

VILLAGE OF LOMBARD
REQUEST FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION
For Inclusion on Board Agenda

	Resolution or Ordinance (Blue) _____ <i>Waiver of First Requested</i>
X	Recommendations of Boards, Commissions & Committees (Green)
	Other Business (Pink)

TO: PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: September 2, 2025 AGENDA DATE: September 4, 2025

SUBJECT: Appointments and Re-appointments – Community Promotion & Tourism Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Patrick Egan
Chairperson, Community Promotion and Tourism Committee

BACKGROUND/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Request for concurrence in the appointment of Kathleen Rodak, Marshon Balthazar, Junaid Ali, Alexa Ardia, Sanah Abdelfattah, and Jim Grillo and the re-appointment of Joe Orsolini, Kimberly Messina, and Umar Haque to the Community Promotion and Tourism Committee with a term to June 2027.

Review (as necessary):

Village Attorney X _____	Date _____
Finance Director X _____	Date _____
Village Manager X _____	Date _____

NOTE: Materials must be submitted to / approved by the Village Manager's Office by 12:00 pm, Wednesday, prior to the Agenda Distribution.



MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Patrick Egan
Chairperson, Community Promotion & Tourism Committee

DATE: September 2, 2025

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Committee

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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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Chairperson, Community Promotion & Tourism Committee

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The purpose of this memo is to provide a recommendation to the Village Board on the appointment three new members to the Community Promotion & Tourism Committee. Thank you for your efforts in communicating the current vacancies and calling for new applicants across the community. As a Village Trustee I truly enjoy the opportunity to meet with citizens that are interested in serving the community and getting involved on a volunteer level.

In accordance with our interview and recommendations practices, I did take the time to personally schedule conversations with 12 residents that submitted application forms and expressed interest in serving on the Community Promotion & Tourism Committee. The group was highly qualified and represented a broad cross section of people that live in the Village of Lombard. The talent pool was deep, and, for those who were not recommended, their names should remain on file for future opportunities.

After careful review, I am recommending the following individuals for appointment to the Community Promotion and Tourism Committee.

Kathleen Rodak - A four-year Lombard resident, brings strong media skills and prior committee experience that will serve the group well. For these reasons, I believe Kathleen Rodak will be a helpful contributor to the Community Promotion & Tourism Committee in the coming years.

Marshon Balthazar - A twenty-year Lombard resident, is an active community volunteer who leads projects fostering positive interaction. For these reasons, I believe Marshon Balthazar will be a helpful contributor to the Community Promotion & Tourism Committee in the coming years.

Junaid Ali - A nine-year Lombard resident, volunteers helping small businesses with his experience in record-keeping and regulatory compliance. For these reasons, I believe Junaid Ali will be a helpful contributor to the Community Promotion & Tourism Committee in the coming years.

Alexa Ardia - A recent Lombard resident, is eager to begin serving the community she now calls home. For these reasons, I believe Alexa Ardia will be a helpful contributor to the Community Promotion & Tourism Committee in the coming years.

Sanah Abdelfattah - A ten-year Lombard resident, volunteers her time with a food pantry, a women's shelter, and a community clinic. For these reasons, I believe Sanah Abdelfattah will be a helpful contributor to the Community Promotion & Tourism Committee in the coming years.

Jim Grillo - A twenty-two-year Lombard resident, previously served on the Community Promotion and Tourism Committee and assisted with the Lombard Farmers Market. For these reasons, I believe Jim Grillo will be a helpful contributor to the Community Promotion & Tourism committee in the coming years.

A copy of each application is attached for your reference, with personal information redacted for privacy, as this memo will be included in the public agenda materials. Again, thank you for your coordination and efforts to ensure an open and transparent process for the filling of vacant volunteer positions. I would respectfully ask that this item be placed on the next Village Board agenda for formal consideration.

Application To Serve on a Board or Committee

Application to Serve on a Volunteer Village Board, Committee or Commission

The Village of Lombard actively seeks qualified resident candidates to serve on its volunteer Boards, Committees, and Commissions. Please fill out the below form for consideration. Please contact the Clerk's Office at (630)620-5741 with any questions. Thank you.

