



## CITY OF PARK RIDGE

### M E M O R A N D U M

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

**DATE:** February 28, 2014  
**TO:** Elected Officials of the Park Ridge City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor David Schmidt  
**RE:** Local 150 Contract Veto Message

I appreciate the efforts of the City's staff and the negotiators of Local 150. There is a lot I like about this contract, especially the "anticipated" savings for both the City and the employees.

However, as it stands, I must veto the contract because the projected costs and purported savings for the 2016-17 fiscal years are too uncertain. I would not veto the present contract if the last two years had a reopener for wages and health insurance coverage, but it does not.

It is my hope that the negotiators for the City and the union will be able to come to an agreement which protects the taxpayers and is still a good deal for the employees.

I am copying the aldermen on this email so they are aware. This will constitute my formal written veto.

*Our Mission:*

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