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CHALLENGE '76

SESSION ONE

CHALLENGES '76

CULTURAL CHALLENGES

ECONOMIC BIAS

In the arena of the cultural dimension of society the following blocks of leadership, education, and finances indicate the underlying contradiction of an economic bias. This is illustrated by minimum wages, mandatory retirement and lack of physical facilities.

WEAK COMMUNITY IDENTITY

In the arena of communal styles, separation of residence from employment and shopping indicates the underlying contradiction of how people envision themselves as part of the community. This is illustrated by vandalism of community parks, poor voter turnout of local issues.

CITIZEN'S APATHY

In the arena of a healthy community style the factors of increased crime, materialism, and self-value above communal value indicate the underlying contradiction of citizen apathy. This is illustrated by low voter turn-out, citizen's personal rejection of responsibility in the moral, social, and educational values of themselves and their families.

COMMUNAL INVOLVEMENT

In the arena of community involvement, the following blocks; apathy, lack of community pride, lack of proper communications, and lack of social and personal values indicate the underlying contradiction to create awareness of problems, knowledge of avenues open to solve them, and create social conscience to work on them.

CHALLENGES '76

POLITICAL CHALLENGES

CITIZEN AWARENESS

In the arena of political issues the following blocks of lack of political knowledge and indifference to community functions indicate the underlying contradiction of poor voter and citizen awareness and voter turn-out. This is illustrated by lack of intra-community cooperation by home owners' associations, Old Madrid zoning, Harper College growth, sewer and water facility overloading by poor implementation and by unregulated growth of business districts.

CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT

In the arena of corporate justice and order the following blocks, bureaucracy, government insulation from the people and government apathy indicate the underlying contradiction of citizen apathy. This is illustrated by poor attendance at this meeting, poor attendance at local government meetings, and local voter turnout.

LACK OF COOPERATION AND PLANNING

In the arena of corporate welfare of community the following blocks desire for autonomy by governmental units and organizations, unstable state of economy, lack of general understanding of needs, self-serving interests, lack of consistent political boundaries indicate the underlying contradiction of a lack of cooperation and planning, as illustrated by program and effort implication in schools, parks, YMCA, and churches.

COMMON OPINION ON EXPENDITURES OF MONEY

In the arena of distribution of resources, the underlying contradiction of a lack of a common opinion as to where an expenditure of money should go, is illustrated by school district budgets, ice rink purchase, senior citizen center, youth facilities, library programs, recreational facilities & development of downtown area.

COMMUNITY COHESIVENESS

In the arena of political involvement, the following blocks, education, leadership and local media indicate the underlying contradiction of a lack of community cohesiveness, illustrated by low voter turnout for local elections, no citizen involvement in local decision-making process.

PUBLIC APATHY

In the arena of corporate order, the following blocks, lack of knowledge of how the system operates, how budget priorities are decided, need for concise, easier to understand information indicates the underlying contradiction of public apathy. This is illustrated by advance payment of legislators, increased vandalism, the drug problem.

CORPORATE WELFARE

In the arena of corporate welfare the following blocks; lack of self-reliance, lack of confidence in system, and an unwillingness to seek solutions indicate the underlying contradiction of no true community involvement with meaningful participation and real dialogue aimed at seeking realistic solutions. This is illustrated by unrealistic expectations, apathy and indifference, and posturing with a lack of real dialogue.

CHALLENGES '76

ECONOMIC CHALLENGES

ECONOMIC GROWTH

In the arena of Common Distribution, an uncertain economic future indicates the underlying contradiction of an unstable economy, illustrated by lack of new development.

INEFFECTIVE INTERACTION

In the arena of Common Resources, the blocks of communication, awareness, willingness, and money indicate the underlying contradiction of a lack of effective interaction between government and people. This is illustrated by small turn-out for public meetings.

