






Memorandum

TO: Kevin J. Jackson, Village Manager 

FROM: Ahmad M. Zayyad, Deputy Village Manager 
Erin E. Baynes, Assistant to the Village Manager 

FOR: Village President and Board of Trustees

DATE: May 10, 2024

SUBJECT: Oak Park Attends IML Lobby Day in Springfield

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to provide a summary of important updates from the 2024 Illinois Municipal League (IML) Lobby Day and other legislative developments affecting municipalities in Illinois.

Background

The Illinois Municipal League (IML) represents all 1,294 cities, villages, and towns throughout Illinois. It advocates for policy that supports local communities and provides resources to municipalities and their residents. IML regularly presents a comprehensive review of state policy, provides educational materials concerning local government management, and empowers both elected and appointed officials in conversations with state and federal congresspersons.

On April 17th, 2024, Village President Vicki Scaman, Deputy Village Manager Ahmad M. Zayyad, and Assistant to the Village Manager Erin Baynes joined municipal officials from across the state for IML Lobby Day 2024. This annual event connects attendees from local communities with state representatives to address legislative priorities. The day commenced with a Legislative Briefing attended by over 300 officials, featuring presentations from key state figures including Governor JB Pritzker. Accompanied by Mayor Cathy Adduci of River Forest on behalf of the West Central Municipal Conference, President Scaman discussed with Governor Pritzker the mayoral concerns for pending policy in the General Assembly. She was joined by representatives from the Villages of Schaumburg, Matteson, Richton Park, Hanover Park, and the City of Palos Hills.

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The House Cities and Villages Committee held a Subject Matter Hearing focused on municipal governance and revenues with discussion of issues such as the restoration of full municipal entitlement within the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF), the impact of a repeal of the state grocery tax, and the proposed restructuring of public safety pension plans.

Currently, Village staff is carefully monitoring Governor Pritzker's anticipated repeal of the 1% grocery tax. Staff also intends to connect with local legislators to encourage the State's commitment to full reinstatement of the LGDF to its original 10% allocation. Village staff will continue to monitor proposed legislative policies that may affect the Village at the state and federal levels.

For questions, contact Ahmad M. Zayyad, Deputy Village Manager/Interim Neighborhood Service Director, via email at azayyad@oak-park.us or by phone at (708) 358-5770, or Erin E. Baynes, Assistant to the Village Manager, via email at ebaynes@oak-park.us or by phone at (708) 358-5771.

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