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Dear Village Employee:

A number of Village employees have contacted my office because they have been told by Dan Pritchett's campaign that their jobs are in jeopardy if I am elected mayor. Unfortunately these scare tactics often occur in close races, so I am writing you directly because nothing could be further from the truth.

Under my administration, your jobs will be protected and the politics of intimidation and fundraiser solicitation of your hard earned money and political pressure to support the mayor will finally be removed from the workplace.

As a practicing Franklin Park attorney for more than 20 years, I can tell you that the political intimidation at the workplace that you have been dealing with is illegal under the Shakman Decree, and will not be tolerated if I am your mayor.

Part of my platform for mayor is to pass ethics reforms to stop these abuses of our employees. My running mate, Trustee John C. Johnson, and I are already working on your behalf to draft the ethics ordinance.

You may also know Tommy Thomson who is a Franklin Park firefighter. I asked Tommy to run for clerk on my ticket because I felt it was important for Village employees to have a colleague elected to village government, to help me address your concerns and protect your jobs and benefits.

Under my administration, employees will be treated fairly and without regard for their political work or political connections. Together we can make a positive difference in Franklin Park, and I hope you will always feel free to contact me, Trustee John Johnson or Tommy Thomson for help.

Best Regards,

Barrett F. Pedersen















