

APRIL 18, 2023 – CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SPEAKER SIGNUP, WRITTEN COMMENTS & POSITION STATEMENTS

PUBLIC FORUM

SPEAKERS

1. Tim Messer (Naperville) – Boarding houses within city limits
2. Nicholas Etter (Naperville) – Planting new trees
3. Sherry Huang (Naperville) – Plant trees in Meadow Glen
4. Anna Zimmerman (Warrenville) – Recognize Paul Hinterlong
5. Basim A. Esmail (Naperville) – Traffic Stop and Ticket for Burned Headlight
6. Mimi Cowan – Election issues

F1. Proclaim April 16-23, 2023 Earth Week in Naperville

COMMENT ONLY

1. **Catherine Clarkin** (Naperville) - Naperville Environment and Sustainability Task Force (NEST) Mayor and Council, On behalf of the Naperville Environment and Sustainability Task Force (NEST), we would like to thank Councilwoman Theresa Sullivan for being our liaison for the last two years. Councilwoman Sullivan's advice and insights helped us navigate interactions with city staff and Council. She was instrumental in getting us an important meeting with our electricity provider, IMEA, which has helped us better understand the obstacles we need to go around in order to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. We appreciated her commitment to making Naperville a more sustainable city and wish her well in her future endeavors. She will be missed on Council and as our liaison. We would also like to thank you for the official recognition of Earth Week at tonight's Council meeting. It raises awareness about environmental issues and encourages people to take action. By organizing events and activities, Naperville will help to inspire its residents to make small changes in their daily lives that collectively can have a significant impact on the environment. Recognizing Earth Week is a powerful symbol of a city's commitment to sustainability. This recognition can help to foster a sense of community and social responsibility. When a city comes together like this, it sends a message that environmental stewardship is a shared responsibility. By working together, individuals, businesses, and government can create a more sustainable future for all. Thank you. Cathy Clarkin NEST Co-Chair

J1-5. Naperville Wheaton Townhomes amendment to the Annexation Agreement

PRESENTING

1. Vincent M. Rosanova (Naperville) – Petitioner

SPEAKER

1. Clifton Shay

OPPOSE

1. Renee Hacker

L1-3. 10 Martin Ave & 801 S Washington St (Naperville Medical Office Building)

PRESENTING

1. Curt Pascoe (Westmont) – Ryan Companies US Inc – Petitioner
2. Brett Bunke (Chicago) – Ryan Companies US Inc – Petitioner

SPEAKER

1. Anissa Olley (Naperville)
2. Marilyn Schweitzer (Naperville)

QUESTIONS ONLY

1. Mark Hoffman (Elmhurst) - Northshore Edward-Elmhurst Health – Petitioner
2. Megan Maki (Milwaukee) – Petitioner
3. Taylor Eschbach (Warrenville) – Kimley-Horn representing Ryan Companies – Petitioner

L4-5. Century Walk

QUESTIONS ONLY

1. Brand Bobosky (Century Walk)

SPEAKERS

1. Philip Buchanan (Naperville)
2. Marilyn Schweitzer (Naperville)
3. Tony Andrews (Naperville)

L6. Pass the ordinance repealing Section 1-13-1:1 of the Naperville Municipal Code striking the regulation requiring public disclosure of certain campaign contributions

SPEAKERS

1. Tim Messer (Naperville)
2. Marilyn Schweitzer (Naperville)
3. Mimi Cowan

OPPOSE

1. Jan Pfeifer (Naperville)
2. Allison Longenbaugh (Naperville)
3. Patty (Naperville)

COMMENT ONLY

1. **Derek Miller** (Naperville) - I would again like to OPPOSE the repeal of Section 1-13-1:1 that currently requires public disclosure of certain campaign contributions. The ordinance was a great step forward in transparency in our local government elections when it was originally passed and has served as a model for other communities. I agree that the ordinance needs to be modernized (even if it is only a few years old), but if you need to modernize a house by updating the kitchen or bathrooms you don't do it by first tearing down the entire house. I appreciate the desire to give the new city council a fresh start, but life doesn't always provide clean timelines. If there are council members who receive donations from the firefighter's union and have to disclose that every time they vote on a budget or other item impacting firefighters, that is not an undue burden and is something I want to know as a constituent. I vehemently disagree that this ordinance has caused outside money to come into our community. Outside money has flowed into communities all over the country. Naperville is not unique in this regard. All of the money flowing into local elections is even more of a reason to strengthen Section 1-13-1:1. Please keep this important regulation in place and improve it. Thank you.
2. **Tom Rose** (Naperville) I strongly disagree with this proposed ordinance. Transparency in government is vital to maintaining our trust in city government. While campaign contributions are reported to the Board of Elections, it is not clear to the everyday citizen if a Council member has received a contribution

from a party directly related to a specific issue before the Council. There should be no question Council members are open about their relationships with those who are involved with issues before them. To repeal this requirement is taking a giant step backward and I really question the motive. At the very least, this issue should be tabled until the new Council gets seated in May. Naperville should lead in government transparency, not in making it easier for the good-old-boy system to flourish.

3. **J Murray** (Naperville) I oppose repealing this ordinance as tax payers need more transparency on campaign contributions, not less. As you can see from the questions of the attorney Mr. DiSanto: 1. The Mayor nor any Council member has ever been found in violation. 2. There is no criminal or civil penalties for non compliance. Council has discretion to censure members who violate the ordinance. 3. There has been only one disclosure made pursuant to the ordinance and the disclosure did not impact the councils quorum or the councils ability to vote. Since nobody has ever been found in violation and only one disclosure made that didn't impact a vote, it makes no sense for the urgency to repeal this ordinance. The urgency to overturn this ordinance is suspicious. It is best to keep the ordinance in place and let the new mayor and Council amend the current ordinance. If the ordinance is repealed then the new Mayor and Council will have no urgency to pass campaign disclosures and it threatens the transparency of the tax payers for the new council and Mayor as they won't be compelled to disclose campaign contributions. I oppose the repeal of this ordinance.
4. **Renee Hacker** (Naperville) I absolutely and vehemently oppose repealing the ordinance requiring public disclosure of campaign contributions. In the 15 years I have lived in Naperville I have seen more and more \$\$ from mega-donors and PACs pouring into our local elections. Campaign contributions should absolutely be disclosed when business comes before the council pertaining to individuals or groups who made those contributions. Full transparency should be the standard. If you have nothing to hide you should oppose removal of this ordinance.