

Springfield ICON PAC

Membership Application



As a member, I support ICON's mission of to improve the quality of life for Springfield residents in inner city older neighborhoods.

Signature(s) _____

Print Name _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

E-mail _____

Springfield Ward # _____ Name of Alderman _____

Neighborhood Association or Organization (if applicable)

Name of Association _____

Association Contact _____

Association Phone _____

Association E-mail _____

Association website _____

Please register me for: (please check one)

- \$20 Annual Individual Member (1 vote)
- \$50 Annual Organization Member (non-voting)
- \$100 Annual Business Member (non-voting)
- \$200 Lifetime Individual Member (1 vote: \$20 x 10)

Make checks payable to **ICON PAC**.
ICON membership is not tax-deductible.

Mail to:

Darrell Riffey, Treasurer
1407 Mossman Ave.
Springfield, IL 62702



What is ICON?

6 Votes for Vision

ICON believes in proactive, efficient government, not just reacting to the same old problems.

A City Planner could identify strategic initiatives, with incentives to encourage development within City limits using existing infrastructure, and work with City leaders to coordinate other initiatives specific to Springfield.

Just because it is not currently being done in Springfield doesn't mean it's not a good idea!

Responsible Property Ownership

ICON believes good property owners, good landlords and all of Springfield benefit when property is maintained according to City code and problem property owners are held accountable.

To resolve long-term issues with problem and absentee property owners, the City needs to consistently and proactively enforce problem property laws, efficiently and legally foreclose on problem properties, and register non-owner occupied properties to provide a point of contact for complaints and legal action.

Clean Up, Springfield!

We estimate over 3,000 residential properties don't have garbage service, and they leave their garbage for neighborhood leaders and the City to pick up. As a result, taxpayers and concerned citizens pay for picking up garbage for these "garbage scofflaws".

ICON believes that City government is responsible for the health of *all* residents

by removing garbage and waste from *all* areas of the City regularly, proactively, and efficiently.

Private waste haulers should collect garbage and waste from *every* residential property in the City and be accountable for specific consistent levels of service. Moving payment for garbage service to monthly CWLP bills ensures all residents pay their fair share and taxpayers don't end up subsidizing lawbreakers.

Reduce & Recycle

The City of Springfield incurs costs for landfill space and infrastructure maintenance costs as garbage trucks travel alleys and streets. At the same time it's more expensive to collect and store garbage forever, much of what's discarded can be recycled as valuable material - in some places people are even paid for their recycling!

ICON believes that recycling is key to reducing costs AND keeping the City cleaner.

Reduce the mess at home, cut recycling time, and pay for one less garbage can with single stream recycling.

Recycling fees, now paid via CWLP billing, ensure *all* Springfield residents share the costs and benefits of yard waste & branch pickups, recycling, hazardous waste collections and large item pickups.

Neighborhood-Friendly Zoning

Every zoning variance or other action opens wide the door to additional changes in the character and property values of a neighborhood because, in fairness, the City Council can't give zoning relief to one person / property and not another. Zoning action inconsistent with the residential character of a neighborhood damages the long-term stability and property values of neighborhoods.

ICON believes in consistent zoning that preserves the character and property values of residential neighborhoods and moderate-use commercial areas.

Citizens must be vigilant, understand zoning, and intervene early and consistently in zoning issues.

Neighborhood Revitalization

The current complaint-driven process in which neighborhood leaders are required to work across City departments to address various problems within their neighborhoods – often for the same property - is difficult to understand, time-consuming, and prevents efficient and proactive resolution to problems.

ICON believes volunteer neighborhood leaders who are working diligently to clean up and revitalize their neighborhoods deserve the support of the City of Springfield.

Facts, not Fallacy

ICON supports neighborhood and City leaders who have a vision for Springfield, and partners with like-minded organizations to make a difference in Springfield.

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