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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, LAW DIVISION

LISA STONE, as mother and next friend of)
Jed Stone, a minor,)

Petitioner,)

v.)

PADDOCK PUBLICATIONS, INC., d/b/a The)
Daily Herald,)

Respondent.)

No. 09 L 5636

**PETITIONER'S REPLY IN SUPPORT OF
MOTION TO DISCLOSE COMCAST'S RESPONSE TO SUBPOENA**

Petitioner, Lisa Stone, mother and next friend of Jed Stone, a minor, by and through her attorneys, Tyma O'Connor, P.C., hereby replies in support of her request that this Court disclose to Petitioner the information provided to the Court *in camera* by Comcast pursuant to the Court's Order of September 25, 2009. In replying in support of her Motion, Petitioner represents as follows:

1. The essence of John Doe's Response to Petitioner's Motion to Disclose Comcast's Response to Subpoena is that he is protected by a veil of anonymity based in the First Amendment and that his veil can only be pierced if his anonymous comments are defamatory. He offers two reasons why his April 9, 2009 posting, as set out in Petitioner's Motion, is not defamatory. The first reason is that his comment is not a statement of fact. The second reason is that the posted comments were not made about an identifiable person. Neither of these reasons is correct, nor is the argument that defamation is the only reason why his identity can be revealed.

2. As Petitioner set out in her Response to John Doe's Motion in Opposition to Turnover of Identity, an act of otherwise protected speech can be injurious not only if it is defamatory – otherwise truthful statements are actionable if they are an invasion of *privacy* or if they

cast the subject of the speech in a false light. *See* Response to John Doe’s Motion in Opposition to Turnover of Identity, ¶ 18, citing *Lovgren v. Citizens First National Bank of Princeton*, 126 Ill.2d 411, 416 (1989), and *Restatement (Second) of Torts* §§ 652B, 652C, 652D, 652E (1977). The “false light” here is Doe’s statement to the effect that Petitioner’s next friend, a juvenile, makes himself available for sexual liaisons with men whom he meets on the Internet. Thus, Hipcheck16 takes a statement innocently made and free from any sexual innuendo – that critics of Lisa Stone agree to meet with him to discuss her candidacy and qualifications for office – and twists it into an assertion that the minor child makes assignations with pederasts through the Internet.

3. Doe’s assertion that his statements cannot be defamatory because they are not directed to an identifiable individual is not correct. If the matter were in the posture of full-blown litigation against Hipcheck16 or Doe, Petitioner would be able to show that someone using the “Hipcheck16” identity made no fewer than fifteen postings on Respondent’s public forum between 11:28 p.m. on March 31, 2009 and April 13, 2009 at 9:03 p.m. and that all of those postings related in some way to Petitioner and the Buffalo Grove municipal election on April 7, 2009. In some of those postings, Hipcheck16 identifies Petitioner’s son (who used the identity “UncleW”) as Petitioner’s son. For example, in responding to a posting by “UncleW,” Hipcheck16 mistakenly attributes that posting to a person who used the name “Lou Skolnick:”

posted by Hipcheck16 on Sat Apr 04, 2009 10:49 AM

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(Emphasis supplied). The caution not to "do heroin" relates to a campaign which Petitioner participated in in the past about what she perceived to be a marked frequency of heroin use in Buffalo Grove about which something should be done. The suggestion that, if he is sixteen, "UncleW" should take his Rottweiler for a nice long walk refers to a campaign in which Petitioner was active in advocating restrictions on Rottweilers, pit bulls, and similar dogs in Buffalo Grove. Hipcheck16 then caught his mistake in addressing "UncleW" as "Lou:"

posted by Hipcheck16 on Sat Apr 04, 2009 11:44 AM

Ooops - my previous post was directed at our little pal UncleW, not Lou. My apologies Lou!

I'm not perfect. But at least I know what a Home Rule Tax is. :)

In no fewer than two other postings, Hipcheck16 himself identified "UncleW" as Petitioner's son:

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(Emphasis supplied). Copies of the foregoing posting to Respondent's public forum and of the others of Hipcheck16's postings which are cited herein are appended as an exhibit.

posted by Hipcheck16 on Mon Apr 13, 2009 9:03 PM

The lies continue. *In a blog under a previous article related to the election, Stone's son, writing under them [sic] name UncleW claims that his family received one of the robo calls. Now Stone claims they never got one. The least they could do is get their lies straight.*

....

