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MEMORANDUM

TO: Village President Anthony Puccio and
Lombard Village Board of Trustees

FROM: Jessie Hammersmith
Chairperson, Community Relations Committee

DATE: August 18, 2025

SUBJECT: Appointments and Re-appointments – Community Relations Committee

Request for concurrence in the appointment of Madison Smith and Tereasa Banks and the re-appointment of Pam Bedard, Michael Ledonne, Sharon Vish, Gladys Piper, Kaveria Lezza, and Megan McVane to the Community Relations Committee with terms to June 2027.

Please see my memo attached which includes information on the appointment as well as the committee profile applications for each of the candidates.

Your favorable consideration of this request is appreciated.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ranya Elkhatab, Village Clerk
FROM: Jessie Hammersmith, Village Trustee
DATE: August 15, 2025
SUBJECT: Recommendation to Fill Vacancies on Community Relations Committee

The purpose of this memo is to recommend the appointment of two new members to the Community Relations Committee to fill the current vacancies. Thank you for your work in publicizing the openings and encouraging residents across the community to apply. I value the opportunity to meet with residents who are eager to serve and contribute to our Village through volunteer roles.

In keeping with our interview and selection process, I scheduled individual calls with 15 applicants who submitted an application for the Community Relations Committee. The candidates represented a diverse cross section of our community and brought a wide range of skills and experiences. The applicant pool was strong, and I recommend that we keep the names of those not selected on file for future consideration.

After careful review, I recommend the following individuals for appointment to the Community Relations Committee:

Madison Smith – A Lombard resident since 2021, she is an alum of the Citizen's Police Academy and currently serves as a clinical psychologist and assistant professor at Northwestern University. She brings ideas for engaging with residents across all ages and is eager to collaborate with fellow committee members. Her experience includes completing the Citizens' Police Academy in 2023 and continuing her involvement with the Lombard Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association in 2024.

Tereasa Banks – As a former healthcare worker and parent of a Lombard student, she is excited for the opportunity to serve on this committee. She works with local organizations to connect people in need with one another and with resources, and her volunteer efforts include SOAR, her daughters' schools, the McKee House Project, and the DuPage County Forest Preserve. She has helped plan projects such as a community kitchen, community gardens, and mutual aid groups, and is currently fundraising for the Native American Cultural and Educational Center on St. Charles Road.

I believe each of these residents will make valuable contributions to the Committee's work in the coming years. Copies of their applications are attached for your reference, with personal information redacted for privacy, as this memo will be included in the public agenda materials.

Thank you again for your coordination and commitment to ensuring a fair and transparent process. I respectfully request that these appointments be placed on the next Village Board agenda for formal consideration.

Sincerely,

Jessie Hammersmith
Village Trustee

CC: Scott Niehaus, Village Manager; Carol Bauer, Executive Coordinator