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Tobolski Praises Governor Quinn’s Property Tax Relief Proposal as a Step in the Right Direction

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La Grange, IL – Citing skyrocketing property taxes McCook Mayor and Cook County Commissioner Candidate Jeff Tobolski praised Governor Pat Quinn’s proposed Homeowner’s Property Tax Relief Initiative of 2010 that would make it easier for working families to get the property tax relief that they desperately need.

The legislation would create a Taxpayer Action Board modeled after the statewide utility watchdog that started in the 1980s. This independent and nonpartisan advocacy group would assist property owners in appealing their tax bills and assessments. Furthermore, the legislation would make it easier for property owners to get information about the assessment process including comparable sales statistics. Lastly, the proposal would extend for one year the “7% solution,” which is a provision that reduces homeowners’ taxable value by \$20,000.

Keeping skyrocketing property taxes at bay can mean the difference between keeping a family in their home and watching them drown in debt only to lose their home to foreclosure. “The Taxpayer Action Board will give aid to already struggling Illinois homeowners who are treading water and fighting to stay in their homes,” said Tobolski. “The number one concern I hear from residents is how to reduce an unbearable tax burden. This is a step in the right direction, but I would ask the Governor to go even further and extend the 7% solution permanently.”

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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