(Emphasis supplied). The reference in the April 8, 2009 posting to "UncleW" and "[his] daddy [being] in the front row at the board meetings so [they] can mouth answers to [Petitioner], just like [they] did at the forum" is a reference to another of Hipcheck16's earlier postings:

posted by Hipcheck16 on Sat Apr 04, 2009 10:25AM

People should just watch the video of the recent B.G. candidate forum to see Stone self-destruct. Her bumbling, incoherent answer to the question about potential budget cuts, including her COMPLETELY INCORRECT assertion that the Home Rule Tax COSTS the village money should be enough to scare the daylight out of B.G. voters. Face it - she didn't know what she was talking about, and her performance at the forum only confirms what I've been saying about her all along ... Stone is NOT QUALIFIED TO BE A TRUSTEE

If you're an undecided voter, the forum will be broadcast on Comcast channel 19 at 7:00 PM on April 6th. You'll see for yourself just how unprepared Stone is, and you'll be treated to several of her vague, poorly informed, over-simplified [sic] and off the mark points of view - most of which begin "Ummmm, Uhhhhh" and go downhill from there.

Oh, and while you're watching, also look for Stone's ongoing "mouthed" conversation with her supporters in the audience while other candidates were speaking. Not too disrespectful [sic] is it?

But what else would you expect from a candidate who showed up to the forum late, disrespecting [*sic*] the sponsors and the other candidates?

(Emphasis supplied). Doe's argument that his April 9, 2009 posting is not directed at an identifiable individual misleads because it disregards the context in which those comments occur. Doe himself identified "UncleW" as Petitioner's son before, in and after his April 9, 2009 posting. His reliance on *Voris v. Street & Smith Publications*, 330 Ill. App. 409, 412 (1st Dist. 1947) as support for his contention that his April 9, 2009 posting does not indicate that it was directed at an identifiable individual or at an individual the identity of which Hipcheck16 did not know is not correct. Hipcheck16's postings show both that he knew that "UncleW" was Petitioner's son and that he himself published information about "UncleW"'s identity in the very medium in which he made his April 9, 2009 posting. The entire corpus of postings made by others after Hipcheck16 made his comments about the identity of "UncleW" reveals that virtually all of the persons posting comments to Respondent's public forum after Hipcheck16 understood who "UncleW" was.

4. Doe attempts to excuse his April 9, 2009 posting as "fiery rhetoric" and "hyperbole" used in "heated debate" where the audience would expect "emphatic language." The posting was made two days after the election in question was over, and it reflects *ad hominem* comments made not about a candidate but about her son, who could have no influence in the election at all. The best that can be said about these comments is that they are sour grapes, but that is much less than what the posting is intended to say. There was nothing to debate when Hipcheck16 made his April 9, 2009 posting – the election was over, and he knew he was not making a comment about a candidate, or about an issue which arose, in the election. April 9, 2009 was after any expectations about "emphatic language" would have disappeared – the time for "fiery rhetoric" had passed.

5. To determine whether a statement reasonably presents or implies the existence of

facts about the Petitioner's next friend in a defamation action, the Court would submit the statement to three separate tests, all of which were used by courts prior to *Milkovich v. Lorraine Journal Co.*, 497 U.S. 1 (1990), a case cited by Doe.

a. First, the Court would assess whether the language of the statement has a precise and readily understood meaning, bearing in mind that the First Amendment protects overly loose, figurative, rhetorical, or hyperbolic language, which negates the impression that the statement actually presents facts. See *Bryson v. News America Publications, Inc.*, 174 Ill.2d 77, 99-100 (1996) and *Milkovich*, 497 U.S. at 21.

There is a precise and readily understood meaning for the language of Hipcheck16's April 9, 2009 posting, which is that Petitioner's son regularly makes assignations for sexual encounters with adult males.

b. In the second test, the Court assesses whether the general tenor of the context in which the statement appears negates the impression that the statement has factual content. *Bryson*, 174 Ill.2d at 101; *Milkovich*, 497 U.S. at 21.

