

APRIL 7, 2026, CITY COUNCIL MEETING
POSITION STATEMENTS & WRITTEN COMMENTS

PUBLIC FORUM

WRITTEN COMMENT ONLY

1. John Baker (Naperville) – 59 bridge - **The** weather was extremely cold today, but I wanted to go out and volunteer to collect trash. I walked from Ashbury Greenway to Wolf's Crossing Park. I truly love this area especially the peacefulness, and the strong sense of community. Families use these trails every day, and my family and I are grateful to call Naperville our home. We moved here two years ago from Franklin, Tennessee, after a difficult period in which I lost my job twice, in 2023 and again in 2024. Through God's grace, the support of my church family, and the kindness of this amazing community, I was able to find work again. I want to continue to serve this community and those that live here to make this a truly world-class city welcoming families and international businesses to continue to make this city international and diverse. My wife and I currently serve as ESL volunteers at our church to support immigrants, and we also volunteer with the college ministry. We want to continue serving this community and raising our family in a safe, thriving environment. During my unemployment, I had the opportunity to volunteer with several organizations, including Naperville Parks and Recreation, Feed My Starving Children, and our church, Naperville Presbyterian Church. Serving others helped me stay grounded, and it deepened my commitment to making this city clean. After moving many times from California to Florida to Japan to Tennessee and so many times across the Pacific Ocean (I think I lost count after 30 or so flights from Japan to the United States) we finally feel at home here, and we want to give back to the City of Naperville a place my wife and family consider home with our strong ties to our church and friends. I share this background because I hope it explains why I am so passionate about protecting and beautifying our community. When we ignore vandalism, graffiti, littering, or damage to public property, I believe that we unintentionally signal that this behavior is acceptable. I once watched (or maybe read a program about the "broken glass affect") that is, when we fail to take action against graffiti, trash, and damaged infrastructure, this can encourage further crime. This is especially concerning when it involves electric utility boxes or high-voltage equipment as you can see from the attached photographs. This summer, as shown in the attached photos, I spent time cleaning up the area under the Route 59 bridge. Today, I was extremely concerned to find the area littered especially because I found what appears to be spent fireworks in an area near grass which can, needless to say, pose an extremely dangerous situation. There is new graffiti on the walls, trash along the trail, graffiti and damage on electric utility boxes, including what may appear to be a deliberate crack along the base and some foreign substance on the top of the utility box. I have attached photos from both the summer cleanup and from today for comparison and your evaluation.
I would like to work with you and the city to keep this area clean and safe. High-voltage utility equipment should never be tampered with, and we need to send a clear message that vandalism will not be permitted. I want to continue partnering with you to

beautify our city, strengthen our community, and make Naperville a place that attracts families, visitors, and domestic and international businesses to grow our city and make it the safest and most livable place in Naperville. Please let me know how we can move forward together. I am always happy to volunteer and serve. Thank you for your hard work to keep our city safe. I appreciate you! Respectfully, John

2. John Baker (Naperville) – 59 bridge - I've noticed vandalism, graffiti, littering, or damage to public property, and I believe that we unintentionally signal that this behavior is acceptable. I once watched (or maybe read a program about the "broken glass syndrome") that is, when we fail to take action against graffiti, trash, and damaged infrastructure, this can encourage further crime. This is especially concerning when it involves electric utility boxes or high-voltage equipment near Ashbury greenway and the Frontier Skate Park on public utility boxes. I've noticed graffiti under the 59 bridge.

