

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

To: Members of the City Council

From: Mayor Jim Ardis

AGENDA DATE REQUESTED: January 16, 2007

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVE THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH TO REAPPOINT JOHN STENSON TO THE ILLINOIS PRISONER REVIEW BOARD

BACKGROUND: John Stenson was originally appointed to the Illinois Review Board by Governor Blagojevich in 2004. Board appointments are subject to approval by the State Senate. On January 9, 2007, the Senate refused to approve the reappointment of Stenson to the Board on a vote of 25-25. Thirty "yes" votes were necessary to win Senate confirmation. The Resolution is intended to represent the consensus of the City Council as well as the citizens of this community in urging Governor Blagojevich to reappoint Stenson to the Illinois Prisoner Review Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS: None

IMPACT IF APPROVED: The Resolution will demonstrate support for John Stenson's reappointment to the Illinois Prisoner Review Board.

IMPACT IF DENIED: John Stenson will not be reappointed to the Illinois Prisoner Review Board.

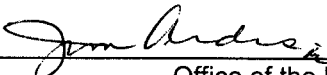
ALTERNATIVES: N/A

EEO CERTIFICATION NUMBER: N/A

RELATIONSHIP TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Consistent with providing efficient, effective, responsive and representative government.

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

Department Director


Office of the Mayor

Finance Director

(Certification of Availability of Funds)

Corporation Counsel



City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. _____

CITY OF PEORIA

Peoria, Illinois _____ 20 _____

RESOLUTION URGING ILLINOIS GOVERNOR ROD BLAGOJEVICH TO REAPPOINT FORMER PEORIA POLICE CHIEF JOHN STENSON TO THE ILLINOIS PRISONER REVIEW BOARD

WHEREAS, the City of Peoria (the "City") considers crime and its effects a serious issue, and

WHEREAS, this type of criminal activity causes a significant increase in our citizens' awareness of and concern regarding prosecution and punishment of offenders, and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Prisoner Review Board has, as its primary function, public safety; to include provision of checks and balances to other state and local institutions, imposing release conditions on incarcerated individuals exiting penal facilities and/or revoking said exit ability for certain individuals, and

WHEREAS, John Stenson served the City of Peoria, Illinois for 37 years, 7 of which were spent as Chief of Police, and

WHEREAS, Chief Stenson served our community with distinction and was a recognized civic and community leader for his law enforcement work and service on numerous board and commissions, and

WHEREAS, Chief Stenson's record of service demonstrates his commitment to the high ideals of a law-abiding, fair and objectively driven society, and his presence on the Prisoner Review Board assures the continued reasoned consideration of all matters before it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Peoria, Illinois as follows:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2. This resolution represents the consensus of the Peoria City Council and the citizens of our community and it is being provided in this form to the Honorable Rod Blagojevich, Governor of the State of Illinois for his consideration to reappoint John Stenson to the Illinois Prisoner Review Board.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

EXAMINED AND APPROVED:

Corporation Counsel