

August 11, 2017

Clerk's Office
Village of Tinley Park
16250 Oak Park Ave
Tinley Park, IL 60477

To whom it may concern:

I am coming forward for a large group of concerned residents of Tinley Park to investigate serious violations of the city's ethics ordinances.

Under the Municipal code of Tinley Park, IL, I would like to file a ethics complaint under chapter 39: code of this against Mayor, Jacob C Vandenberg on the night of July 26, 2017 leaving the Paul McCartney concert. I believe there has been a numerous amount of codes broken by our Mayor due to his abuse of power of the office of Mayor. Mayor Vandenberg was at this concert in his full authority as Mayor using his power of mayor to get back stage of concert. When back stage Mayor Vandenberg presented to Mr McCartney a commemorative artifact with Tinley Park's logo on it. This would not have been possible without the full power of the mayors office. Therefore, Mayor Vandenberg was representing our village with this presentation from the mayor thanking Mr McCartney for singing in Tinley Park.

All the actions following the ending of the concert were completely unprofessional, upsetting and disappointing as a life long resident of Tinley Park. I feel because of his power of mayor, all police officers were bullied, pressured and intimidated to do nothing because he was the mayor and made sure they all knew who he was. Mayor Vandenberg clearly stated his name several times according to the testimony of the police officers so that they would be in fear of their jobs. There is clearly 8 important codes that i see were violated with no repercussions due to his power of mayor. There seems to not only be misdemeanor charges that need to be filed, but extremely high fines as well. I believe with the testimonials given by highly trusted police officers there should be sanctions taken against Mayor Vandenberg. I am asking for the removal of mayor Vandenberg immediately.

1.  **§ 39.05 IMPARTIALITY; SPECIAL TREATMENT.**

(A) Every village official and all employees shall perform his or her duties impartially and without prejudice or bias for the benefit of all the citizens of the village.

(B) It shall be unlawful for any village official or any employee to grant or make available to any citizen, including other village officials and employees of the village, any special consideration, advantage, treatment or favor beyond that which is available to every other citizen. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to preclude normal legislative and administrative decisions of the Village Board nor to any administrative decisions that are designed by their very nature to affect only individual citizens or groups of citizens or segments of the village.
(Ord. 96-0-009, passed 2-20-96) Penalty, see § 39.99

2.  **§ 39.08 USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION.**

(A) It shall be unlawful for any village official of Tinley Park to use his or her official position or the village's facilities for his or her private gain (financial or economic), nor shall he or she appear before or represent any private person, group or interest before any department, agency or commission of the Village of Tinley Park except in matters of purely civic or public concern. No compensation shall be paid to any village official for any such appearance or representation other than their regular compensation due from the village itself. The provisions of this section are not intended to prohibit his or her speaking before neighborhood groups and other not-for-profit organizations, nor to prohibit speeches being made in any other (e.g., in their business or professional) capacity other than in the capacity as a village official. Also, the provisions of this section shall not prevent any village official from appearing on behalf of himself or herself, his or her spouse, or any minor children before any village body or committee, or in the Circuit Court.

(B) It shall also be unlawful for any village official to use his or her official position or office to gain undue influence over subordinates.

(C) It shall be unlawful for any village official to acquire an interest in, or an interest affected by, any contract, transaction, zoning decision, or other matter at a time when such matter has been submitted to the village for review or is in the process of consideration by the village.

(D) It shall be unlawful for any village official to request or permit the unauthorized use of village-owned vehicles, equipment, materials, property or personnel for personal convenience, profit or political purposes, unless such services are provided as a matter of stated village policy. De minimus use shall not constitute a violation of this chapter.

(Ord. 96-0-009, passed 2-20-96) Penalty, see § 39.99

3. § 70.04 OBEDIENCE TO POLICE; COMPLIANCE.

(A) Members of the Police Department are authorized to direct all traffic in accordance with the provisions of this title, or in emergencies as public safety or convenience may require.

(B) It shall be unlawful for any person to fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order, signal, or direction of a policeman.

(C) Except in case of an emergency, it shall be unlawful for any person not authorized by the Chief of Police to direct or attempt to direct traffic.

