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April 11, 2017

Kenneth "Ken" Henderson  
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Re: *Eligibility for the Office of Park District Commissioner*

Dear Mr. Henderson:

It has come to the attention of our office that on April 4, 2017, you were elected to the office of Commissioner of the Harvey Park District. However, on April 22, 2015, you were found guilty in the Circuit Court of Cook County of the felony offense of Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon pursuant to 720 ILCS 5/24-1.6(a)(1). Previously, on January 12, 2009, you were found guilty of the felony offense of Possession of a Controlled Substance pursuant to 720 ILCS 570/402(c). It is our understanding that you have not received a pardon for either of your convictions. Based on the above-stated information, you are not eligible to take the oath of office for Harvey Park District Commissioner under the Illinois Park District Code, 70 ILCS 1205/2-11.

The Office of the Cook County State's Attorney reserves the right to challenge your eligibility to take the oath of office for your elected position. Obviously, such litigation would cause disruption to the citizens of the City of Harvey as well as unnecessary financial hardship to the citizens of Cook County. Please advise me on or before the close of business on April 18, 2017, if any of the above-stated information is incorrect and how you intend to proceed.

Very truly yours,

  
James Beligratis  
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cc: Ken Menzel, General Counsel for Illinois State Board of Elections



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