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**Peraica Politicizes Flood through Failed County Board Meeting**

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La Grange, IL –While victims of the recent flooding are desperately scrambling to save their homes Tony Peraica is busy trying to make political hay out of the disaster.

A month after the flooding Peraica called a special meeting of the County Board of Commissioners to discuss the flooding. Peraica arrived nearly a half hour late to his own meeting, missing the roll call and failing to obtain a quorum to call the meeting to order. What transpired was more grandstanding and meaningless talk from Peraica.

“Towns like Berwyn, Cicero, and Westchester have flooded numerous times while Peraica has been in office, and now suddenly eight weeks before the election he calls for a special meeting that doesn't even happen?,” said Jeff Tobolski. Peraica has also recently been criticized for sending out damage assessment forms that are useless now that President Obama has declared the towns a disaster area and robocalling residents, an action that the Cook County Department of Homeland Security states explicitly not to do in flooding situations.

“He should have been working to find long term solutions to this problem, such as building more retention ponds in our district. I've been privately meeting with many of the local officials and this is what they have requested. Instead he has continually grandstanded while working behind the scenes with Todd Stroger to raise our taxes and fees over 14 times. People out here don't need a politician, they need a problem solver,” said Tobolski.

Cook County District 16 includes the villages of Berwyn, Cicero, Schiller Park, Franklin Park, McCook, Hodgkins, Lyons, Summit, Willow Springs, Countryside, Western Springs, LaGrange, LaGrange Park, Northlake, Forest Park, Westchester, Stone Park, Berkley, Broadview, Hillside, Melrose Park, Brookfield, Riverside, North Riverside, and Stickney.

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