('77 Code, § 70.003) (Ord. passed 8-18-58)

Penalty, see § 10.99

Statutory reference:

Obedience to police officers, firefighters, and crossing guards required, see ILCS Ch. 625, Act 5 § 11-203

4. § 70.23 INTERFERENCE WITH OFFICIAL TRAFFIC SIGNS, SIGNALS.

No person shall, without lawful authority, attempt to or in fact alter, deface, injure, knock down, or remove any official traffic-control device, or any railroad sign or signal or any inscription, shield, or insignia thereon, or any other part thereof.

(ILCS Ch. 625, Act 5 § 11-311) ('77 Code, § 70.011(B))

5. § 72.015 NO LEFT TURN INTERSECTIONS.

It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to turn left at any intersection so specified in this title as a no left turn intersection.

('77 Code, § 71.062) (Ord. passed 8-18-58)

6. § 72.083 ONE-WAY STREETS.

It shall be unlawful to operate any vehicle, in any direction other than that indicated on any street so specified in this title.

('77 Code, § 71.060) (Ord. passed 8-18-58)

Penalty, see § 70.99

7. § 72.081 DRIVING ON CLOSED STREETS.

It shall be unlawful to drive any vehicle other than an emergency vehicle on duty, upon any street or portion thereof which is closed to traffic and so marked by signs, barricades, or otherwise.
(77 Code, § 71.031) (Ord. passed 8-18-58)
Penalty, see § 70.99

8. § 72.086 RECKLESS DRIVING.

(A) A person commits reckless driving if he or she:

- (1) **Drives any vehicle with a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property; or**
- (2) Knowingly drives a vehicle and uses an incline in a roadway, such as a railroad crossing, bridge approach, or hill, to cause the vehicle to become airborne.

(B) Every person convicted of reckless driving shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor, punishable as set for in § 70.99.

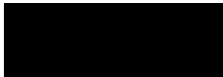
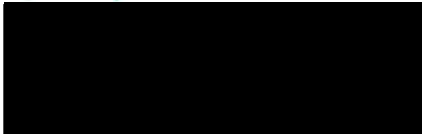
(ILCS Ch. 625, Act 5 § 11-503(a), (b)) ('77 Code, § 71.032) Penalty, see § 70.99

See Attached Exhibits A, B, C, D, E & F

In conclusion, I would believe personal friendship with Trustee Younker, appointed trustee Mangin by Mayor and Trustee Brady from Orland Township should preclude them from being a part of the investigation. I also ask that Trustee's Pannitto, Berg, Glotz & Clerk Thirion recuse them also, since they were running mates in the last 2 elections. The people would ask for complete transparency.

I would request a outside counsel handle this investigation and none of the elected officials to partake in it.

Respectfully Submitted,



To: Sgt. Patrick St. John
From: Auxiliary Officer Justin Blackburn
Date: July 26, 2017

In Summary: On July 26, 2017 I was working traffic control for the Paul McCartney concert at the Hollywood amphitheater. My assigned traffic post was 183rd and Oak Park Ave. As normal egress progressed at approximately 00:30 on July 27th 2017. A white party bus approached the intersection heading westbound on 183rd street. As the bus came to the stoplight at 183rd and Oak Park Ave, a white male in his mid to late 40s wearing a blue Hawaiian shirt and khaki shorts stepped off the bus. When he got off the bus the man had what appeared to be a can of Miller Lite in his hand. Before he proceeded to walk into the intersection the man took a sip of his what appeared to be the beer and placed it back on the steps of the bus. Another male in his late 40s stepped off the bus also highly intoxicated and holding a Miller Lite. The disorderly male walked into the intersection and tried to stop the traffic traveling northbound on Oak Park Ave. As I realized what was happening the man began to wave his bus through the intersection even though traffic was not stopped. The bus only moved about three feet and the friend that was standing outside the bus holding a beer was almost knocked over by the open doors of the bus. I proceeded to ask the man to step out of the roadway and to get back on his bus. He then proceeded to yell, "this is my bus and these are my people, we are going west". I then told him again to get out of the road and get back on his bus. As he approached me he was holding out his hand trying to introduce himself but I could not understand what he was saying and I was getting a strong odor of alcohol from his breath. My partner Robert Ebeling came over and told him that he was creating a very dangerous situation and repeatedly told him to get on the bus, however he was not cooperating. We explained that we would get them through the intersection as soon as possible and informed the bus driver that he was to not let anybody off the bus at any intersection while leaving the amphitheater. Sgt. Devine later notified me the individual that we were telling to get back on the bus was Mayor Jacob Vandenberg.

