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Damaging New Report on Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman Released

A revealing look into two decades of profiteering, self-dealing, investigations, lies, lawsuits, and blatant disregard for taxpayers



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Orland Park, IL – During the 14 years Liz Gorman held a seat on the Cook County Board of Commissioners, the Democrat majority was acutely aware of the "For Sale" sign on her vote and according to a [new report](#), they were not shy about purchasing her support.

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The [new report](#) from Better Governance Associates examines Gorman's voting record as well as some of her personal dealings and identified a troubling trend of using her position as a member of the Cook County Board of Commissioners for personal gain.

[According to the report](#), "Elizabeth 'Liz' Gorman is spectacularly ill-suited to mount a Republican Primary challenge for the Cook County Board of Commissioners. Gorman's myriad political and legal troubles, along with her voting record during her previous stint on the county board, will render her unacceptable to most primary voters."

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In 2003, shortly after joining the Board, Gorman immediately signaled her willingness to offer her vote in exchange for personal advancement by voting to install a Democrat on the Metra Board of Directors. All of the Republican Commissioners were supporting a different candidate for the Metra Board.

Her reward for siding with Democrats? She was named the chair of the panel that appoints members of the Metra Board. Practically from Day 1, Gorman understood that betraying her party and betraying her voters would yield perks and personal advancement.

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In 2008, she helped bail out former Cook County Board President Todd Stroger's fiscal mismanagement by voting to approve a \$3.75 billion borrowing plan most of her fellow Republicans opposed.

"I look at it as the administration went along with us," she told the press. "The administration worked with us to come to that compromise."

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She again helped bail out Democrats in the 2012 budget negotiations by voting for current Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle's budget that contained alcohol, tobacco, and parking tax hikes.

These votes not only helped her personally they also bought a lack of scrutiny into how she managed her campaign and government office funds. She pursued an Executive MBA from Notre Dame University and used \$6,000 of her County Board contingency funds and \$14,750 from her political funds to pay for the degree. And she didn't even send a thank you card to Cook County taxpayers for helping her get a degree from Notre Dame.

In fact, she did the opposite claiming she went to a "prestigious college" to "better herself and her constituents."

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Just exactly how does her getting an MBA help her constituents? She said it helped by allowing her to get to know other people in the program. The County budget continues to be a mess and taxes continue to go up, but her message to her constituents is her social circle got wider and they should be happy about it.

While the MBA cost much more than the money she used from government funds and her campaign fund, her actions raise a serious question. Should taxpayer funds be used for the personal benefit of elected officials? Because there was no ordinance expressly prohibiting Gorman from using government money to offset tuition costs, she got away with it.

Of course, the idea that it would take a specific law to prohibit an elected official from using taxpayer money for personal gain seems preposterous. It ought to go without saying that using taxpayer money to get an MBA on its face is wrong but apparently basic ethics and morality are lost on Liz Gorman.

[The report](#) also details information about a 2006 lawsuit she and her husband filed against Chrysler. The couple had owned two Chrysler dealerships and they accused the car manufacturer of not loaning money to black customers. Her husband claimed he had detailed notes of racial slurs from Chrysler managers. When the judge asked for the notes – Gerald Gorman claimed he "lost them."

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The case was eventually dismissed but the Gormans appealed in the Seventh District Court of Appeals. In dismissing the case, Judge Frank Easterbrook wrote the Gormans had "behaved like a pack of weasels and can't expect any part of their tale to be believed."

In fact, Chrysler won a \$4.2 million judgement against them. While the car company was trying to collect the judgement, the Gormans steered \$400,000 to a political campaign account Liz controlled. The court ordered the funds in the account to be frozen, but the very next day, Liz directed her treasurer to transfer all of the money in the account into another political committee under her control.

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A federal judge called her actions an "obvious attempt to defeat [Chrysler's] collection efforts." In the end, they filed for bankruptcy and avoided paying the judgement against them. The judge even went so far as to recommend Gorman be held in contempt of court based on actions to hide the money owed to Chrysler. In a written statement the judge said, "the court recommends that Mrs. Gorman be found in contempt" and all of this happened while she was a sitting Cook County Commissioner.

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Many are calling Liz Gorman the Mike Madigan of Republican party politics. She certainly is hoping Republican Primary voters will forget her history of using her office for personal gain. The primary election is June 28th. The incumbent, Conservative Sean Morrison, is running against Gorman in the Cook County Board of Commissioners District 17 race.

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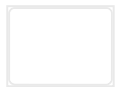


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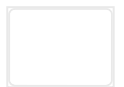
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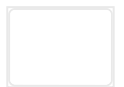
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Executive Summary

Elizabeth "Liz" Gorman is spectacularly ill-suited to mount a Republican primary challenge for the Cook County Board of Commissioners. Gorman's myriad political and legal troubles, along with her voting record during her previous stint on the county board, will render her unacceptable to most primary voters.

Gorman served on the Cook County Board of Commissioners from 2002 to 2015. During her time on the board, Gorman voted with Democrats on multiple occasions. In 2003, soon after joining the board, Gorman voted with Democrats to install a Democrat on the Metra Board of Directors over a candidate supported by other Republican commissioners. In exchange for her betrayal of her fellow Republican commissioners, Democrats voted to make Gorman the chair of the panel that appoints Metra board members.

Gorman voted for two of former County Board President Todd Stroger's budgets, and voted in 2008 to give Stroger the authority to borrow nearly \$4 billion. Gorman also voted in favor of Toni Preckwinkle's 2012 budget that included alcohol, tobacco, and parking tax hikes. Gorman's last vote as a county commissioner was in 2015, when she voted "present" on Toni Preckwinkle's plan to increase the county sales tax.

Gorman has an executive MBA from the University of Notre Dame, and when she announced her intention to run for the county board again, Gorman touted her "educational background." But voters will be less impressed with her educational pedigree when they are told that she paid for her degree, in part, with Cook County taxpayer money. Despite claiming in 2007 she was paying for her degree herself, it was later reported that Gorman had dipped into her county board contingency funds to pay part of the cost – around \$6,000. Gorman also used around \$14,000 from her campaign fund to pay tuition costs.

After leaving the county board in 2015, Gorman was briefly a registered lobbyist for PricewaterhouseCoopers. In 2018, she was appointed the executive director of the Illinois Tollway. She joined a group of other Republican political insiders being paid lavish salaries – Gorman's pay was \$29,000 more than her predecessor's. While serving as Executive Director, Gorman feuded with Tollway board members and defended contracts being awarded to firms with political connections or ties to tollway employees. Gorman was fired in 2019 after incoming governor JB Pritzker installed a new board of directors. After being fired, Gorman demanded that the Tollway pay her severance, and Tollway payroll records indicate she was paid roughly \$40,000 in the months following her termination.

Gorman is a longtime political ally of disgraced former Chicago Alderman Ed "Fast Eddie" Vrdolyak. Gorman has described Vrdolyak as a "good family friend," and she was elected in 2002 with Vrdolyak's assistance. Vrdolyak and Gerald Gorman were business associates and golf partners. Vrdolyak initially represented the Gormans in their lawsuit accusing Chrysler of discriminating against Black customers, but was thrown off the case by the judge after he was found to have lied to the court. When Vrdolyak was facing sentencing in 2008 for federal fraud charged, Gorman wrote a letter to the judge asking for leniency for Vrdolyak. The judge ultimately sentenced Vrdolyak to no jail time, and cited Gorman's letter specifically when explaining his decision.