That "general tenor" of the context of Hipcheck16's postings leaves no other conclusion but that Hipcheck16 meant to make an assertion of fact about "UncleW." The posting asserts that "UncleW" habitually makes arrangements for sexual encounters with adult males on the Internet and inquires as to the location of those encounters. There is no hyperbole involved, as hyperbole would amount to exaggeration of the dimensions of an established fact.

c. Lastly, the Court determines whether the statement is susceptible of being objectively verified as true or false. *Bryson*, 174 Ill.2d at 100-01; *Milkovich*, 497 U.S. at 21. While this assessment considers the context within which the alleged defamatory statement

appears, its emphasis is on whether the statement contains an objectively verifiable assertion. See *Milkovich*, 497 U.S. at 19-21.

When put under this scrutiny, Hipcheck16's April 9, 2009 loses whatever First Amendment protection it might have had. The statement is susceptible of objective verification – evidence will show that no such acts occurred.

6. Doe's assertion that the April 9, 2009 posting does not amount to defamation *per se* notwithstanding, his own authority shows otherwise. Citing *Tuite v. Corbitt*, 224 Ill.2d 490, 501 (2007) for the proposition that defamation *per se* consists in

(1) statements imputing the commission of a crime; (2) statements imputing infection with a loathsome communicable disease; (3) statements imputing an inability to perform or want of integrity in performing employment duties; (4) statements imputing a lack of ability or that otherwise prejudice a person in his business or profession; and (5) statements imputing adultery or fornication,

Doe minimizes the full effect of his April 9, 2009 charge by “presuming” that only the fifth of these categories is applicable. Doe's presumption is not correct. The applicable categories are the first and the fifth: Hipcheck16 himself explicitly described “UncleW” as and acknowledged him to be a boy who was no older than sixteen, so any person who had sexual encounters with “UncleW” would be committing a crime. See, e.g., 720 ILCS 5/12-16(d) (Making it a felony if “[t]he accused commits aggravated criminal sexual abuse if he or she commits an act of sexual penetration or sexual conduct with a victim who was at least 13 years of age but under 17 years of age and the accused was at least 5 years older than the victim”), a crime which “UncleW” would be aiding and abetting. “UncleW's” solicitation of sexual contact with an adult is also criminal. See, e.g., 720 ILCS 5/11-6.5(a)(1)(ii) (“A person commits indecent solicitation of an adult if the person . . . [a]rranges for a person 17 years of age or over to commit an act of sexual [conduct] . . . with a person . . . [t]hirteen years of age or over but under the age of 17 years”). Doe blithely disregards

the fact that Petitioner's son would be both defendant and victim in the criminal conduct and takes for granted that Petitioner's son's sexual behavior would be legal, which is not the case. Doe assumes that there are circumstances under which "UncleW" could legally have sexual relations if he is under the age of 17, which is not correct.

7. Even if the April 9, 2009 posting is not defamatory *per se*, it is otherwise actionable if it is defamatory *per quod*. "Statements are defamatory *per quod* under two circumstances: (1) where the defamatory character of the statement is not apparent on its face and resort to extrinsic circumstances is necessary to demonstrate its injurious meaning; and (2) where the statement is defamatory on its face, but does not fall within one of the limited categories of statements that are actionable *per se*." *Bryson*, 174 Ill.2d at 103. Doe contends that Petitioner has not demonstrated that the April 9, 2009 posting is defamatory *per quod* because she has made no allegation of "special damages." That concern, however, goes to whether Petitioner's son has been injured, and not to whether the statements are defamatory. Furthermore, Doe does not explain how Petitioner would have to resort to other facts extraneous to the April 9, 2009 posting itself to show how the statement is defamatory. It strains credulity to argue that a claim that a male minor regularly engages in sex with older men whom he meets through the Internet requires reference to extraneous facts to amount to defamation. Petitioner is not required to prove her son's damages at this phase – the question at this stage is whether Petitioner could make out a *prima facie* case so that she could proceed to prove those damages. Doe thus has put the proverbial cart before the horse.