CITIZEN AWARENESS

In the arena of Resources and Production, a lack of communication, planning, and involvement indicates the underlying contradiction of a lack of awareness of the issues and the impact that an individual can have on these issues. This is illustrated by poor attendance at meetings where they could have impact on decision of local officials and the general lack of citizens' participation in the self-government process.

COMMUNICATION OF ECONOMIC SYSTEMS

In the arena of Utilization of Resources, lack of opportunities for citizen involvement, lack of knowledge of how the system works, and lack of concise, easy-to-understand information indicate the underlying contradiction of the need for concise communication of information on the operation of the economic system. This is illustrated by: 1) No answer in public library site issue; 2) District 211 doesn't allow Explorer and Career Program; 3) School funds cut.

FINANCIAL DISTRIBUTION

In the arena of Distribution of Resources, the blocks of taxation, community demand, and economic conditions indicate the underlying contradiction that excessive demands on existing revenues create poor financial management. This is illustrated by neglect of certain segments of the community, i.e. cultural, and lack of new forms of revenue.

CORPORATE ORDER

In the arena of Corporate Order, the blocks of influence of power outside of local community and lack of consensus on authority of governmental roles undermine our ability to decide problems quickly through the local authorities. This is illustrated by the moving of power away from the local authorities, the overlapping of social service agencies, and the lack of consensus among governmental officials.

PROPOSALS '76

SESSION TWO

PROPOSALS '76

CULTURAL PROPOSALS

JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

We the citizens of Palatine, Illinois, in order to provide job opportunities for all age levels, propose a vocational bureau through bringing the proposal to the Palatine Park District, making a list of census with the help of the existing census, securing voluntary service to teach and run the Bureau and establish the Bureau and inform all the members of the community.

TOTAL COMMITMENT IN THE COMMUNITY

We the citizens of Palatine, Illinois, in order to decrease divided loyalty in the community by the employment of more local residents, propose the creation of an environment to attract and active recruitment of business and industry plus training of residents for employment, through a commission to investigate the requirements of a favorable business climate, implementation by the Village Board and curriculum adjustment of schools and help of other government agencies to establish training programs.

CONTROL OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING

We the citizens of Palatine, Illinois, in order to eliminate waste in local government spending to free funds for more important projects, propose the formation of a Community Financial Watchdog Committee through cooperation and encouragement of local governmental boards, recruitment of committee members from all existing civic groups, establish guidelines on committee operations, and publish reports at intervals on committee findings.

CULTURE AND SPORTS CENTER

We the citizens of Palatine, Illinois, in order to form a culture society in our community, propose to acquire Palatine High School, through proposed referendum, taxes, and purchase through Palatine Park District.

MORE CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT

We the citizens of Palatine, Illinois, in order to achieve more citizen awareness and involvement, propose strong homeowner's organizations through more governmental communication with such organizations and assistance with securing meeting rooms, printing flyers, etc.

NEW FORM OF VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

We the citizens of Palatine, Illinois, in order to correct responsiveness in governmental response because of form, propose the setting up of an aldermanic form of government in place of the at-large representation now in existence, through establishing group to back proposal, fulfilling legal requirements to have referendum on change, involve group in campaigning for change, encourage candidates to run for alderman.

PROPOSALS '76

POLITICAL PROPOSALS

PALATINE SATELLITE CENTER

We the citizens of Palatine, Illinois, in order to bring about an individual sense of pride and belonging, propose to establish a community center where people can share, relax and be entertained without leaving the community, through individual commitment, collective fund raising, publicity, Grand Opening.

COMMUNITY IDENTITY

We the citizens of Palatine, Illinois, in order to create a more intimate community of the people propose to bring together on a regular basis these people for discussion and solution of problems, through community area meetings, establish unique occasions, slogan and symbol of alliance, preparation of pamphlet of area and history of Palatine, through leadership, create accurate studies to start significant transportation improvements in the northwest suburbs.