Justin Blackburn, Body # 1511

Received 8/1/17 10:30 AM
[Signature]

To: Sgt. St. John

July, 29, 2017

From: Ofc. D. Reilly #127

Ref: Incident at Concert on 7-26-17

On the date I was assigned to the intersection of Flossmoor Road and Ridgeland Ave for traffic control for the concert. After the concert was over myself and Ofc. Hughes began our regular duties of directing the vehicles from the venue onto both Flossmoor Rd and Ridgeland Ave south bound. During the egress the weather had changed and it began to downpour. Traffic was extremely congested due to the large amount of guests at the venue.

While directing traffic we also have pedestrians walking on both sides of the road walking to their Uber rides or just waiting for a ride in general. During the egress an individual was walking towards our location in a determined manner and talking out loud, to Ofc. Hughes and I. Due to the pouring down rain and the noise from the vehicles it was difficult to understand this male person. As the person got closer I recognized the person as Mayor Vandenberg. The mayor now 20 -25 feet away continued to say "move the cones we are going left move the cones " ! I then saw a large RV approaching our location. The mayor continued to walk towards ofc. Hughes and continued to talk to him. I was then asked to remove the cones so that the RV could turn northbound onto Ridgeland Ave.

Prior to moving the cones (which do not allow vehicles to travel northbound onto Ridgeland Ave), we had to stop all other traffic to ensure the safety of both the pedestrians that were in the area and the other vehicles so that there wasn't an accident. The RV was able to now turn left onto northbound Ridgeland Ave. The mayor then entered the RV and continued northbound on Ridgeland. Myself and Ofc. Hughes continued with our duties until all the vehicles left from the venue.

Sincerely,

Ofc. D. Reilly

EXHIBIT C

July 29, 2017

Dear Sergeant St John,

On Wednesday July 26, 2017 during egress of the Paul McCarthy concert an incident occurred at 183rd and Ridgeland which is the post I was assigned to. I was giving a person directions when I noticed a white party bus pull up in front of the cones I had set up. These cones were set up to prevent cars from going west and north on Ridgeland Avenue and directing the cars to turn eastbound on 183rd. A white male jumped out of the party bus yelling "mayor coming through", "mayor coming through" and moved the first set of cones so the party bus can advance closer to the intersection. I ran over to the bus and began putting the cones back in place because other cars started following the bus. I did this to keep the traffic moving in the eastbound direction. At the same time I was doing this I was looking at the man moving the second set of cones. He was still yelling "I'm the mayor", "mayor coming through". This is when I recognized the man and he was the Mayor. [REDACTED] At this point I did not stop him. The Mayor got back on the bus and it turned westbound. I put the second set of cones back in place and continued directing traffic.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Theresa Holford

Received by St John @ 12:03 PM
7/28/17

EXHIBIT D-1

Robert Ebeling

7/29/17

3:47 P.M

Incident Report

Memo:

On the morning of Thursday, July 27th at or around 12:30 A.M an incident occurred at the intersection of 183rd street and Oak Park Avenue. At this time I was blocking off all south bound traffic down Oak Park Avenue. My other two partners were operating the traffic control box. We had just stopped all East/West traffic flow and had our North-bound traffic moving. Shortly thereafter, a white male individual exited a white bus which was first in line heading West-bound. At first I did not notice this individual until I heard yelling and my partners voice saying "sir, please get back on the bus". I realized the yelling was coming from the subject and that he was refusing all orders from my partner, Justin Blackburn. The man then walked directly into the middle of the intersection while traffic was moving and yelled: "These are my people. This is my bus. We're going west. We're going west". It is to be noted that he was yelling just about as loud as he could while saying this. Multiple vehicles had to slow down and change the angle of their course to avoid hitting the subject. At this point he was not only endangering himself but the traffic and pedestrians as well. I then shouted at the subject to stay where he is. I then stopped North-bound traffic and made my way to him as quickly as possible. When I reached him I said "sir you need to get back on that bus". At this time I realized the subject was heavily intoxicated. He smelled of alcohol, had glassy/bloodshot eyes and was swaying side to side. I told him again "sir you need to get back on the bus, we have traffic moving". He replied by saying "its oaky,

