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Dear Broadview Residents,

First, let me say how proud I am to serve as your Mayor for a third term. Thank you for believing in the vision and trusting me to continue leading our community. Because of your support, Broadview is **growing and thriving in the right direction**.

Recently, a mailer was circulated in our community. I want to address its five points directly and with full transparency:

1. Police Officer Resignations

The mailer references the loss of officers after the election but fails to provide the facts. Here are the circumstances:

- One officer resigned after receiving discipline for an incident in the community.
- Another resigned to be closer to home and spend more time with family.
- A third resigned on May 2025, while pending a four-day suspension for excessive force.
- The fourth resigned in August 2025 due to personal reasons and was also named in an internal investigation for multiple rule violations.

As Mayor, I can assure you that under the leadership of Chief Mills, **accountability is the standard** for the Broadview Police Department, consistent with the principles of 21st Century Policing.

2. Deputy Chief Promotion

The promotion to Deputy Chief was established by Village Ordinance CO-2025-01, which clearly outlines the qualifications and salary for this position. Today, we have 24 active members on the Broadview Police Department, with one additional officer beginning the academy this September, bringing us to 25 active members. For perspective, the department ended 2024 with 22.

3. Educational Fund

The Village of Broadview does not have an educational fund. This claim is simply inaccurate.

4. **ICE Facility**

The ICE facility has been in Broadview for decades. While there have been peaceful prayers and demonstrations at the site, we have had no incidents or issues with demonstrators. The facility is regulated by the federal government, not by the Village. Our public safety team's primary responsibility is to **protect Broadview** and respond to any emergencies, should they arise. Still in operation; ongoing use as a processing center, sometimes holding detainees longer than intended. ICE Broadview facility has been in steady use from at least **2009**, was officially active through **2015**, and continues to function into **2025**, based on oversight audits and public reporting.

5. **Water Bill Delinquencies**

The \$500,000 in delinquent water bills referenced dates back to the COVID-19 pandemic, when the Village chose to support residents who lost income during the shutdown. This was the right and compassionate decision. I am proud to report that **the majority of those accounts are now in compliance and current.**

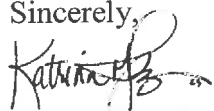
As your Mayor, my administration operates with **transparency, accountability, and responsibility**. If you ever have concerns about Village operations, I encourage you to:

- Call my office directly.
- Attend a public board meeting, which you are allowed to make a public comment in person.
- If you cannot attend in person, view meetings on the Village of Broadview YouTube page, if you wish to have your comments read into the record, please email **Clerk Kevin McGrier** at **kmcgrier@broadview-il.gov**.

I remain committed to serving Broadview with **excellence, compassion, and integrity**.

Together, we will continue building a community that thrives.

Sincerely,



Mayor Katrina Thompson