Gorman's history of bankruptcy and financial trouble may also give pause to voters looking to elect responsible financial stewards. Gerald Gorman filed for bankruptcy in September 2010, but Elizabeth – who was running for reelection to the Cook County Board – was not listed on the petition. Days after Gorman was reelected in November 2010, Gorman filed for bankruptcy herself. Both bankruptcies were discharged in 2011. Gorman has also lost two homes to foreclosure – a vacation home on Marco Island in 2012 and her primary residence in Orland Park in 2017.

Finally, voters will also likely take a dim view of how the Gormans conducted themselves in a lawsuit they filed against Chrysler in 2006. The Gormans, who owned two Chicago-area car dealerships, sued Chrysler and claimed that the automaker had refused to give financing to Black customers. The Gormans' lawsuit

includes lurid descriptions of Chrysler management hurling racist slurs, including repeated use of the "N word." Gerald Gorman claimed to have taken contemporaneous notes of the racial slurs that he alleged the Chrysler managers had used, but when Chrysler requested his notes as part of discovery, Gorman claimed to have lost them. The magistrate judge on the case all but accused Gorman of lying and dismissed the lawsuit with prejudice. The Gormans appealed to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals but lost there too, with Chief Judge Frank Easterbrook eviscerating them in his written opinion. Easterbrook wrote that the Gormans had "behaved like a pack of weasels and can't expect any part of their tale to be believed."

After the Gormans' lawsuit was dismissed, Chrysler won a \$4.2 million judgment against them. While attempting to collect on its judgment, Chrysler discovered that the Gormans had loaned nearly \$400,000 from their car dealerships' accounts to Elizabeth Gorman's political committee – the Gorman Good Government Group. Chrysler served Gorman with a court order directing her not transfer any funds from the Gorman Good Government Group, but the next business day Gorman ordered her campaign treasurer to empty the committee's accounts and transfer the funds to another committee that Gorman controlled. A federal judge blasted Gorman's conduct in a written ruling, saying the transfer was an "obvious attempt to defeat [Chrysler's] collection attempt." The judge ordered Gorman to return the money to the Gorman Good Government Group's accounts, and also recommended that she be held in contempt of court. Gorman ultimately managed to escape responsibility, however, by filing for bankruptcy and having Chrysler's court judgment wiped out.

Board Actions

BUDGETS

Gorman Voted For Two Of Todd Stroger's Budgets

In 2007, The Cook County Board Approved A \$3 Billion Budget Proposed By County Board President Todd Stroger. "Cook County Board President Todd Stroger used the kind of closed-door dealmaking that would make his father proud to win approval of his \$3 billion budget for 2007. But Todd Stroger also did something that John Stroger couldn't accomplish in his last years as the influential and longtime president--cracking an opposing coalition of Republicans and fellow Democrats. One key was Todd Stroger's willingness to negotiate the formula for laying off more than 1,200 health-care workers, sheriff's deputies and other county workers. After hours of private meetings and horse-trading, the board voted 13-4 in the early hours of Friday to approve Stroger's amended spending plan. It would close a dozen health clinics and reduce other services to eliminate a \$500 million deficit without raising taxes." (Mickey Ciokajlo And Robert Becker, "Haggling His Way To A Budget," *Chicago Tribune*, 2/24/07)

Gorman Voted In Favor Of Stroger's Budget. "Tony Peraica (R-Riverside), who lost to Stroger in the November election, said he was disappointed in Gorman, Gregg Goslin (R-Glenview) and Peter Silvestri (R-Elmwood Park), who sided with Stroger. The board's five Republicans in recent years had held steadfast against taxes proposed by then-board President John Stroger, whose retirement after a stroke last year led to his son's November election." (Mickey Ciokajlo And Robert Becker, "Haggling His Way To A Budget," *Chicago Tribune*, 2/24/07)

Tony Peraica - Who Voted Against Stroger's Budget - Accused Gorman And Others Of Voting For The Budget In Exchange For Patronage Jobs And Contracts. "But another GOP board member, Tony Peraica, says the three 'abandoned' the reform bloc because 'they were in a dealing mood. Todd called them into his office and promises were made on jobs, promotions, contracts and probably committee chairmanships.' The other side denies it, with Ms. Gorman calling Mr. Peraica, who ran for president against Mr. Stroger, 'yesterday's news.'" (Greg Hinz, "One Political Machine Struggled Last Week While Another Flexed New Muscle," *Crain's Chicago Business*, 3/5/07)

Gorman Also Voted In Favor Of Stroger's 2009 Budget. "Maher was actually the first to play the Stroger card with a flier juxtaposing photos of Gorman and Stroger and insisting: 'Two times we elected Liz Gorman to the County Board on her promise to cut taxes. Two times, she's let us down by voting YES on Todd Stroger's bloated budgets.' Gorman, of Orland Park, pointed to the balanced budgets as sources of pride and cited how the 2009 budget of \$2.9 billion was actually \$100 million less than the budget two years earlier also mentioned in the flier. 'All of our communications are based on the facts of Liz Gorman's record as commissioner,' countered Maher, president of the Orland Fire Protection District. 'Those aren't balanced budgets. Each budget has put us more in debt.'" (Ted Cox, "Stroger A Strong Presence In Ads," *Chicago Daily Herald*, 10/29/10)

Gorman Voted To Give Todd Stroger The Authority To Borrow \$3.75 Billion

In 2008, Gorman Voted To Give Cook County Board President Todd Stroger The Authority To Borrow \$3.75 Billion. "A block of suburban Republicans voted with Cook County Board President Todd Stroger Wednesday, giving him authority to borrow a staggering \$3.75 billion by issuing bonds... Republicans voting for the measure were Bartlett's Tim Schneider, Glenview's Gregg Goslin, Elmwood Park's Pete Silvestri and Orland Park's Liz Gorman." (Rob Olmstead, "Stroger Authorized To Borrow \$3.75 Billion," *Chicago Daily Herald*, 9/18/08)

- **Board Member Forrest Claypool Opposed The Plan, Noting That The County Had Just Raised Taxes And Should Not Need To Borrow.** "While they and Stroger say the move is simply the

normal functioning of county government, critic Forrest Claypool said the move is, in large part, a funding of annual costs with long-term debt — the equivalent of a household regularly funding grocery and gas purchases with loans and credit cards. 'If you raise the taxes \$426 million and you still can't pay the bills, what's going on?' said Claypool, a Chicago Democrat." (Rob Olmstead, "Stroger Authorized To Borrow \$3.75 Billion," *Chicago Daily Herald*, 9/18/08)

The *Chicago Tribune* Editorial Board Blasted Gorman And Others For Joining "Stroger's Funny-Money Gang." "But with voters so angry about the sales tax increase, why would four of the County Board's five suburban Republicans volunteer to join Stroger's funny-money gang? Gregg Goslin, Elizabeth Doody Gorman, Tim Schneider and Peter Silvestri: What's this? You didn't learn from the very tax increase you opposed that voters loathe board members who cave to Stroger's demands for ever more public money? You also didn't learn from Wall Street's meltdown that debt can be a terrible millstone?" (Editorial, "Cozying Up To Stroger," *Chicago Tribune*, 9/24/08)

Research Note: Gorman appears to have voted to block Stronger from actually exercising his bonding authority.