I spent time cleaning up the area under the Route 59 bridge. Yesterday, I was extremely concerned to find the area littered especially because I found what appears to be spent fireworks in an area near grass which can, needless to say, pose an extremely dangerous situation. There is new graffiti on the walls, trash along the trail, graffiti and damage on electric utility boxes, including what may appear to be a deliberate crack along the base and some foreign substance on the top of the utility box. I would like to work with you and the city to keep this area clean and safe. High-voltage utility equipment should never be tampered with, and we need to send a clear message that vandalism will not be permitted. Brad, I want to continue partnering with you to beautify our city, strengthen our community, and make Naperville a place that attracts families, visitors, and domestic and international businesses to grow our city and make it the safest and most livable place in Naperville. Please let me know how we can move forward together. I am always happy to volunteer and serve. Thank you Respectfully,
John

3. Julie Niles (Naperville) League of Women Voters of Naperville -April 2, 2026
Mayor Scott Wehrli and Members of the Naperville City Council
400 S Eagle Street
Naperville, IL 60540

Re: Support for the Naperville Due Process and Municipal Property Ordinance

Dear Mayor Wehrli and Council Members,

Please consider moving forward with the Naperville Due Process and Municipal Property Ordinance. Along with other community organizations and individuals, the League of Women Voters of Naperville believes this ordinance reflects our city's core values of People, Trust, Respect, and Pride. The League's position that all people should receive fair treatment under the law supports this ordinance.

It's frightening to live in a community where someone can be apprehended by federal

ICE agents with inconsistent warrants (sometimes administrative, sometimes judicial), forced into a vehicle, ignored when asking questions or trying to defend oneself, and then released at a random place – or not – at the federal agents' discretion. For example, this occurred with roofers at a residence in Naperville (September 19, 2025), at the local Menards (September 17, 2025), and at Home Depot (October 21, 2025).

With the warmer weather returning, it is not unlikely that federal ICE agents will ramp up their activities in our area again.

The proposed ordinance would:

- Affirm Naperville's commitment to constitutional rights including due process under the 1st, 4th, and 14th amendments.
- Clarify that City-owned property (buildings, parking lots, parks, and facilities) cannot be designated as staging sites for civil immigration enforcement.
- Ensure City personnel and resources remain focused on community safety, consistent with the Illinois Trust Act and Illinois Way Forward Act.
- Provide guidance for City departments to document and report observed violations.
- Maintain compliance with federal and state law, including allowing access when a valid judicial warrant or court order is presented.

This ordinance is about clarity, transparency, and ensuring that all Naperville residents, regardless of background, can trust that their city government is working for them. I respectfully urge you to move this ordinance forward.

Thank you for your service to our community and for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Julie Niles, President
League of Women Voters of Naperville
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4. Cynthia Castillo (Naperville) Dear Mayor Wehrli and Council Members,

I am writing to urge the Naperville City Council to adopt the Naperville Due Process and Municipal Property Ordinance. As a member of this community, I believe this ordinance reflects our city's core values of People, Trust, Respect, and Pride.

This measure represents a thoughtful and balanced approach that affirms constitutional protections, clarifies the use of City resources, and aligns local policy with existing Illinois law while respecting federal authority. For these reasons, I strongly support its adoption.

In the current climate, many families in Naperville are experiencing heightened stress and uncertainty. I have seen the impact this has on children, families, and our broader

community. This ordinance would provide much-needed clarity and reassurance about where the City stands on these important issues. It would affirm our shared pride in a community that values and upholds constitutional rights for all residents.

In addition to affirming Naperville's commitment to constitutional rights and clarifying the use of City-owned property, the proposed ordinance ensures that City personnel and resources remain focused on community safety. It also provides clear guidance for City departments to document and report observed violations, promoting consistency and accountability.

Ultimately, this ordinance is about transparency and ensuring that all Naperville residents, regardless of background, can trust that their city government is working for them.

I respectfully urge you to support and adopt this ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to our community.

5. Mary J. Miller (Naperville) I oppose the use of City of Naperville resources, property, personnel, etc. for the use of federal immigration and customs enforcement and customs and border patrol.