8. Doe's resort to the innocent construction rule is inappropriate. His own authority holds that the innocent construction rule is applicable only in instances of defamation *per se*. *See, e.g., Tuite v. Corbitt*, 224 Ill.2d 490, 510-11 (2006) ("the innocent construction rule applies only to *per se* actions" . . . "The rule applies only to claims of defamation *per se*, and it is justified due to

the presumption of damages. A plaintiff can always avoid application of the innocent construction rule by seeking to establish a per quod action.”). Thus, if the April 9, 2009 statement is not defamatory *per se* but is otherwise defamatory, Doe cannot rely on the innocent construction rule. The context of Hipcheck16's comments, starting from March 31, 2009 and continuing through April 13, 2009, shows that Hipcheck16 sought to injure Petitioner by injuring her son – his comments to “UncleW” are vituperation and not merely “emphatic language.”


9. Hipcheck16's April 9, 2009 statement is not protected free speech. It was not made to or about a public official and is not in any way political speech. This public comment was made to a child on a public forum. The statement was made not to advance the political standing or platform of any candidate and was instead on its face a statement made with intent to injure Petitioner's next friend, to defame him, and to cast him in a false light.

10. Nothing in Doe's response to the Motion to Release shows just cause or reason to protect or withhold the identity of the subscriber. That person either posted the injurious statements himself, assisted the person who used the “Hipcheck16” name in posting those statements, or gave that person license to publish statements through his internet connection and through the internet service provided by Comcast. Discovery of information about the identity of the subscriber who either is Hipcheck16 is precisely what Ill. Sup. Ct. Rule 224 is designed to permit.

For the foregoing reasons, Petitioner, Lisa Stone, mother and next friend of Jed Stone, a minor, prays that this Court disclose the information provided to the Court *in camera* by Comcast in response to the subpoena issued seeking the identity of the subscriber of the IP address provided by the Respondent herein.

Dated: November 3, 2009

LISA STONE, mother and next friend of Jed Stone,
a minor,

By:  _____
One of the attorneys for Petitioner

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I am writing this letter in support of Lisa Stone for Buffalo Grove village trustee.

I first became familiar with Lisa Stone by watching her on the local government channel seeking tighter restrictions on Pit Bull and Rottweiler owners. This one person standing up for her beliefs against all others in our community impressed me.

I personally met Lisa Stone a few years later, when my daughter started grade school, as co-president of the PTO. I had a desire to become involved with the community, but did not know how to start. It was Lisa who invited me to become a part of the PTO. It was Lisa who asked me to chair two committee positions.

Had it not been for Lisa Stone opening the door for me, I might not have gone on to participate in the PTO for the last nine years or receive the Crystal Apple Volunteer Award.

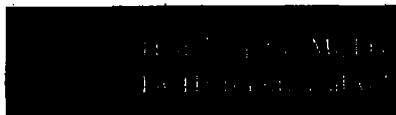
She has the ability to recognize in others their potential, is relentless in making sure they know what is available to them and is a great motivator.

I know Lisa Stone to be a leader who will work hard, do her homework, and make important decisions thoughtfully. She has shown a sustained commitment to Buffalo Grove through a variety of volunteer positions that cover many of the areas in which village trustees make decisions.

She is a trustworthy and open-minded person who will approach all issues as an advocate for the best interests of the village.

Please vote on April 7th, and please vote for a strong leader in Lisa Stone for Buffalo Grove village trustee.

Beth Butler Buffalo Grove



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posted by Lou Skolnick on Fri Apr 03, 2009 7:17 AM

Lou: Here we see that UncleW has no clue as to the dynamic.

One is not successful because one has a good product that one wants to sell; one is successful because one has a product that I want to buy.

When I want something from you, I need to jump through your hoops; when you want something from me, you need to jump through my hoops.

Lisa wants my vote. The onus is not on me to justify withholding my vote; the onus is on her to give me a reason – that I deem worthy – to give it to her. So far, she hasn't.