Gorman Voted For Toni Preckwinkle's Budget 2012 Budget, Which Increased Taxes

In 2011, Gorman Voted In Favor Of Toni Preckwinkle's 2012 Budget, Which Increased Taxes.

"Almost 800 government workers will be laid off, and Chicago-area residents will need to dig a little deeper in their pockets as sin and luxury taxes rise under a 2012 budget package approved Friday by Cook County commissioners. In a 16-1 vote, commissioners approved the \$2.9 billion spending plan that largely followed Board President Toni Preckwinkle's blueprint, with only a few exceptions. It wasn't the unanimous vote Preckwinkle got for this year's budget - her first as county board president - but it was close: Commissioner William Beavers, a long-time political foe, was the only 'no' vote." (Lisa Donovan, "Preckwinkle's Mix Of Job Cuts, Sin-Tax Hikes Passes 16-1," *Chicago Sun-Times*, 11/19/11)

- **Preckwinkle's Budget Increased Taxes On Tobacco And Alcohol, And Instituted Parking Fees At Courthouse Parking Garages.** "A mix of layoffs, the elimination of hundreds of vacant jobs and \$50 million in tax and fee hikes all helped erase a \$315 million hole in the budget. The revenue increases included boosting taxes on booze and cigarettes and a new \$4.75-per-day fee on the once-free parking garages at the suburban and city criminal courthouses." (Lisa Donovan, "Preckwinkle's Mix Of Job Cuts, Sin-Tax Hikes Passes 16-1," *Chicago Sun-Times*, 11/19/11)

METRA BOARD

Gorman Voted To Put A Democrat On The Metra Board Over A Republican

In 2003, Gorman Defected And Voted With Cook County Board Democrats On Metra Board

Appointments. "The few Republicans who serve on the Cook County Board were at each other's throats Monday as one jumped ship to vote with Democrats for a bipartisan slate of appointees to the Metra board. Liz Gorman, a newly elected Republican county board member, was rewarded by Democrats with chairmanship of an obscure panel of seven suburban commission members who appoint county representatives to Metra. She deposed longtime Republican Carl Hansen (R-Mount Prospect). 'I think what we're seeing is only a shift of one member of this body from the Republican side to the Democratic side. I'm astonished,' Hansen said." (Abdon M. Pallasch, "GOP Defector Helps Dems Carry Metra Board Slate," *Chicago Sun-Times*, 6/17/03)

- **"Liz Gorman, A Newly Elected Republican County Board Member, Was Rewarded By Democrats With Chairmanship Of An Obscure Panel Of Seven Suburban Commission Members Who Appoint County Representatives To Metra."** (Abdon M. Pallasch, "GOP Defector Helps Dems Carry Metra Board Slate," *Chicago Sun-Times*, 6/17/03)

Republican Board Members Had Agreed That They Would Support Two Candidates - One Favored By Tony Peraica And Another Favored By Gorman - But During The Meeting Gorman Switched

And Voted For A Candidate Supported By Democrat Deborah Sims Over Peraica's Candidate.

"Peraica wanted his law partner Tom Garrette appointed to the Metra board. Peraica said that just before the meeting, Gorman had agreed that she and the other Republicans would vote for Garrette and her own candidate, Republican Orland Park Trustee Brad O'Halloran. Instead, Gorman switched during the meeting, agreeing with Democrats to appoint O'Halloran and Sims' candidate, Alonzo Hill, a retired CTA executive who is African American and also a Democrat. It was the pressure Hansen and the other Republicans put on her during the meeting that convinced Gorman to vote with Democrats for Hill--he and O'Halloran were the best candidates, she said." (Abdon M. Pallasch, "GOP Defector Helps Dems Carry Metra Board Slate," *Chicago Sun-Times*, 6/17/03)

Republican Board Member Carl Hansen Accused Gorman Of Switching Her Vote So She Could Get More Patronage Jobs. "She deposed longtime Republican Carl Hansen (R-Mount Prospect). 'I think what we're seeing is only a shift of one member of this body from the Republican side to the Democratic side. I'm astonished,' Hansen said. Gorman said, 'Commissioner Hansen, you are out of line--this is about good government.' 'This is not about good government,' Hansen shouted back. 'It's about how much patronage you can get.'" (Abdon M. Pallasch, "GOP Defector Helps Dems Carry Metra Board Slate," *Chicago Sun-Times*, 6/17/03)

NOTRE DAME DEGREE

Gorman Used County Funds And Campaign Money To Help Pay For Her MBA From Notre Dame

In 2007, Gorman Said She Was Pursuing An Executive MBA From The University Of Notre Dame. "Football may be the driver behind that University of Notre Dame mystique, but for Liz Doody Gorman, a Fighting Irish MBA carries the same cachet. 'I've always been enamored of the school,' says Ms. Gorman, a Cook County commissioner who attended Catholic grammar school, high school and college, and started at the Notre Dame Chicago executive MBA program in January. 'I come from a blue-collar, working-class family,' says the daughter of an Amtrak employee and a firefighter who also worked as an electrician. 'My parents always had at least three jobs between them. So, to be able to go to Notre Dame, it's basically living the dream.' In going back to school, Ms. Gorman, 42, hoped to set herself apart from other legislators, serve as a role model for her three school-age sons and 'open up the part of my brain that had been stagnant for a while.'" (Christine Le Beau, "A Dream Come True For An Irish Lass," *Crain's Chicago Business*, 4/23/07)

Gorman Claimed That She Was Covering The Entire \$75,000 Tuition Bill Herself. "So she's footing the \$75,000 bill herself. As with most executive MBA programs, that tab includes books and other materials, as well as meals and lodging, when needed. She won't graduate until May 2008, but the investment has paid off already." (Christine Le Beau, "A Dream Come True For An Irish Lass," *Crain's Chicago Business*, 4/23/07)

In 2010 It Was Reported That Gorman Had Paid For Part Of Her Notre Dame Tuition With Her Cook County Board Contingency Fund. "The funny thing about ethics ordinances is the need for them in the first place. You would think public officials know right from wrong. They don't need it explained on paper. But then we have Exhibit A: the use of contingency funds by elected members of the Cook County Board. Candidate Patrick Maher, president of the Orland Fire Protection District, is skewering his opponent, incumbent Elizabeth Doody Gorman (R-Orland Park), regarding the use of her fund. Gorman spent about \$6,000 of county taxpayer money toward her master's degree in business administration from the University of Notre Dame, which she earned in 2008. While the degree itself cost much more, Gorman used part of her county stipend to cover tuition costs." (Kristen McQueary, "Does Gorman Owe Us A 'Thank You' For Paying Her Tuition?," *Daily Southtown*, 9/19/10)

Gorman Defended Using County Funds To Pay For Her MBA, Saying It Was An Investment That Would Benefit Taxpayers. "Gorman defends the expense as an investment that benefits taxpayers. The contacts she made through the program and the knowledge she acquired, in addition to a detailed report she and her classmates produced on Cook County's health system, stand as proper reimbursement. And

she doesn't pull any punches: 'I went to a prestigious college and got a degree to better myself and serve my constituents, and here's a guy who lied about the college he attended.'" (Kristen McQueary, "Does Gorman Owe Us A 'Thank You' For Paying Her Tuition?," *Daily Southtown*, 9/19/10)

