Dear Galewood Montclare Neighbors

Formerly the 36th Ward of the City of Chicago

Before being redistricted into the 29th Ward

In the early 1980's I was hired by the City of Chicago as a corporation council in the housing court. In 1983, I ran for Alderman of the 36th Ward and was elected for eight terms (the longest serving Alderman in the history of the 36th Ward).

I was always proud and honored to represent the people of the 36th ward from our seniors to our family members. It was always my belief that our people had the last word on the decisions that effected community matters such as zoning, education and property taxes. In fact, in over 30 years in office, I never voted for one property tax increase. I still live in Galewood since October 29, 1976 (50 years).

While working with the people from the ward, I met some of the finest people in Chicago from all walks of life. Since my retirement in 2009 things have changed but we still have wonderful families and I still have great friends. The charm in the community of Galewood Montclare is in its people. The people have always been involved in a positive way. This is a single family community and wonderful place to raise a family, a community with Family Values who stand together.

Recently, I met a very active community member who believes in Galewood Montclare and our families. He has been in public service for many years, and believes in the peoples right to have a voice in government, a voice in economic development, a voice in Zoning and a voice in our children's future.

This gentleman is James Morgan, a long time resident, husband and father—retired City of Chicago employee who knows the working of city government. Both he and I have spoken a great deal about how city government works and how we need the right people at the helm to keep it moving because our families deserve the best.

Please consider James Morgan who has filed for Alderman of the 29th Ward. James believes in town halls and neighborhood meetings, he believes in people participating and welcomes their ideas.

I believe in service to the community, input by the community and a public servant who will listen and respond to the needs of the community, for these reasons and many more I believe a change is necessary in the 29th Ward. I wholeheartedly endorse the candidacy of James Morgan for Alderman of the 29th Ward.

Best wishes,

William J.P. Banks

Former Alderman of the 36th Ward

Chairman of Zoning, Chicago City Council