6. Anne Swanson (Naperville) Dear Mayor Wehrli and City Council members –
I am writing in favor of the proposed Due Process and Municipal Property ordinance. I have lived in Naperville for over 40 years and have always felt safe and protected. I love that one of the public speaking pavilions at the Riverwalk is known as the Free Speech Pavilion. The proposed ordinance codifies that feeling of safety. It guarantees that no one will be denied their right to peacefully exercise their First, Fourth or Fourteenth Amendment rights on any city owned or controlled property.
I fully support this proposed ordinance and request that you do also.
Thank you,
Anne V. Swanson

7. Michael Thibodeau (Lisle) Dear Mayor Wehrli and Council Members,
I am writing to urge the Naperville City Council to adopt the Naperville Due Process and Municipal Property Ordinance. As a member of this community, I believe this ordinance reflects our city's core values of People, Trust, Respect, and Pride - and I ask for your support. Why This Matters to Me Personally: While I may not live within Naperville, I am right next door and my son will go to Naperville North next year. He is a young man of color and I don't want him harassed by masked thugs with a chip on their shoulder. This issue impacts all Americans, but especially so for those that are already marginalized. Allowing immigration enforcement to use city property or NPD cooperation endangers people that live their lives within Naperville. What I am asking the Council to support:
The proposed ordinance would: Affirm Naperville's commitment to constitutional rights, including due process under the 1st, 4th, and 14th Amendments. Clarify that City-owned property (buildings, parking lots, parks, and facilities) cannot be designated as

staging sites for civil immigration enforcement. Ensure City personnel and resources remain focused on community safety, consistent with the Illinois Trust Act and Illinois Way Forward Act. Provide guidance for City departments to document and report observed violations. Maintain compliance with federal and state law, including allowing access when a valid judicial warrant or court order is presented. This ordinance is about clarity, transparency, and ensuring that all Naperville residents, regardless of background, can trust that their city government is working for them. I respectfully urge you to move this ordinance forward. Thank you for your service to our community and for considering my comments. Sincerely,

Michael Thibodeau

8. Lundie Pinner (Naperville) Mayor Scott Wehrli and Members of the Naperville City Council
400 S. Eagle Street
Naperville, IL 60540

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Why This Matters to Me Personally:

I have friends and loved ones who limit their travel because they are afraid of situations where they feel they have no one to turn to in an emergency situation involving people claiming to have the authority to arrest and remove them because they "look illegal". I believe our police must be authorized and duty-bound to protect the constitutional rights of ALL the people who live in our City. We need to make their role very clear as these confrontations continue to happen. I want the city I have lived in for 29 years to lead the way in defending and supporting our rights at the local level, providing safety and stability for us all.

What I am asking the Council to support:

The proposed ordinance would:

- Affirm Naperville's commitment to constitutional rights, including due process under the 1st, 4th, and 14th Amendments.
- Clarify that City-owned property (buildings, parking lots, parks, and facilities) cannot be designated as staging sites for civil immigration enforcement.
- Ensure City personnel and resources remain focused on community safety, consistent with the Illinois Trust Act and Illinois Way Forward Act.
- Provide guidance for City departments to document and report observed violations.

- Maintain compliance with federal and state law, including allowing access when a valid judicial warrant or court order is presented.
- This ordinance is about clarity, transparency, and ensuring that all Naperville residents, regardless of background, can trust that their city government is working for them. I respectfully urge you to move this ordinance forward.

Thank you for your service to our community and for considering my comments.
Sincerely,

Lundie Pinner

9. Auri Wild (Naperville) Hello - I would like to emphasize my support for the implementation of a due process and municipal property ordinance in Naperville. I have felt threatened by ongoing immigration enforcement operations, even though I am a naturalized U.S. citizen, because of my appearance. My friends, family, and neighbors have felt threatened at times too. Hearing that working people and normal, nonviolent citizens have had their rights and their peace violated makes it seem risky to even be out in public sometimes. I support this proposed ordinance because I believe people should not feel unsafe while on City-owned property. People should not have to question whether their local officials and law enforcement are protecting them or exposing them to extrajudicial and inhumane immigration enforcement activities.

A city ordinance would help inspire other nearby municipalities to adopt similar measures, bolstering regional security and clarifying standards for cooperating police departments.

