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Orland Park Demands Answers from Jim Dodge

Mayor Pekau questions Jim Dodge's waste of taxpayer money, supporting a pension grab, and opposing the elimination of the mayor's pension.

ORLAND PARK, IL – Following Jim Dodge filing his petitions to run for Mayor of Orland Park, incumbent Mayor Keith Pekau and the People Over Politics candidates released the following statement:

"As residents of Orland Park, we have questions for Jim Dodge that deserve being answered—not just for us, but on behalf of all Orland Park residents:

- 1. Why did you vote in favor of a \$2.1 million pension grab by the former mayor?*
- 2. Why did you oppose Mayor Pekau's efforts to eliminate pension benefits for the mayor's position?*
- 3. How do you excuse losing \$47 million of taxpayer money for the downtown Triangle that our residents will be paying for years to come?*
- 4. Why did you give \$64 million of taxpayer money to a developer to build the 9750 apartment buildings when they only invested \$1 million?*
- 5. With cost-of-living rising and working families struggling to afford gas and groceries, how can you justify receiving two government pensions?*

We welcome Jim Dodge to the race, but after 32 years in office, he has a proven track record of putting politics over Orland Park residents and putting our taxpayers further into the hole. Orland Park residents are owed answers to these questions that they have been asking for years."

Under Pekau's leadership, Orland Park has lowered the mayor's and elected official's pay, eliminated pensions for all elected officials, enacted term limits, reduced the village's debt and property tax rates, expanded economic development by welcoming over 600 new businesses and expanding employment by 23% while reducing crime to the lowest levels in 29 years.

"I am proud to be the Mayor of Orland Park, where I grew up and raised my family," said Pekau. "I look forward to continuing the progress we have made in the last eight years by building on Orland Park's strengths for the next four."

About People Over Politics: People Over Politics is a group of community leaders who have taken on career politicians to end the political games and do what's best for the people of Orland Park by working cooperatively with a goal of moving our village forward.