In 2008, The Gorman Good Government Group Paid \$14,750 To The University Of Notre Dame For "Tuition" (Illinois Board of Elections, Accessed 1/23/22)

Gorman Continues To Tout Her "Educational Background"

When She Announced Her Intention To Run For Her Old County Board Seat In 2022, Gorman Touted Her "Educational Background" As A Selling Point. "Republican Liz Gorman, a former county board member from Orland Park, will challenge incumbent Sean Morrison, of Palos Park, for the 17th District seat in the June 28 GOP primary. 'We're going to get on the ballot and tout my extensive public and private sector resume and educational background,' Gorman told me Tuesday. 'I served 13 years on the county board. I have strong credentials representing the district.'" (Ted Slowik, "Gorman Takes On Morrison In Republican Primary," *Daily Southtown*, 1/19/22)

TAXES

Gorman Voted "Present" On Preckwinkle's 2015 Sales Tax Increase

In 2015, The Cook County Board Narrowly Approved Increasing The County Sales Tax By 1 Percent, Taking The Total Sales Tax Paid By Some Cook County Residents To As High As 10.25 Percent. "Sales tax rates in many Cook County suburbs will hit double digits Jan. 1 after the county board raised the rate by a penny on the dollar Wednesday to shore up pension funds. The move pushes the sales tax in unincorporated areas to 9 percent, including state and Regional Transportation Authority charges. But many suburbs have their own 1 percent sales tax, raising the total sales tax to 10 percent, or \$10 on a \$100 purchase. Chicago's rate — and a few suburbs' — will climb to 10.25 percent, the highest among big cities in the nation. County President Toni Preckwinkle pushed the increase and won support from nine commissioners over the objection of seven others, mostly from the suburbs, who said businesses will lose out when buyers head for neighboring counties where sales taxes are, in most cases, 2 cents per dollar lower." (Kerry Lester, "1 More Penny On Each Dollar Hike," *Chicago Daily Herald*, 7/16/15)

Gorman Voted "Present" On The Sales Tax Ordinance. "Commissioner Liz Gorman of Orland Park voted present after announcing that she intends to resign to take a government relations job in a private company, which she would not name." (Kerry Lester, "1 More Penny On Each Dollar Hike," *Chicago Daily Herald*, 7/16/15)

TONY PERAICA

Gorman Publicly Feuded With Fellow Republican Board Member Tony Peraica

In 2007, Gorman Berated Fellow Cook County Commissioner Tony Peraica During A County Board Meeting, Calling Him An "Loser," "Abusive Weasel," And "No Man." "Name-calling continued as Commissioner Liz Gorman, county Republican Party chairman, ripped into fellow Republican Peraica unprovoked, reading from a list of insults, calling him a 'loser,' 'pathetic, pathological liar,' an 'abusive weasel' who is 'no man,' and an 'ineffective leader' who has 'no substance.' A shocked Peraica said Gorman has 'no self-respect' and her attack was 'abominable' and 'despicable.'" (Steve Patterson, "Budget Would Pass 'If Todd Was A White Man'," *Chicago Sun-Times*, 11/28/07)

Gorman Attacked Peraica Because She Believed He Was Behind Robocalls Accusing Her And Other Commissioners Of Supporting Todd Stroger's Sales Tax Hike. "Meanwhile, Gorman, of Orland Park, went off on Peraica because she believes he is behind an automated call into some suburban districts. The call, she said, falsely accuses her and other Republicans of favoring the tax hike. Peraica of Riverside said

he has been behind such calls in the past, but not this one." (Joseph Ryan, "Verbal Bout Hard On Ears," *Chicago Daily Herald*, 11/28/07)

Political Issues

CAMPAIGN SPENDING

Gorman Paid Herself Out Of Her Campaign Committee

From 2014 To 2017, Gorman's "Liz For The 17th" Committee Paid \$14,720 To Government Strategies For "Consulting" And "Professional Services." (Illinois Board of Elections, Accessed 1/23/22)

Government Strategy Group Was An LLC Registered To Gerald Gorman. (Illinois Secretary of State, Accessed 1/23/22)

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Type of LLC	Domestic
Organization/Admission Date	Thursday, 22 October 2009
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Duration	PERPETUAL
Agent Information	
Name	GERALD GORMAN
Address	148 SILO RIDGE RD N ORLAND PARK, IL 60467
Change Date	Friday, 6 November 2015

(Illinois Secretary of State, Accessed 1/23/22)

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RELATIONSHIP

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Gorman Called Former Chicago Alderman Ed Vrdolyak A "Good Family Friend"

When Gorman First Ran For Office In 2002, She Called Former Chicago Alderman Ed Vrdolyak A "Good Family Friend." "Gorman, 39, was first elected to public office in 2002, when she won a race for the Cook County Board's 17th District seat in a contest against incumbent Herb Schumann. According to a story in the Daily Southtown at that time, Gorman had only voted in a Republican primary once in 19 years and that was for Ed Vrdolyak, who was running for mayor of Chicago in 1989. She called Vrdolyak, the former alderman of Chicago's 10th Ward, a good family friend." (Phil Kadner, "The Senate Candidate That Might Have Been," *Daily Southtown*, 8/10/04)

Vrdolyak Said That Gorman Was "Terrific" And Said That He "Helped Her Any Way I Could" When She Ran In 2002. "When Doody Gorman decided to run for Cook County Board, Vrdolyak said he 'helped her any way I could' and called her 'terrific.' Doody Gorman on Thursday said her 'thoughts and prayers are with Ed and his family during this time.'" (Kristen Mcqueary, "Fast Feds Caught Up With 'Fast Eddie,'" *Daily Southtown*, 5/11/07)

Gerald Gorman Worked On Vrdolyak's 1989 Mayoral Campaign, Vrdolyak Was An Investor In The Gormans' Auto Dealerships, And Gerald Gorman And Vrdolyak Regularly Golfed Together. "Ms. Gorman, 40, from Orland Park, ran an insurance brokerage before turning politician. A self-described "consensus-builder" who wants "accountability, disclosure and reform," she "is thinking" about running against Mr. Peraica, but says she'd do so "for the right reasons" and not as a front for Mr. Vrdolyak. But Ms. Gorman's husband, Gerald, and Mr. Vrdolyak are business partners in an auto dealership, regularly golf together and have been pals at least since Mr. Gorman worked on Mr. Vrdolyak's 1989 race for mayor of Chicago." (Greg Hinz, "Meddlin' Eddie," *Crain's Chicago Business*, 7/18/05)

Vrdolyak Represented The Gormans In Their Lawsuit Against Chrysler But Was Ultimately Disqualified From The Case By The Judge

Vrdolyak Represented The Gormans In Their Lawsuit Against Chrysler Before He Was Thrown Off The Case By The Judge. "A federal judge threw out a lawsuit against automaker DaimlerChrysler Wednesday because of alleged lying by plaintiff Gerald Gorman -- the husband of Cook County Commissioner Elizabeth Gorman. The ruling by U.S. District Judge Virginia Kendall also notes misconduct by former Chicago Ald. Ed Vrdolyak (10th), one of Gorman's lawyers before being disqualified from the case. 'I don't agree with the judge's ruling,' said Gerald Gorman, who vowed to appeal." (Eric Herman, "Judge Tosses Dealer's Lawsuit Vs. Automaker," *Chicago Sun-Times*, 9/8/06)

