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## **What about Bob?**

I was born in Plainfield in 1946, back when the 47<sup>th</sup> district was farm country. My grandmother attended Lace School in the early 1900's, the one that preceded the school at the corner of 75<sup>th</sup> and Cass.

I graduated from Lockport West High School (now Romeoville) in 1964, the year it opened, at the top of the class. I went off to college for a couple years and then enlisted in the Army, serving in Vietnam in 1968-1969. I later received a BS from the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle and did some graduate work in urban studies.

While in Vietnam, I became the computer operator for my 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne unit. I've been in information technology ever since, working in banking, manufacturing, direct marketing, and healthcare.

I'm a social and political activist who strongly believes in the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions.

## **Why Am I Running?**

Having lived in Illinois most of my life, I've seen a lot of change in this area. Lately it has not been good change.

Much of that is due to the lack of confidence and frustration with the political process. This has led to voter apathy and a "democracy" without the participation of the governed.

A living democracy requires a continual influx of ideas that energizes the governed. Instead we find ourselves held hostage by a two-party system where neither party represents the people.

We must make Illinois a more open state where multiple parties can revive the spirit of democracy so we can leave our children and grandchildren a better place to live.

## **Civil Liberties**

Our civil liberties are under attack from all levels of government. One only has to look at the proliferation of red light cameras, invasion of privacy ordinances passed under the guise of home rule, and drug dogs being used in inappropriate circumstances (routine traffic stops, searches in our schools, etc.) to realize we need representation that upholds our constitutional rights.

As a representative of the people in the 47<sup>th</sup> District, I'll work to put limits on government actions that are only designed to preserve the status quo when we need to change government to respond to people first.

## **Racial Profiling**

We do have a problem with racial profiling in DuPage County and Illinois.

There must be better education of our law enforcement officials and our village leaders to address the problems through education before they are addressed through litigation.

## **Election Reform**

Democracies cannot function with only two parties. George Washington told us that when he left office, and we still haven't learned that lesson.

The Illinois election laws are purposely restrictive in opening our elections to parties other than the two majority ones. This has led to cronyism and corruption, with the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer.

Coalitions make for an exchange of ideas that is lacking in our current system at both the state and federal levels. To survive as a democracy, we must open up the political process to real competition.

## **Human Rights Commission**

This is a goal of several groups in response to abuses by the state's attorneys and other authorities in DuPage and the rest of the state. We need a commission that is apolitical that can deal with these abuses.

## **War on Drugs**

We have limited resources to fight the war on drugs so we must be efficient and effective.

We must go after the dealers of hard drugs that are destroying families and hurting children. We will never get rid of all dealers, but that does not mean we do nothing. We ALL must do what we can to minimize the harm drugs like heroin, crack, cocaine, meth, etc., wreak on families.

When U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald first came to Chicago, he wrote "We're All Directly In The Line of Fire". Let me know if I can send you a copy.

## **Civil Unions**

We are in a time of transition for equal treatment of LGBT families. Changes are needed at the state level, but even more at the federal level.

Eventually there will be a single term for recognizing families. Until then, by using the term civil union, we also benefit seniors, handicapped couples and others so let's get this passed NOW.