they're with me and were going west now". I realized he wasn't going to be compliant and I walked him back to the corner where the bus and my partners were. I then said "okay let's get back on the bus so we can get you guys moving". He replied by trying to shake my hand and started saying words but his words were so slurred I could not make out what he was saying. He stood there for quite some time with his hand stuck out waiting for me to shake it. I told the subject four additional times to get back on the bus giving him ample time to respond between each command. He kept mumbling words I could not understand and at this point I knew he was uncomprehensive of the situation. I then elevated my voice and said "if you don't get on that bus right now I will call out my supervisor and get an officer out here as well and we can make this a problem". The subject looked at me as if he couldn't believe what I was saying. He did not verbally respond and slowly made his way back into the vehicle. I then told the driver to not let anyone off this bus again and he understood good and well. I then told my partner to get the west-bound traffic moving so we could get the bus on the move. My partner then advised me that when the subject got off of the bus he was holding an alcoholic beverage. He then proceeded to take a drink from it and then put it back on the bus. The incident as described then ensued. Later on that morning we were advised on who the individual was and that a similar set off events took place involving other officers at their intersections with the same subject.



EXHIBIT D-2

EXHIBIT E

DATE JULY 29, 2017
TO SGT P S. LAMM
FROM T. LAMM #125
REF MUSIC THEATER EGRESS

ON JULY 26, 2017 DURING THE EGRESS OF THE PAUL MC CARTNEY CONCERT AT THE HOLLYWOOD CASINO AMPHITHEATER. I WAS DIRECTING TRAFFIC AT RIDGELAND AND NORTH ROAD. I SAW A BUS NORTH BOUND ON RIDGELAND FROM SOUTH ROAD. THIS ROAD IS CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT TAXIS.

THERE WERE TRAFFIC CONES BLOCKING THE NORTH BOUND LANE OF RIDGELAND AND A COMMUNITY SERVICE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC CONES BLOCKING THE SOUTH BOUND LANES.

I WAS DIRECTING TRAFFIC FROM EAST BOUND NORTH ROAD TO SOUTH BOUND RIDGELAND WHEN THE BUS STOPPED AT THE TRAFFIC CONES. I THEN SAW SOMEONE MOVING THE TRAFFIC CONES FROM THE ROADWAY, IN FRONT OF THE BUS, TO THE SIDE OF THE ROAD. AS I APPROACHED TOWARD THE BUS, I RECOGNIZED MAYOR LANDENBERG MOVING THE TRAFFIC CONES. HE SAID, I AM THE MAYOR OF TULSA, OKLA AND I NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE. HE THEN BOARDED THE BUS.

WHEN I WAS ABLE TO STOP OUT GOING TRAFFIC, THE BUS PROCEEDED NORTH BOUND ON RIDGELAND. [REDACTED]

EXHIBIT F

To: Sgt. St. John

From: Ofc. K. Hughes #111

Date: July 29, 2017

Subject: incident on July 26, 2017 @ Hollywood Amp Theater

I'm writing this in reference to an incident that occurred on July 26, 2017 during the egress of the sold out Paul McCarthy concert.

I along with my partner (Ofc. Reilly) and two auxiliary officers were performing our duties of assisting vehicles exiting the parking lots of the Hollywood Amp Theater onto either eastbound Flossmoor road or southbound Ridgeland Ave (Due to the high volume of cars and the downpour of rain, this is a very dangerous task). As cars were exiting I observed a male white subject followed by a large party bus, approaching me in an aggressive manner. The subject had his head down. I assumed it was because of the rain. He was saying something as he continued to walk towards me but I couldn't understand what he was saying. As the subject got closer I heard him say "move the cones we're going left, we're going left". I stated to him "no you can not go left you have to go straight". When he was about 5-7 feet away from me he lifted his head, I recognized him as Mayor Vandenberg. He stuck his hand out to introduce himself then stated "I have to get out of here. We need to go left, move the cones". At that time my partner and I had to stop all traffic (pedestrian and vehicle), removed the cones to allow Mayor Vandenberg and the party bus to go north in a safe manner.

On July 28, 2017 Mayor Vandenberg called me to apologize for his action on that night.

Reviewed by [Signature] 8/1/17
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