Applications will be valid for 1 year from submission.

Name: Kathleen Rodak

Date: 072825

Phone:

Email Address

Lombard Home Address

City LOMBARD

State IL

Zip Code 60148

Select The Board,
Committee, or
Commission of which
you are Interested in
Serving Community Promotion & Tourism Committee

Please Provide a Brief
Overview of Your
Qualifications to Serve
on the Above Selected

I produce video and digital media programming for corporations and non-profits. I believe my skills in media could prove very useful for the promotion and tourism committee. In addition, I've served on numerous committees at Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago and have also chaired several of them.

Educational Background

BS, Illinois State University

Community
Involvement

none right now

Volunteer Experience

Resting elder at 4th Presbyterian Church of Chicago. Have served on many committees at 4th Church including committee chair. 10+ years as Sunday school teacher. Have produced many pro-bono videos for non-profits.

Current Occupation

Media producer/Director

Employer



Length of Lombard
residency:

four years

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Name: Marshon

Date: Balthazar

Phone:

Email Address

Lombard Home Address

City Lombard

State IL

Zip Code 60141

Select The Board,
Committee, or
Commission of which
you are Interested in
Serving Public Safety and Transportation Committee

Please Provide a Brief
Overview of Your
Qualifications to Serve
on the Above Selected

I am the detective sergeant with the Village of River Grove, I am tasked with assisting in formulating plans to combat traffic and parking issues that arise within the village. I am also an integral part in the developing and revising of departmental policies, I am the union president for our FOP; this position enables me the ability to assist and counsel union members in times they feel as though they have been wronged. I also work criminal cases and assign cases to be followed up on.

Educational Background

Bachelor's Degree Concordia University River Forest;
2021

Community
Involvement

Honestly, not much at all in Lombard, I volunteer in River Grove by undertaking and leading projects that facilitate positive interactions between the community and police department. Such as recruitment fairs, national night out, annual village festivals, cop on a roof top, grammar school open house.

Volunteer Experience

Cop on a Roof top, national night out, grammar school open house, recruitment fairs, mostly community engagement events

Current Occupation

[REDACTED]

Employer

Village of River Grove

Length of Lombard
residency:

20 years

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Name: Junaid Ali

Date: 6/30/2025

Phone:

Email Address

Lombard Home Address

City Lombard

State IL

Zip Code 60148

Select The Board,
Committee, or
Commission of which
you are Interested in
Serving Finance and Administration Committee

Please Provide a Brief
Overview of Your
Qualifications to Serve
on the Above Selected

As a dedicated Lombard resident with a strong background in finance, technology, and leadership, I am well-qualified to serve on the Finance and Administration Committee. Professionally, I have managed budgets for Employee Resource Groups, assisted with sales forecasting, and tracked project pipelines—experiences that directly relate to reviewing expenditure reports and monitoring revenues for the village. My recent work building an AI solution for Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) project, has provided me with hands-on experience in public sector financial reporting and audit procedures.

In addition, I have led teams in developing innovative technology solutions, giving me the technical expertise to review and oversee the village's information technology infrastructure. My leadership roles—such as organizing community partnerships events (Chicago Food Depository, Cara Collective) and developing internal learning programs—have honed my skills in project management, stakeholder communication, and community building. These experiences have prepared me to thoughtfully evaluate financial operations, contribute to budget reviews, and make informed recommendations that benefit our community.

Recently, I also interviewed for District 2 Village Trustee position and had the pleasure of meeting the Village President and few Trustees. I'm committed to being an active community member and hope to contribute and bring my expertise to build a stronger Lombard. My commitment was recognized by the President in his letter of appreciation along with his

recommendation for potential future positions in the Village.

Educational Background	I hold an MBA with coursework directly relevant to the committee's work, including Managerial and Financial Accounting, Financial Management in a Globalized World, Strategic Competitiveness in the Public Sector, Negotiations and Strategic Decision Making, Social Entrepreneurship, and Project Management. This education has provided me with a robust foundation in financial analysis, budgeting, and strategic planning.
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Additionally, I have a Master's in Computer Science, which has equipped me to build impactful, user-friendly technology solutions. This dual background enables me to bridge financial oversight with technological innovation—skills that are essential for the committee's responsibilities in both finance and IT infrastructure.