I respectfully ask City Council to support the Naperville Due Process and Municipal Property Ordinance and support the community's sense of safety and trust that their Constitutional rights will be upheld. Thank you.

10. Nancy Turner (Naperville) I am writing to express my support for the Due Process and Municipal Property Ordinance. Please consider it for a future agenda item. It aligns with the values expressed in the City's Mission Statement and will protect public property from being misused.
11. Erin Zimmer (Naperville) To the members of the Naperville City Council:

I'm writing in support of the proposed Naperville Due Process and Municipal Property Ordinance to clarify the use of city property and resources as it concerns federal immigration enforcement efforts.

First, on a personal note, a friend of mine is a teacher at a Naperville elementary school with a high Hispanic population. I will never forget the shake in her voice when we discussed the heartbreaking calls from parents last fall asking whether their children would be safe at school. No matter their immigration status, if they or their children are brown, they have good reason to fear our federal government. If there is anything at all we can do in our city to help people understand that we stand with them, then I believe we should do it.

One of the reasons why Naperville is such an amazing place to live is that its residents believe in the dignity of all. As the ordinance would affirm the constitutional protections of the First, Fourth, and Fourteenth Amendments, including due process, it behooves us all to support a statement in line with the Constitution.

The ordinance would also reaffirm our local focus on keeping all citizens safe. We are absolutely less safe when parts of our community hesitate to call law enforcement or emergency services out of fear, and safety is one of the cornerstones of Naperville's ethos.

Finally, we all know that many, many communities in Illinois and beyond look to Naperville as an example. With this ordinance, we can, once again, demonstrate our care and respect for our community, ALL of it, and illuminate a path for other communities to follow. If we're number one, let's walk the walk. Quite literally, the least we can do to help the people who live and work in our community and are a vital part of the fabric of Naperville is to put this ordinance on the agenda.

Thank you for your time.

Erin Zimmer
Naperville resident for 9 years

12. Emily Cummings (Naperville) Dear Mayor Wehrli and Council Members,

I am writing in strong support of the Naperville Due Process and Municipal Property Ordinance. I was honored to speak in person earlier this year and while parenting duties prevent me from being there in person tonight, I want to make sure my voice is still part of this conversation.

Here is why this matters to me personally....

I grew up in Naperville. I chose to move back here in 2020 to raise my family here. I chose to build my business here because of this community's diversity, its warmth, and the promise it holds for my children. This city very much shaped who I am today, and this community will shape help shape who my children become. More than anything, I want to raise children who celebrate people for exactly who they are, who stand up for what is right, and who understand that our differences are what make us stronger. These differences are not something to fear!

As the owner of Emily Cummings Photography and Studio 25 Naperville in downtown, I have built a space where my goal is to make every person who walks through my door feels seen, celebrated, and safe. This is only possible because of the kind of community Naperville has always been.

Over the past year we have watched ICE enforcement tear through communities

across this country, and it has already come to our own backyard. Right here in Naperville, families have been ripped apart, and workers were left stranded on rooftops their lives upended in an instant. It was devastating to witness. I do not want that fear to deepen here. I want my children and my clients to live and work in a Naperville that doesn't just tolerate diversitybut genuinely celebrates and protects it. This ordinance is a step toward being the city we have always believed ourselves to be.

At the last meeting, a number of council members spoke in support, and I am grateful for that. But there were also voices that stayed silent and that silence was noticed. Mayor Wehrli, this moment calls for your leadership. Not political calculation, not careful positioning but actual leadership. The residents of this city are watching, and they are looking to you specifically to set the tone. This issue transcends party affiliation. It is not a Democrat issue or a Republican issue. It is a moral issue, and our community deserves representatives who are willing to say so out loud.

Silence is a choice. And right now, our residents need you to make a different one.

What I Am Asking the Council to Support:

The proposed ordinance would affirm Naperville's commitment to constitutional rights, including due process under the 1st, 4th, and 14th Amendments. It would clarify that City-owned property cannot be designated as staging sites for civil immigration enforcement and ensure City personnel and resources remain focused on community safety, consistent with the Illinois Trust Act and Illinois Way Forward Act. It maintains full compliance with federal and state law, including allowing access when a valid judicial warrant or court order is presented.