- **The Judge Accused Vrdolyak And Gorman Of Lying About A \$750,000 Loan That Vrdolyak Had Made To Gorman.** "A federal magistrate judge found Gorman lied repeatedly to, among other things, conceal a \$750,000 loan Vrdolyak made to Gorman. Vrdolyak also revealed he was getting \$10,000 monthly payments from Gorman "without explanation," Kendall wrote." (Eric Herman, "Judge Tosses Dealer's Lawsuit Vs. Automaker," *Chicago Sun-Times*, 9/8/06)

VRDOLYAK TRIAL

Gorman Asked For Leniency For Vrdolyak After He Pled Guilty To Federal Fraud Charges

In 2008, Vrdolyak Pled Guilty To Federal Fraud Charges. "Former Chicago Ald. Edward Vrdolyak long enjoyed a reputation for always being a step ahead of federal investigators, but Monday his past caught up with him. Eleventh-hour negotiations over the weekend ended with "Fast Eddie" becoming yet another former Chicago politician to become a convicted felon, pleading guilty to plotting to take a bogus finder's fee in a Gold Coast real estate deal." (Jeff Coen, "Vrdolyak Pleads Guilty In Fraud Case," *Chicago Tribune*, 11/4/08)

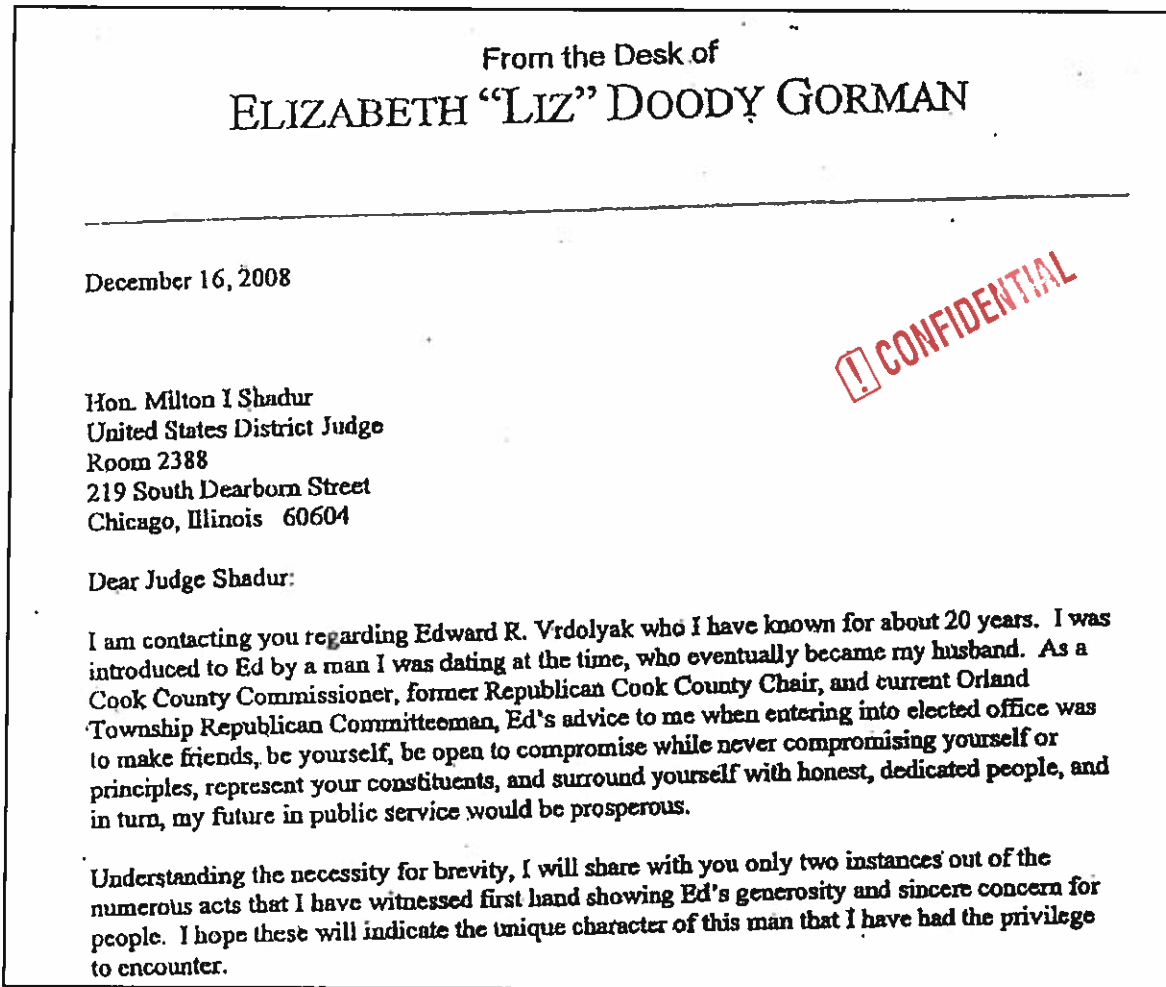
- **Vrdolyak Had Conspired With Stuart Levine To Rig The Purchase Of A School Building By A Condo Developer And Took A Bogus \$1.5 Million "Finder's Fee."** "Levine, a longtime Vrdolyak friend, proved to be Vrdolyak's downfall. After Levine had been indicted twice, he began cooperating and secretly tape-recorded Vrdolyak discussing the kickback scheme from a few years earlier. Levine was on Rosalind Franklin University's board of trustees when he conspired with Vrdolyak to rig the purchase of a school building by a condo developer for a \$1.5 million 'finder's fee.' In court Monday, Shadur asked Vrdolyak to explain in his own words what he had done wrong. 'I didn't know at the time they were going to be mailed,' he said of certain documents that were part of the fraudulent deal. 'But I was in fact hoping my client would get the deal.'" (Jeff Coen, "Vrdolyak Pleads Guilty In Fraud Case," *Chicago Tribune*, 11/4/08)

Gorman Submitted A Letter To The Judge Asking For Leniency For Vrdolyak. (Letter, *USA v. Vrdolyak*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Case #07-CR-00298, 12/16/08)

- **Gorman Wrote In Her Letter That She Had Known Vdolyak For 20 Year And That He Had Advised Her On Her Political Affairs.** "I am contacting you regarding Edward R. Vrdolyak who I have known for about 20 years. I was introduced to Ed by a man I was dating at the time, who eventually became my husband. As a Cook County Commissioner, former Republican Cook County

Chair, and current Orland Township Republican Committeeman, Ed's advice to me when entering into elected office was to make friends, be yourself, be open to compromise while never compromising yourself or principles, represent your constituents, and surround yourself with honest, dedicated people, and in tum, my future in public service would be prosperous." (Letter, USA v. Vrdolyak, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Case #07-CR-00298, 12/16/08)

