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## **THE ORLAND FIREFIGHTERS ENDORSE JIM DODGE FOR MAYOR OF ORLAND PARK**

The Orland Professional Firefighters IAFF-AFFI Local 2754 have voted overwhelmingly in favor of supporting Candidate Jim Dodge for Mayor of Orland Park in the April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, Consolidated Election. The Firefighters believe Jim Dodge has demonstrated a willingness to work with Orland's working men and women to develop new and innovative ways of strengthening ALL public safety within the Village.

The Firefighters typically have abstained from taking sides in these elections. However, the track record of anti-labor practices, retaliation, and public comments disparaging not only the Orland Firefighters, but all pro-labor Orland residents have moved us to action.

Our brothers and sisters in the Orland Park Police Union asked that we support their efforts to bring about a change in Village leadership. As we always support our police officers, we accepted Jim Dodge's offer to speak to the entire membership of The Orland Professional Firefighters. This marked the first time a Candidate for Village Office took the time to reach out and speak with the actual Firefighter-Paramedics that devote their lives to protect life and property across all of Orland.

Jim Dodge demonstrated an ability to approach issues with a fair-minded openness to arrive at agreements based on mutual respect. He committed to ensuring the Orland Firefighters will be the sole agency responsible for protecting Orland residents. This would involve the development of a Village ordinance to require the use of Orland Firefighter-Paramedics any time the Orland Police are needed, such as largescale events. This is a major step towards combatting the constant push to privatize Emergency Medical Services.

The Orland Professional Firefighters IAFF-AFFI Local 2754, is the exclusive bargaining unit that represents over 120 Orland Firefighter-Paramedics. On April 1, 2025, we ask the citizens of Orland Park to support the working men and women of their Police and Firefighter communities by electing Jim Dodge Mayor of Orland Park.

Respectfully written,  
The Orland Professional Firefighters  
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