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posted by Lou Skolnick on Sat Apr 04, 2009 7:10 AM

UncleW, from a different thread about Lisa Stone: You all disgust me of course with the exception of New Voice. Hmm, oh right, that's because she is the only one here who acts like a normal adult. Me being a teen was always looking forward to being an adult so I could finally escape the immaturity of kids and move on to some decent and logical people. Unfortunately through this campaign I have come to the disappointing conclusion that my hope will not arrive. You should all be ashamed of yourselves for the way you carry yourselves as adults. If parents teach you anything, it should be to grow up. A few of you here should think about that.

Lou: And don't forget -- you disgusting people -- to vote for Lisa Stone.

Yeah, that's the way to win elections.

My vote is not swayed by celebrity endorsements or by fear of UncleW's disgust. Your mileage may differ.

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Harry S Truman: If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.

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posted by Lou Skolnick on Sat Apr 04, 2009 6:23 PM

Hipcheck16: My apologies Lou!

Lou: Not a problem!

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posted by Hipcheck16 on Sun Apr 05, 2009 12:12 PM

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A campaign flier distributed door-to-door Sunday in Buffalo Grove misrepresents the Daily Herald's endorsement in the village board race, the opinion page editor said Monday.

Campaign information distributed for Buffalo Grove village board candidate Joanne Johnson uses words praising all the candidates and ellipsis to make it appear that Johnson was endorsed, said Anne Halston, opinion page editor.

"This flier clearly misrepresents our editorial. It suggests we endorsed Johnson. We did not," Halston said. "We take severe exception to the misuse of our editorials."

Johnson said that the flier never says the paper endorsed her, that using ellipses is standard operating procedure in political campaigns and that everything quoted in the flier was in the editorial.

"I wrote word for word what was printed in the Daily Herald," she said. "It never says I was endorsed. Candidates have been putting pieces out like this (for a long time)."

The flier quotes the Daily Herald editorial as such: "Six candidates are running for three seats on the village board, and we wouldn't have a problem with any of them. Each is committed, each has a studied plan for the future, each has the credentials for the

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posted by UncleW on Wed Apr 08, 2009 9:40 PM

Ya got a name Mr. Hipcheck?

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posted by yellowjacket on Wed Apr 08, 2009 11:20 PM

He/She does .. He/She said, It's "A Funny Thing Happened to the Buffalo Grove Village Board"

And we, the intelligent residents of BG, of course, can't wait until Lisa's first performance!!!

Lisa, you will be the STAR. And, you can count on at least 100 Residents watching your "ingenuer" performance, actually at Village Hall. Not that we don't have anything better to do, but after these last 2 stressful weeks we all need a good chuckle .. promise me you won't change your "flippy bangs" (I actually think their kinda cute), because we have the best flippy bang team in the nation coming to the meeting to get tips from the best ... Wow, before you have actually taken a seat at the dais we have made the major Illinois newspapers.

Congratulations, Lisa, you and Seymour the Snake (which I'm sure you have no clue what I'm talking about) has put BG on the National News!!! (coincidence ... I think not)

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posted by lipstfickonapig on Thu Apr 09, 2009 6:51 AM

Yellowjacket:

What National News are you talking about? I would be interested in reading about it? What major Illinois paper, I did not see that either? I have heard the police are checking into her tactics.

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posted by yellowjacket on Thu Apr 09, 2009 7:43 AM

I was using the old "tongue in cheek" tactic. I did hear that we made the Sun Times. But, I'll bet before it is over we will be on the National News. Sorry to have mislead you with something I just thought was funny

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posted by Hipcheck16 on Thu Apr 09, 2009 10:53 AM

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By Steve Zalusky | Daily Herald Staff

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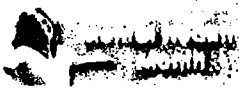
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The race for seats on the Buffalo Grove village board is normally quiet, even when it is contested.

This year proved exceptional, not only in the number of candidates - six running for three seats - but in the unusually nasty tone.

Now that the dust has settled somewhat, it remains to be seen whether some of the residual hostility will rise to the surface, particularly between trustees who supported Joanne Johnson, who did not get elected, and Lisa Stone, who did.

