



PUBLIC COMMENTS –
for the Tuesday, January 9, 2024 Board Meeting

From: Kris Condon
Sent: Sunday, January 7, 2024 9:36 PM
To: PublicComments <comments@homewoodil.gov>
Subject: Request for inclusion in Board Public Comment

Good Evening:

Please accept the enclosed for the public comment section of next Tuesday's Village Board meeting. Thank you very much.

Respectfully, Kristine M. Condon

Dear President Hofeld and Members of the Homewood Village Board of Trustees:

For the past several weeks, Chicago-area news outlets have covered the stories of migrants being dropped off by train, bus, and airplane at suburban locations, leaving them to find their own ways to Chicago processing centers. A cursory review of the Chicago collar county map reflects that communities along transit lines and interstates are most often targeted, and these targets are moving closer and closer to Homewood.

I think many residents would like to hear concrete plans on the Village of Homewood's strategy for addressing the humanitarian, law enforcement, and/or social service issues surrounding these intercity dropoffs. There is urgency to make provisions for partnerships with healthcare, social service, faith-based, and/or legal partners as a matter of human rights and of public safety and further, to communicate those provisions, as appropriate, to residents.

I am not asking the Village Board to engage in philosophical or political discourse on the federal and/or state governments' approach to the migrant crisis. However, an opportunity exists for Village leadership to be proactive in both responding to a dropoff in our village and in communicating your plans to your constituents.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.

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