

Legislative Director Report: North Cook County/Lake County Gerri Songer – *September 2019*

Sunday August 25, 2019

Attended *Party with our Party: Moraine Dems Summer Celebration* in Highland Park. Joined State Senator Julie Morrison, State Rep. Bob Morgan, Lake County Board Member Paul Frank, Mayor Nancy Rotering, Lake County Clerk of the Circuit Court Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Lake County Treasurer Holly Kim, Lake County Sheriff John Idleburg, CLC Trustee Matt Stanton, Hon. Alyssa Knobel, Hon. Kim Stone, Hon Dan Kaufman, Hon. Lauren Beth Gash, and many others. Moraine Township includes most of Highland Park, all of Highwood and parts of Lake Forest and Deerfield. Spoke with Sen. Julie Morrison who stated that she would be sponsoring legislation in the spring (2020) to include school personnel in emergency response plans at schools that could be negatively impacted by the transport and storage of hazardous materials.

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Attended *Cocktails & Conversation with U.S. Senator Dick Durbin* in Highland Park. I asked Sen. Durbin if there might be support coming from the federal level to mandate fully funded state pensions and to protect state pensions from risky investments given that pension mismanagement is a national crisis. Sen. Durbin responded that he did not foresee legislative support coming from the federal level.

Thursday, September 5, 2019

Attended *Clean Energy Town Hall* with Senator Ann Gillespie and Representative Mark Walker to learn more about the benefits of clean energy and the Clean Energy Jobs Act. Presenters included the Illinois Environmental Council, the League of Women Voters of Illinois, Sierra Club Illinois Chapter, and the Climate Reality Project. Spoke with both Sen. Gillespie and Rep. Walker.