Police (MAP) Chapter 126. As I am sure you are all aware, MAP consists of all Deputy Sheriffs below the rank of Sergeant within the Law Enforcement Bureau and the Sheriffs Administrative Bureau (the courthouse), along with full-time and

part-time Court Security Officers.

Our Chapter has recently submitted our initial proposal for a Successor

Collective Bargaining Agreement. To that, I would like to first thank you all for agreeing to begin this process prior to our current contract's expiration at the end of November. We submitted a robust proposal that offers many options and opportunities to assist in developing the Sheriff's Office into a premier law enforcement agency while simultaneously recruiting new candidates for employment, attracting experienced law enforcement professionals for lateral transfer, and also retaining our Deputy Sheriffs that have spent many years employed with the DuPage County Sheriff's Office.

We have been made aware of rumors and nonfactual statements that have been circulating amongst many elected officials and department heads. Our goal is to shed some light into the truth of some of these matters.

Rumor – The Union is preventing the Sheriff from staffing the Courthouse. Truth – The Union has done no such thing. The Courthouse is currently understaffed by approximately twenty-five (25) Deputies. Many of these vacancies are due to planned retirements of senior Deputies. The Union had previously agreed to allow the Sheriff to hire Court Security Officers. This agreement is still in effect. The Union has also proposed, as an option to assist in recruitment, that the Sheriff and the Merit Commission create a testing process for sworn Deputies to be directly hired to the courthouse; similar to how the testing process is conducted for the Law Enforcement Bureau and the Corrections Bureau.

Rumor – The Court Security Officers can carry a firearm while on duty at the courthouse.

Truth – The Court Security Officers are not permitted to carry a firearm. This amplifies security concerns, as while a look at the headcount may appear more favorable with multiple Court Security Officers, the fact remains that if a critical incident were to occur, those Court Security Officers would be unable to properly address the problem and provide valuable protection to the citizens and employees. This is due to the lack of training they are provided, coupled with the fact that they are not permitted to carry a firearm or any less lethal alternative. Currently, only one Court Security Officer is a retired police officer.

Rumor – The staff shortage at the Courthouse has come as a surprise.

Truth – The vast majority of vacancies are due to PLANNED retirements. In many cases, the employer was made aware of the upcoming retirements up to a year prior. Lack of planning has led to the shortage. Additionally, at least ninety percent of all Deputies assigned to the Courthouse have come from the Corrections Bureau, with the remaining percent coming from the Law Enforcement Bureau. Lack of interest to transfer to the Courthouse exists due to the drop in pay. For a Deputy to transfer from the Corrections Bureau to the Courthouse, a Deputy would be taking a significant reduction in pay. The incentive to transfer is lacking.

Rumor – The Law Enforcement Bureau is properly staffed.

Truth – The Law Enforcement Bureau is understaffed. On a "good" day, there are eight Deputies working at a time on patrol to cover the entire county and provide services to the county's nearly one hundred thousand unincorporated residents. There are numerous instances where there are less than the eight deputies working at a time, sometimes dropping down to four. In addition to patrol, the Detective Division, Civil Division, and Digital Forensics Division are all currently short staffed.

Rumor – Lateral Hires have been the solution to the staffing problems.

Truth – Over the last three years the Sheriff's Office has lost seventeen lateral hires from the Law Enforcement Bureau, whereas some went back to their original agency, and some moved on to a new police department for better pay and benefits. This is in addition to the thirty-five retirements from the Law Enforcement Bureau.

Our Chapter feels it is imperative for County Board Members to understand the shortcomings and needs of the Chapter, in order to move forward and continue providing the citizens of DuPage County with the highest level of Law Enforcement professionals. Any County Board Members that would like an opportunity to discuss MAP's positions for the new contract are welcome to reach out to our Chapter.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully, Cody Baumbach MAP Chapter 126 President

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Meeting Date: 08/27/24

Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: Rose Kuntze

Organization: West-Win Homeowners' Association

Address: Winfield, IL 60190

Daytime Phone:

Subject: Oppose DC-O-0056-24 ADU Amendments

We strongly oppose the ADU Amendments for 3 reasons.

1) ADUs will be taxed differently than primary residences.

Comment:

2) Single-family zoning is not for multiple residences on the same parcel.

3) ADU amendments cannot be enforced.

Thank you, Wayne & Rose Kuntze