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### UPDATE ON WESTERN SPRINGS GOVERNMENT RELATIONS ISSUES Thursday, December 3, 2020

#### Illinois General Assembly update

All the lawmakers who represent parts of Western Springs were re-elected in the November 3 general election. Senator Suzy Glowiak Hilton has a four-year term so her term lasts until 2023. Other key members representing Western Springs – Rep. Deanne Mazzochi and House Republican Leader Jim Durkin -- were re-elected. Also, Durkin was re-elected as House Republican Leader and he will serve in that role for the 102<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly, which begins in the second or third week in January.

The 101st General Assembly is still scheduled to meet in a “lame duck” session the first week of January. The Legislature has not met since May and the Fall Veto session set for November 17 was canceled. It appears the legislative session will only be dedicated to police reform, black economic development, budgetary concerns and other emergency measures related to operations and COVID-19. Here is an update on other issues:

#### 5G Legislation

House Bill 5818, which was drafted by the Village of Western Springs and supported by the village board, will be considered for discussion in the 2021 Spring session of the Illinois General Assembly. The bill is sponsored by Rep. Deanne Mazzochi, R-Elmhurst, and cosponsored by Rep. Amy Grant, R-Wheaton.

A link to the language of the bill is here:

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/101/HB/PDF/10100HB5818lv.pdf>

Senator Suzy Glowiak Hilton is introducing the same language as a bill in the State Senate. Her bill has been filed and will officially be introduced soon in the Senate as Senate Bill 4009.

The bills will have to be reintroduced when the new General Assembly is seated in January and that is surely going to happen with the help of the lobbyist team. We are then hoping to have a hearing on the legislation.

## **Police reform**

The House and Senate criminal justice committees have been holding hearings on police reform legislation that will likely be considered in the November session. Among the discussions are licensing of police officers, banning rubber bullets, use of force and body cameras. The lobby team is closely monitoring this legislation.

## **LGDF**

The councils of government that represent hundreds of communities met this week to discuss strategies regarding preserving current funding levels for the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF). Our lobby team is working with several of these groups. Due to the failure of the "Fair Tax" progressive income tax question on the November ballot, a massive, multi-billion-dollar budget deficit is expected over the next few years. Massive budget cuts are likely so we will be working hard to protect LGDF.

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