- **Gorman Wrote That It Had Been A "Privilege" For Her To Know Vrdolyak.** "Understanding the necessity for brevity, I will share with you only two instances out of the numerous acts that I have witnessed first hand showing Ed's generosity and sincere concern for people. I hope these will indicate the unique character of this man that I've had the privilege to encounter." (Letter, USA v. Vrdolyak, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Case #07-CR-00298, 12/16/08)



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In Her Letter, Gorman Praised Vrdolyak For Allowing Her To Hold Her Rehearsal Dinner In His Home After The Restaurant That Was Supposed To Host It Cancelled. "Ed and his wife, Denise, hosted my husband and my rehearsal dinner within a 2 week time frame as a result of unfortunate restaurant cancellation that occurred. We had nowhere to go with our wedding party, family and close friends. Ed welcomed into his home 100 strangers, cooked and footed the bill with no rhyme, no reason, no motive. Just a man with a big heart who stepped in and saved the day on a moment's notice during stressful wedding planning time." (Letter, USA v. Vrdolyak, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Case #07-CR-00298, 12/16/08)

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Gorman's Letter Was Cited By The Judge When He Sentenced Vrdolyak To No Jail Time

In February 2009, Judge Milton Shadur Sentenced Vrdolyak To Five Years Of Probation And No Jail Time. "It was supposed to be the day of reckoning for former Chicago Ald. Edward Vrdolyak, the day he at last got sent to prison for an inside deal after what some say was a career built on them. Instead, Chicago witnessed what seemed like another "Fast Eddie" moment. Despite being on an undercover recording discussing a plan to collect a bogus finder's fee in a corrupt real estate sale and pleading guilty last year, Vrdolyak, 71, won't be spending a single day behind bars. A federal judge who said he thought the prosecution's case was "serious overkill" rejected a call for a sentence of 3 1/2 years in prison and gave Vrdolyak 5 years of probation Thursday. Only after U.S. District Judge Milton Shadur left the courtroom did the solemn look on Vrdolyak's face crack into his trademark grin while he shook hands and hugged family and friends. 'God is great,' he told reporters as he left the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse with a cell phone to his ear." (Jeff Coen, "Vrdolyak Escapes Jail Time," *Chicago Tribune*, 2/27/09)

- **Shadur Said He Gave Vrdolyak Probation In Part Because Of The Large Number Of Letters He'd Received Attesting To Vrdolyak's Character.** "In sentencing Vrdolyak, 71, Shadur had said he gave him probation in part because of the overwhelming number of letters he'd received offering character references for the former Chicago City Council powerhouse -- including one from Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher." (Natasha Korecki, "Judge: Not So Fast, Eddie," *Chicago Sun-Times*, 12/11/09)

The Judge Specifically Cited Gorman's Letter And The Wedding Anecdote During His Sentencing Of Vrdolyak. "When Vrdolyak's lawyer and longtime friend Mike Monico began talking about all the letters of support sent to the court, Shadur interrupted him, too, but only to help. 'You should have used the one in which he invited that frustrated wedding party into his house and cooked for 100 people,' Shadur quipped, eyes open. 'That's punishment enough!'" (John Kass, "With Help From Judge, Eddie Makes A Fast Exit," *Chicago Tribune*, 2/27/09)

LGBT ISSUES

Gorman Publicly Withdrew Her Support For A Resolution Praising An Athletic Competition For LGBT People

In 2005, Gorman Withdrew Her Support For A Resolution Supporting The "Gay Games," A Sporting Competition For LGBT People, Being Held In Chicago. "The Gay Games are apparently not as welcome here as some thought. Last month, Cook County commissioners unanimously approved a measure welcoming the Olympic-style games to Chicago next year. But since then, five of the 17 commissioners have yanked their names from that welcome. Now, the Illinois Family Institute is urging its conservative supporters to pressure Democratic commissioners to join Republicans Gregg Goslin, Liz Gorman, Carl Hansen, Tony Peraica and Peter Silvestri in withdrawing support." (Steve Patterson, "5 County Bd. Members Drop OK Of Gay Games," *Chicago Sun-Times*, 7/21/05)


- **"Gorman Said She Doesn't Support 'Special Rights For Any Group.'"** (Steve Patterson, "5 County Bd. Members Drop OK Of Gay Games," *Chicago Sun-Times*, 7/21/05)

LOBBYIST

Gorman Is A Former Springfield Lobbyist

Gorman Was A Registered Lobbyist For PriceWaterhouseCoopers In 2015. (Illinois Secretary of State, Accessed 1/23/22)

Exclusive Lobbyist Search Results	
Lobbyist Name	GORMAN, ELIZABETH A
Lobbyist ID	8944
Year	2015
Ethics Compliance	08/13/2015
Harassment and Discrimination Prevention Compliance	NOT APPLICABLE FOR THIS YEAR
Affirmation Compliance	IN COMPLIANCE
Holds An Elected Or Appointed Public Office	N/A



(Illinois Secretary of State, Accessed 1/23/22)

TOLLWAY

Gorman And Other Republican Insiders Were Paid Lavish Salaries At The Illinois Tollway

In February 2018, Gorman Was Named The Executive Director Of The Illinois Tollway. "Elizabeth 'Liz' Gorman, a former Cook County commissioner, was chosen Thursday as the Illinois Tollway's new executive director. She succeeds Greg Bedalov, who left the tollway last week after three years on the job. Bedalov is moving to the Illinois Sports Facility Authority, which handles construction of stadiums for professional sports teams. Gorman, of Orland Park, will start March 1. She previously served more than 13 years as Cook County commissioner and recently was director of state and local government at PricewaterhouseCoopers." (Marni Pyke, "Tollway Names Gorman As New Executive Director," *Chicago Daily Herald*, 2/23/18)

Gorman Was Part Of A Group Of Republican Insiders Who Were Hired At The Tollway And Paid Lavish Salaries. "In less than two years, the Illinois tollway has hired six Republican insiders for high-level jobs that collectively pay nearly \$916,000 a year, including a former elected official, political operatives and the relative of a state GOP leader. That troubles some government watchdogs who say they are concerned about favoritism in an agency with a history of patronage. Tollway officials said the agency is staffed with qualified professionals. 'More and more the Illinois tollway is becoming the 'Who's Who' of Republican political hires,' said Illinois Campaign for Political Reform Chairwoman Susan Garrett, a former Democratic state senator."

- **Gorman Was Paid \$215,000 A Year - \$29,000 More Than Her Predecessor And \$65,000 More Than Illinois Department Of Transportation Secretary Randy Blankenhorn.** "The Illinois tollway's new Executive Director Elizabeth Gorman will be paid \$215,000 a year, \$29,000 more than her predecessor. Gorman, a former Republican Cook County commissioner and PricewaterhouseCoopers executive, was approved by the tollway board Feb. 22. At the time her salary was being negotiated. Six days earlier on Feb. 16, then-Executive Director Greg Bedalov resigned to lead up another state agency. In 2017, he was paid \$186,000. Illinois Department of

Transportation Secretary Randy Blakenhorn makes \$150,000 a year." (Marni Pyke, "New Tollway Chief Gets \$29,000 More Than Previous CEO," *Chicago Daily Herald*, 4/23/18)

In July 2018, Gorman Defended The Illinois Tollway's Awarding Of Contracts To Firms With Political Connections Or Ties To Tollway Employees, Including The Wife Of A State Representative.