Community Involvement	My commitment to community service is demonstrated through my active involvement in both finance and technology initiatives. I have managed the budget for a student organization, planning and executing events that delivered meaningful impact while staying within financial constraints. On the technology side, I provided internet services and developed a website for a university student organization, ensuring effective communication and resource access for members.
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These experiences reflect my ability to manage resources responsibly, leverage technology for community benefit, and collaborate with diverse

stakeholders—qualities that will serve the Finance and Administration Committee well.

Volunteer Experience	I have volunteered with a Lombard small business in the healthcare industry, assisting with bookkeeping and tax preparation using QuickBooks. This hands-on experience gave me practical insight into financial record-keeping, compliance, and the unique challenges faced by local businesses. Additionally, I have led and mentored robotics teams and participated in STEM outreach through organizations like the Northern Illinois Rocketry Association (NIRA), further demonstrating my commitment to community development and education.
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Current Occupation	Managing Consultant
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Employer	
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Length of Lombard residency:	9 years
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Name: Alexa Ardia

Date: 7/10/2025

Phone:

Email Address

Lombard Home Address

City Lombard

State IL

Zip Code 60148

Select The Board, Committee, or Commission of which you are Interested in Serving Community Relations Committee

Please Provide a Brief Overview of Your Qualifications to Serve on the Above Selected

I have a strong professional and volunteer background in serving diverse and vulnerable populations, including children, families, and seniors. My work in child protective services, domestic violence, and financial crimes has involved close collaboration with community organizations to meet critical social service needs. I've also served on the board of a pediatric cancer fundraising organization and continue to serve nationally through FEMA's Surge Capacity Force, supporting disaster relief efforts. Now that my family and I have moved to Lombard, I'm eager to contribute locally by helping build inclusive, responsive, and well-connected community support systems.

Educational Background

I hold a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from San Diego State University.

Community Involvement

My family and I recently moved to Lombard, and I'm excited to become actively involved in the community; I have a strong history of local engagement, particularly in the state of Washington, where I previously contributed to various community initiatives and public service efforts.

Volunteer Experience

I am currently a member of FEMA's Surge Capacity Force and have a longstanding commitment to service, including volunteering with local food banks, serving on the board of a pediatric cancer fundraising organization, and teaching English abroad.

Current Occupation

Corporate Security Investigator

Employer



Length of Lombard
residency: 2 months

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Name: Sanah

Date: Abdelfattah

Phone:

Email Address Field not completed.

Lombard Home Address

City Lombard

State Illinois

Zip Code 60148

Select The Board,
Committee, or
Commission of which
you are Interested in
Serving
Community Relations Committee

Please Provide a Brief Overview of Your Qualifications to Serve on the Above Selected	I am an advocate for my patients at my current job. I collaborate with my team for the best interest of the patients. I am a strong listener and quick learner. I actively apply critical thinking and problem solving skills to effectively address challenges.
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Educational Background	Degree in applied science/ Respiratory Care practitioner.
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Community Involvement	I am working on getting more involved in the community but I do participate in the following: Food pantry, mentor at women shelter through ICNA, volunteered at community clinic at MAS.
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Volunteer Experience	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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Current Occupation	Respiratory Care practitioner
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Employer	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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Length of Lombard residency:	10years
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Name: JAMES Charles GRILLO

Date: 6/27/25

Phone:

Email Address

Lombard Home Address

City Lombard

State IL

Zip Code 60148

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Committee, or
Commission of which
you are Interested in
Serving Community Promotion & Tourism Committee

Please Provide a Brief
Overview of Your
Qualifications to Serve
on the Above Selected

I was on this committee a few years ago. this is in my
lane. .

Educational Background Marketing and communication

Community
Involvement

I helped the chamber with the farmers market when it
was by the Fire Station.

Volunteer Experience

I ran a non profit called MPI Chicago.

Current Occupation

President

Employer



Length of Lombard
residency:

22 years
