

Dear President Bielinski, Village Trustees and Village Manager Braiman,

Thank you for all the communications you have been sharing with the community as we all seek to adapt quickly to these unprecedented and destabilizing times. We hope all of you and your families are healthy and effectively sheltering in place. We appreciate the efforts you are undertaking to manage the Village in these uncertain times, ensuring health-focused protocols are in place as you continue to provide vital services and support residents and Village employees. Importantly, we thank you and commend the efforts you are taking for the Village Board to continue to conduct important business of the village publicly and with the opportunity for public input while social distancing.

We also recognize your efforts to seek to mitigate the financial impact that will be felt by our Village's commercial enterprises. We are looking forward to Tuesday morning's Village Board meeting to hear about the guidelines and procedures you are considering related to the proposed sale tax rebate program and how individual rebates and supporting documentation (eg, application materials and decision rationale) will be addressed. It will be important for the community to understand how you will ensure that this program is communicated and managed in a transparent and fair manner while seeking to address needs quickly and responsively.

Our organization is currently working with village staff to offer assistance to residents in need and will continue to collaborate with the Village to support and inform our community at this time.

Thank you,

Nancy Hoying and Cindy Levine
Co-Presidents, LWV-Wilmette