"Illinois Tollway officials are defending the awarding of contracts to firms with political connections or ties to Tollway employees. The deals being examined include a \$6.6 million, five-year public relations subcontract awarded last year to Morreale Communications. The company is owned by Kim Morreale, who's married to Republican state Rep. Michael McAuliffe of Chicago. Tollway Executive Director Liz Gorman on Tuesday told the state Senate Transportation Committee that all contracts were awarded within the law and followed rules for transparency. 'All prospective vendors are required by law to submit comprehensive conflict-of-interest forms which are thoroughly evaluated by the Illinois Tollway,' Gorman said." ("Lawmakers Question Possible Tollway Contract Conflicts," *The Associated Press*, 7/25/18)

Gorman Accused A Tollway Board Member Of Threatening Her

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"The usually sedate Illinois Tollway board's monthly meeting erupted in controversy Thursday when the agency's executive director accused a board member of threatening her. Board member Joseph Gomez, an appointee of Gov. Bruce Rauner and the senior vice president of Byline Bank, told the board that Tollway Executive Director Liz Gorman had refused to meet with him one-on-one before the meeting. Gorman told the board that she refused the meeting because of threats Gomez had made against her. 'I feel uncomfortable and very threatened,' Gorman said. She said she had been willing to meet with Gomez with someone else present, but Gomez declined." (Mary Wisniewski, "Tollway Boss Says Board Member Threatened Her," *Chicago Tribune*, 7/27/18)

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Gorman Was Fired From The Tollway After Incoming Governor JB Pritzker Installed A New Board

Gorman Was Fired In March Of 2019 After Governor JB Pritzker Installed A New Board Of Directors.

"There's more churn at the Illinois tollway with the executive director exiting as Gov. J.B. Pritzker's team assumes control. 'Executive Director Liz Gorman is no longer employed by the Illinois tollway,' new Chairman Will Evans wrote in a memo to staff Friday. Gorman's departure is not a huge surprise in that governors, who appoint the board, typically put their own stamp on the agency. Pritzker, a Democrat, on Feb. 28 selected new board directors. What was unusual is that he also signed a law passed by the General Assembly in January ousting the former board chosen by Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner in the wake of concerns about cronyism in hiring and contracts." (Marni Pyke, "Gorman's Out At The Tollway As New Board Moves In," *Chicago Daily Herald*, 3/16/19)

Gorman Demanded That The Tollway Pay Her Severance After She Was Fired

On March 18, 2019, Gorman Sent A Letter To Tollway Board Members Complaining That Tollway Board Chairman Will Evans Had Fired Her After She Refused To Sign A Resignation Letter. "As I'm sure you have learned, Chairman Evans demanded on March 15, 2019, that I sign a resignation letter, and he refused my request to retain legal counsel to review the letter. When I declined to sign the letter, he fired me. He did so without getting Board approval. I am writing to make sure you hear my side of the story." (Liz Gorman Letter to Illinois Tollway Board, 3/18/19)

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(Liz Gorman Letter to Illinois Tollway Board, 3/18/19)

Gorman Complained That She Was Fired Despite Her Ability To “Work Respectfully And Effectively” And “Develop Genuine Friendships” With Democrats. “The Illinois Tollway Authority is a good example of bipartisan, regional cooperation in a politically divided state. As a former Republican officeholder, I always worked respectfully and effectively with my Democratic colleagues; my ability to find not just professional cooperation but develop genuine friendships with people on the other side of the political aisle is one reason why I was appointed (and approved by unanimous consent by the Board in 2/22/18) to lead the Tollway Authority. It has been a great honor and pleasure to do so for the past year.” (Liz Gorman Letter to Illinois Tollway Board, 3/18/19)

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Gorman Claimed That Her Firing Showed That Evans Would Not Be Able To Work “Collegially” With The Board, And That Evans Had “Made Clear His View That He Does Not Need The Board’s Input Or Approval, And The Board Would Fall In Line.” “Unfortunately, as one of his first acts as Chairman, Mr. Evans violated the tradition of respectful cooperation at the Tollway with his demand that I immediately resign as Executive Director. I was and remain willing to work toward a smooth transition for the benefit of the Board, the employees and the residents we serve, but Chairman Evans’s heavy-handed approach suggests that he is neither interested in smooth transitions nor working collegially with fellow Board members. Indeed, Chairman Evans made clear his view that he does not need the Board’s input or approval, and the Board would fall in line with firing me. And he warned me that the Governor would call me if I didn’t sign the document, per his demand.” (Liz Gorman Letter to Illinois Tollway Board, 3/18/19)

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Gorman Enclosed A Letter That Her Attorneys Had Sent The Tollway Demanding A “Reasonable, Negotiated Severance Agreement.” “Enclosed with this letter is a letter my counsel has sent to

Chairman Evans. As stated in the letter, despite feeling bullied by Chairman Evans's, heavy-handed tactics, I remain committed to the mission of the Tollway, the many fine people who work there, and the public we serve. To that end, I remain open to working toward a smooth transition as part of a reasonable, negotiated severance agreement. I look forward to your constructive engagement with these issues." (Liz Gorman Letter to Illinois Tollway Board, 3/18/19)

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Regards,
Liz Gorman

(Liz Gorman Letter to Illinois Tollway Board, 3/18/19)

In His Letter, Gorman's Attorney Claimed She Was Entitled To A Severance Package Because She Had Believed That Her Job Would Be Secure Until June Of 2021. "Ms. Gorman understands that as a result of recent legislation there is a new Tollway Board. She is willing to cooperate with a smooth transition if the new Board decides to terminate her employment. Any such termination should be accomplished as part of a negotiated severance package that takes account of the fact that the prior Chair and Board induce Ms. Gorman to leave her prior, highly-compensated position with the understanding under then existing law regarding Board composition that her position would likely be secure for until June 2021 so long as she performed well. I look forward to hearing from your counsel. Ms. Gorman reserves all rights and remedies." (Edward Feldman Letter to Illinois Tollway, 3/18/19)

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Sincerely,



Edward W. Feldman

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(Edward Feldman Letter to Illinois Tollway, 3/18/19)

Gorman Appears To Have Received Roughly \$40,000 In Severance Pay From The Tollway

Illinois Tollway Payroll Records Indicate That Gorman Was Paid \$14,132 On May 15, 2019, And \$27,000 On November 27, 2019. (Illinois Tollway Payroll Records, Accessed 4/11/22)

Check History by Employee

Employee # Begin Check Date Year 2019

Name GORMAN ELIZABETH A

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(Illinois Tollway Payroll Records, Accessed 4/11/22)

Personal Issues

BANKRUPTCY

Gorman Filed For Bankruptcy In 2010...After She Was Safely Reelected To The County Board

In September 2010, Gerald Gorman Filed For Bankruptcy, But Liz Gorman Was Not A Party To The Filing. "A former south suburban new-car dealer has filed for bankruptcy, with his wife, a Cook County commissioner, partly on the hook for the millions he owes. Gerald Gorman, of Orland Park, used to sell Chryslers on Chicago's Southwest Side and Dodges in Midlothian, and is the husband of Commissioner Elizabeth Doody Gorman. While not technically a party to August's bankruptcy filing, she's listed with her husband as co-debtor for more than \$8 million... In his bankruptcy filing, Gerald Gorman lists assets of more than \$1 million and liabilities in excess of \$10 million. Assets include the couple's Orland Park home and a condominium in Florida, which is also in foreclosure." (Mike Nolan, "Bankruptcy Entangles County Commissioner," *Chicago Sun-Times*, 9/12/10)