The often combative tone of the campaign was particularly evident in the waning weeks of the campaign,

A campaign flier from Johnson's campaign led to an article in the Daily Herald. The article said Johnson's flier, which mentioned positive comments about her in the newspaper's endorsement, was misleading because the Herald had not endorsed Johnson.

Following the article, Buffalo Grove voters received robocalls stating the Herald had "blasted" Johnson for saying she had been endorsed by the Herald, which the fliers did not say - while adding, "We can't afford any more politicians that will do anything to win an election."

The call went on to say that Johnson "lied to you in her campaign fliers. Vote no on

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posted by Hipcheck16 on Mon Apr 13, 2009 9:03 PM

The lies continue. In a blog under a previous article related to the election. Stone's son, writing under the name UncleW claims that his family received one of the robo calls. Now Stone claims they never got one. The least they could do is get their lies straight.

Also, this article does not address the phone calls (not robo-calls) to voters from Stone supporters alleging that Terson and Johnson were running anti-Semitic campaigns. Even though Stone knew about these calls, she did nothing to publicly denounce them, knowing they could only help her cause. The callers were so ignorant that they didn't even know that Terson is Jewish and Johnson has Jewish relatives and was supported by incumbent trustees who are Jewish. Still, Stone chose NOT to publicly denounce this tripe, and used it to her advantage.

Also, why is Stone already targeting a run for Mayor in two years when she hasn't even failed as a Trustee yet? Just check out her Myspace page- you'll see. Is this woman a presumptuous meglomaniac, or merely suffering from delusions of grandeur? Either way she lacks class. Hopefully BG residents will run her out of office when they realize she's a fraud.

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posted by Rohespierre on Mon Apr 13, 2009 9:48 PM

That's the same son (uncleW) who blogged, "take that, pieces of ****" after the election returns came in. I wonder what all these attacks are that Stone says were made against her? SHE said she hated the trustees who didn't support her, not the other way around. SHE was seen at Dominick's the Saturday before the election telling random shoppers that Johnson was a terrible person. SHE accused the Chamber of Commerce of giving the questions to Johnson and Braiman ahead of the BGHS forum. And now she's extending her hand to the other trustees? They better watch out that its not holding a knife to stab them in the back.

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posted by ProMilitary on Mon Apr 13, 2009 11:15 PM

Yes, it's a real slap in the face that this woman was elected. Her performance at the forum was pitiful and then she gets elected. It only goes to show the mentality of some of our fellow citizens--there should be an IQ test required before being allowed to vote.

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posted by BGStar on Tue Apr 14, 2009 9:59 AM

Hipcheck16 on the side of fairness I do believe the "son of a @\$%@" did say that they did not get the robo call at their house, but that friends called and told them about it, now, with that being said ... Why would they call themselves? They already knew the the trash that would be thrown. I find it suspicious that they seem to be the only residence in BG that DID NOT get the robo call.

I'm hoping that as many people who said they would be at her first board meeting actually show up I know I will be there!

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Buffalo Grove is a well-run community that has been overseen through the years by a solid village board, and it appears that will continue.

While two longtime trustees, Brian Rubin and Bruce Kahn, are not seeking re-election, there is no shortage of qualified candidates.

Six candidates are running for three seats on the village board, and we wouldn't have a problem with any of them. Each is committed; each has a studied grasp of the issues; each has the credentials for the position.

But of those six, we think the best choices are incumbent Jeffrey Braiman, activist Lisa Stone and park district marketing manager Mike Terson. We endorse all three.

Braiman, the board's president pro tem, has gained a wealth of experience over 18 years on the board and exercises good judgment. Stone, a tenacious, high-energy leader, would bring a refreshing new perspective and has the potential to be exceptional. Terson is the lone candidate from the Cook County side of town, an area that currently lacks representation on the board.

We like the other three candidates - Joanne Johnson, Andrew Stein and Beverly Sussman. But we believe Braiman, Stone and Terson offer the best combination of experience, energy and representation.

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posted by Hipcheck16 on Tue Mar 31, 2009 11:28 PM

Your endorsements of Mike Terson and Lisa Stone for Buffalo Grove Village Board are sadly misguided.