REGULAR TOWN MEETINGS

We the citizens of Palatine, Illinois, in order to promote citizen participation in local affairs propose to establish regular town and subdivision meetings through publicity, support of local officials, and establishment of a town meeting board.

PROPOSALS '76

ECONOMIC PROPOSALS

PROMOTE EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT

We the citizens of Palatine, Illinois, in order to promote efficiency in government, propose the establishment of community priorities in order to avoid duplication of services, expenditures and efforts, through identification of goals, creation of joint council with representation from government and community organizations, consolidation of elections and referenda, and pooling of resources of taxing bodies.

ATTRACT COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

We the citizens of Palatine, Illinois, in order to attract new commerce and industry, propose to make our community more attractive to commerce and industry and publicize it through appointing an advisory committee, making necessary changes and initiating a campaign.

CITIZENS' INVOLVEMENT CONFERENCE

We the citizens of Palatine, Illinois, in order to involve individual citizens in the decision making process of government, propose a Citizens' Involvement Conference called "Know Your Community" through leaders of all taxing units forming a nucleus for planning conference, active promotion to involve total community (door to door), conference to take place making citizens aware of how they can have input, and plan for an on-going citizen involvement.

THE NEW STORY

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UNITING

PEOPLE
WHO
CARE

HALATINE

THE NEW STORY

BUILDING PALATINE

Palatine started as a German settlement, with farmers tilling the rich soil. The people were strong-willed, determined and hard-working. The fruits of their labor helped feed the community, Chicago and the nation. It was an important railroad stop.

The community worked together and celebrated together. Their pioneering efforts created such things as a good educational system and a good paramedic program. The church was the focal point of the community. The Joel Wood school and the first cigar shop still stand as remnants of our past.

Our present time is a struggle between the quiet small town in the past and the big city. The people of Palatine have grown apart and feel colder toward one another. Yet they don't want to live without the closeness and community-sense of the past. Efforts are made to encourage the individual to get involved, like the Town Meeting '76. However, the growth of Palatine continues with the extension of its boundaries and new buildings.

We all dream of a better community, where people get along well, where there is open breathing space, where better teachers prepare children for life and where families raise concerned, caring individuals. Even though everybody wants the easier with modern conveniences, we hope to live the life of a small community that cooperates. We want Palatine to remain beautiful with tree-lined streets and small family dwellings and to continue to serve our neighbors. Nobody knows what the future holds, but we can help create the future by working for our goals now.

THE NEW STORY

PEOPLE WHO CARE

(Sung to the tune of I've Been Workin' on the Railroad)

1st Verse:

Joel Wood began in Palatine
Many long days ago.
Along came a railroad
And our village began to grow.
C'mon and join in our progress
Cuz Palatine's on the go.
Now it's time to get together
And give the world our show.

Chorus:

Old Palatine, old Palatine
We'll all work for you.
Old Palatine, old Palatine
We've got work to do.

2nd Verse:

We've been building through the centuries
Through the muck and mire.
We've been building through the centuries
For something we desire.
Building love for our children
Hope for all mankind.
Cheer for all our citizens
We love you Palatine.

Repeat Chorus

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Businesses

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Palatine National Bank
Suburban National Bank
Illinois-Ken Eriksen, Inc., Insurance
Rich's Downtowner Restaurant
Elegance Cleaners and Laundry

CONTRIBUTIONS

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Palatine Kiwanis Club
Palatine Office Supply
Palatine Savings & Loan Association
World Wide Liquors

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

Continental Coffee (Coffee)
American Bakeries Co. (Donuts)
Holding-O'Connor-Blaeser Real Estate
(Donuts, Milk)
Treasure Island, Countryside Mall
(Bread, Condiments)

Chicken Unlimited, Plum Grove Road
(Cole Slaw)
Kentucky Fried Chicken, Northwest Hwy
(Potato Salad)
McDonald's, Northwest Hwy. at Wilke
(Miscellaneous Items)

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