Naperville's values of People, Trust, Respect, and Pride are not just words on a wall. They are a promise we make to every person who lives, works, and raises their children here regardless of where they came from. I respectfully urge you to move this ordinance forward and show our community that we mean it.

Thank you for your service and for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Emily Cummings

13. Evangeline Kilar (Naperville) I would like to voice my support of adding the draft ordinance of the Naperville Due Process and Municipal Property to the April 21 City Council meeting.

14. Rima Imburgia (Naperville) Dear Mayor Wehrli and Council Members,
I am writing in strong support of the Naperville Due Process and Municipal Property Ordinance. I had hoped to speak to you in person tonight, but my work responsibilities won't allow that this week. There are two reasons I am in support of this ordinance: The first is that my sister, father and I are immigrants, and we know what it is like to feel both welcomed and unwelcome. In Naperville, we found community to be warm,

welcoming and genuinely curious about the differences in our cultural experiences. We could be 'part of' community without leaving the beauty of our culture behind. Our family came to this country and began contributing immediately. It is deeply important to me that we keep being a welcoming community who cherishes our differences and is safe for everyone, including visitors.

The second is that I am a business owner and one of the co-founders of; Estuary Center on 75th street where I have a private practice as a mental health practitioner, and of Women's Leadership Lab. It is essential that my clients feel safe, seen, and respected. My husband and I have ownership in multiple real estate commercial properties within downtown Naperville including a hotel.

Without a sense of safety, trust erodes. I see public safety, and community trust as essential to the health of our communities AND our businesses. Let's not put ourselves in a position that would allow the highly chaotic, unlawful behavior of Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) to destroy all we've built. When I see what has happened to other communities, I wonder how we got here when almost all of us are the descendants of those who fled persecution or were brought under duress or sought better lives for themselves and their families.

It is important to me that we protect all those who live and work in Naperville by preventing ICE from using city owned property and instead, focus on the city's primary responsibility to safeguard its residents. Please do not allow our city to participate in incidents where our constitutional rights get violated. The city has NO obligation to engage in immigration enforcement. I have loved living in a community that values diversity and was so welcoming to my family and our business investments. For me this is both a moral issue AND a 'supporting business success' issue. Please support the "Naperville Due Process and Municipal Property Ordinance" and ask that this draft ordinance be put on the April 21st agenda for consideration and adoption.

Sincerely,

Rima & Dan Imburgia

I23 to I27 Audrey Senior Residences Development located at 2939 Audrey Avenue (The Atlas) - DEV-0149-2025

POSITION STATEMENT

SUPPORT

1. Name

OPPOSE

1. Rosalyn Urbanek (Naperville)

WRITTEN COMMENT ONLY

To: The Mayor, City Manager and City Council

Ref: Dev-0149-2025, The Atlas: 26-0206B, 26-0431, 26-0432, 26-0433, 26-0434

As an ongoing Naperville resident here for 55 plus years anyone can see this area is a blossoming vital commercial area adding for Naperville's benefit. Across Route 59 is out of Naperville's City limits-No commercial tax dollars. It disheartens me to see rezoning such land back to residential because of a Petition before you tonight. Land is not made and Naperville is near build-out. I think it is easier to find locations for residential developments because residential does not need to be among commercial or by busy streets or high traffic volume highways. The attributes its characteristics are different than commercial. A 5-story apartment building is out of character for the surrounding area. If you see this Petition as all about tax dollars and not how you can elicit commercial business, then it does not matter what opposing views are stated. It is what your vote will do. I expected more commercial in harmony within this area. I do not want my property harmed in any way now or later when it redevelops. More of my other comments can be read in my written testimony as given at the Plan Commission Meeting. I oppose this petition.

Thank you, Rosalyn Urbanek, Lot 6