Terson and Stone did nothing to distinguish themselves at the Stevenson Political Action Club forum. Terson's responses to six questions demonstrated little understanding of pertinent village issues - it was apparent that he hadn't done his homework. I can only assume he would be equally unprepared for Village Board meetings. Living in Cook County does not make him a qualified candidate.

Stone readily admitted that "she doesn't know anything about the village's budgeting process," and her other answers clearly indicated that she doesn't have an adequate grasp of critical village issues, nor the appropriate business acumen to be an effective trustee.

Stone continues to tout her involvement in advocating changes in dog ownership ordinances twelve years ago. Since then, she's been absent from any involvement in village-wide issues and has NEVER served on a village committee or council - making her more "one hit wonder" than activist.

Fortunately, there are four better qualified candidates on the ballot. BG voters should do their own research and choose wisely.

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posted by Garnet on Fri Apr 03, 2009 12:28 PM

I agree with Hipcheck16 with regard to Lisa Stone. DH Editors, I ask you to study the tape of the April 1 forum held at BGHS (the BGHS government class made the tape, and I'm assuming they would give you a copy). Judge for yourself; I think perhaps you will see that your endorsement of Lisa Stone was a mistake.

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posted by UncleW on Fri Apr 03, 2009 2:18 PM

Glad you've stated your opinion Garnet and you too hipcheck. You must be on a roll lately with all these comments. I'm sorry to say that I can't stand back and watch you make a fool of yourself anymore so I just needed to cut in. Cut your losses, you are only making yourself look worse in these comments, not Lisa.

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posted by Garnet on Fri Apr 03, 2009 5:04 PM

"...you are only making yourself look worse in these comments..." says Uncle W.

Well, not so, Uncle W. Ales for Lisa, my comments would be superfluous; the forum results speak for themselves. I merely have asked the DH Editors to watch the tape and judge for themselves.

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posted by UncleW on Fri Apr 03, 2009 5:17 PM

Yes and perhaps they shall. My bulk of the comment was directed to hipcheck thought, so no hard feelings.

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posted by Hipcheck16 on Sat Apr 04, 2009 10:25 AM

People should just watch the video of the recent B.G. candidate Forum to see Stone self-destruct. Her bumbling, incoherent answer to the question about potential budget cuts, including her COMPLETELY INCORRECT assertion that the Home Rule Tax COSTS the village money should be enough to scare the daylights out of B.G. voters. Face it- she didn't know what she was talking about, and her performance at the forum only confirms what I've been saying about her all along...Stone is NOT QUALIFIED TO BE A TRUSTEE.

If you're an undecided voter, the forum will be broadcast on Comcast channel 19 at 7:00 PM on April 6th. You'll see for yourself just how unprepared Stone is, and you'll be treated to several of her vague, poorly informed, over-simplified and off the mark points of view- most of which begin with "Ummmm, Uhhhhh" and go downhill from there.

Oh, and while you're watching, also look for Stone's ongoing "mouthed" conversation with her supporters in the audience while other candidates were speaking. Not too disrespectful is it?

But what else would you expect from a candidate who showed up to the forum late, disrespecting the sponsors and the other candidates?

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posted by Hipcheck16 on Sun Apr 05, 2009 12:44 PM

FYI- the video will be broadcast all day on cable channel 6 today. Should make for some interesting viewing.

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posted by Living In BG on Sun Apr 05, 2009 11:10 PM

Hipcheck16,

While I might agree with you on your interpretation of Stone, I think your evaluation of Terson is way off.

I thought his answers at the Stevenson forum were right on. He not only showed me that he understands the issues, he showed me that he is the type of person I want representing me (unlike some current trustees). At the BGHS forum, other candidates side stepped the actual questions in order to give their "scripted answer." Terson kept referring back to the question asked and gave good answers I thought.

I agree, living in Cook County doesn't qualify him for the job, but the guy just seems smart to me and he has done a lot for the community already at the park district. Everyone there, including elected officials, say his performance is excellent and he works hard, so I trust that it would carry over to the village side.

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posted by Hipcheck16 on Mon Apr 06, 2009 12:12 PM

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