In November 2010, Just Days After Winning Reelection To The Cook County Board, Liz Gorman Declared Bankruptcy Herself, Claiming Assets of \$1.15 Million And Debts Of \$13.5 Million. "County Commissioner Elizabeth Doody Gorman (R-Orland Park) has filed for bankruptcy, just days after winning re-election to a third term. Gorman lists assets of about \$1.15 million and said she owes creditors some \$13.5 million. A significant amount of the debt pertains to a former car dealership in Midlothian that Gorman owned with her husband, Gerald. He filed for bankruptcy in August. In the filing, Elizabeth Gorman says her average monthly income is about \$6,500, while the household's average monthly expenses approach \$13,000. Cook County commissioners are paid \$85,000 a year." (Mike Nolan And Lisa Donovan, "County Commissioner Elizabeth Doody Gorman Files For Bankruptcy," *Chicago Sun-Times*, 11/12/10)

Gorman Denied That The Timing Of Her Bankruptcy Filing Had Anything To Do With Her Election, Claiming Instead That It Was Due To Gerald Gorman's Health Problems. "Elizabeth Gorman told the Sun-Times the timing of her filing had nothing to do with the election. Rather, she said, it was the discovery this week that her husband had some 'serious' heart problems - including three blocked arteries and damage that revealed a recent heart attack. The discovery prompted the couple to meet with their attorney and proceed with her bankruptcy filing. Gorman said her husband underwent a procedure to put a stent in one artery and is expected to undergo another surgical procedure next week. 'We had to file. If something happened during these operations, I would have been stuck with his debt,' she said, explaining it would leave her and their three sons - ages 17 and younger - financially destitute." (Mike Nolan And Lisa Donovan, "County Commissioner Elizabeth Doody Gorman Files For Bankruptcy," *Chicago Sun-Times*, 11/12/10)

Both Gerald And Liz Gorman's Bankruptcies Were Discharged In June 2011, Allowing Them To Walk Away From \$13.5 Million In Debts. "The bankruptcy cases of Cook County Commissioner Elizabeth Doody Gorman (R-Orland Park) and her husband, a former auto dealer, were closed Monday, allowing the couple to forego payment of millions of dollars in personal and business debt. Still pending are foreclosure cases involving their Orland Park house and property they own in Chicago. Gerald Gorman, a former Chrysler and Dodge dealer, filed for bankruptcy in September while his wife's filing came in November, just days after her re-election to the county board. The bankruptcy trustee overseeing their cases discharged about \$13.5 million in debts — meaning the Gormans are not obligated to repay them and creditors can't make any further attempts to collect." (Mike Nolan, "Gorman Debt Cases Closed By Court," *Daily Southtown*, 6/7/11)

FORECLOSURES

Gorman's Home In Orland Park Was Foreclosed Upon

In 2009, Guaranty Bank Filed In Cook County Circuit Court To Foreclose Upon Gorman's Home At 10834 Carolyn Court In Orland Park. (Notice of Foreclosure, *Guarantee Bank, FSB v. Gerald W. Gorman et. al.*, Cook County Circuit Court, Case #09CH31984, 9/4/09)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

GUARANTY BANK, FSB
PLAINTIFF

VS

GERALD W. GORMAN; ELIZABETH A. GORMAN;
FIRST SUBURBAN NATIONAL BANK;
SUSQUEHANNA COMMERCIAL FINANCE, INC
S/I/I TO PATRIOT COMMERCIAL LEASING
CO.; GUARANTEE TRUST LIFE INSURANCE
COMPANY; THE PRIVATEBANK AND TRUST
COMPANY S/I/I TO FOUNDERS BANK; STATE
OF ILLINOIS; WESTERN DIVERSIFIED
CAPITAL FUNDING CORPORATION; CHRYSLER
FINANCIAL SERVICES AMERICAS, LLC F/K/A
DAIMLERCHRYSLER FINANCIAL SERVICES
AMERICAS, LLC; JULIE A. GHEZZI; UNKNOWN
OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS ;
DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above entitled cause was filed in the above Court on the SEP 04 2009 day for Foreclosure of a Mortgage and that the property affected by said cause is described as follows:

LOT 24 IN ASHBURN SOUND, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 10834 CAROLYN COURT
ORLAND PARK, IL 60467

NO.)
JUDGE) 09CH31984

Cook County Recorder of Deeds

(Notice of Foreclosure, *Guarantee Bank, FSB v. Gerald W. Gorman et. al.*, Cook County Circuit Court, Case #09CH31984, 9/4/09)

The Court Granted Foreclosure Against Gorman In July 2017. (Consent Judgment, *Guarantee Bank, FSB v. Gerald W. Gorman et. al.*, Cook County Circuit Court, Case #09CH31984, 7/18/17)

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff shall be entitled to possession of the subject Property upon the entry of the Consent Judgment for Foreclosure.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Judgment of Foreclosure by Consent pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1402 is hereby entered in favor of COMPASS BANK.

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(Consent Judgment, *Guarantee Bank, FSB v. Gerald W. Gorman et. al.*, Cook County Circuit Court, Case #09CH31984, 7/18/17)

Gorman's Condo In Marco Island, Florida Was Foreclosed Upon

In 2008, Aurora Loan Services Filed In Collier County, Florida Circuit Court To Foreclose Upon Gorman's Condo At 1036 S Collier Blvd In Marco Island. (Notice of Lis Pendens, *Aurora Loan Services LLC v. Gerald W. Gorman et. al.*, 20th Judicial Circuit, Case #08-CA-6463, Filed 8/27/08)

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO: 08-6463-CA

AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC
PLAINTIFF

VS.

GERALD W. GORMAN; ELIZABETH A. GORMAN; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; FIRST HORIZON HOME LOAN CORPORATION; PATRICK FITZGIBBON; CAXAMBAS TOWER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.; DAIMLERCHRYSLER FINANCIAL SERVICES AMERICAS I.L.C.; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION

DEFENDANT(S)

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NOTICE OF LIS PENDENS

1. TO: The above named Defendants, AND ALL OTHERS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
2. YOU ARE NOTIFIED of the institution of this action by the Plaintiff against you seeking to foreclose the Note and Mortgage encumbering the described property and the decreeing of a sale of the property under the direction of the court in default of the payment of the amount found to be due the Plaintiff under the Note and Mortgage, and for other, further and general relief set forth in the Complaint.
3. The property involved is that certain parcel, lot or unit situate, lying and being in COLLIER County, Florida, as set forth in the mortgage recorded in Official Records Book 3469, at Page 2486, more particularly described as follows:

(Notice of Lis Pendens, Aurora Loan Services LLC v. Gerald W. Gorman et. al., 20th Judicial Circuit, Case #08-CA-6463, Filed 8/27/08)

The Court Granted Foreclosure Against Gorman In February 2012. (Final Judgment Of Mortgage Foreclosure, Aurora Loan Services LLC v. Gerald W. Gorman et. al., 20th Judicial Circuit, Case #08-CA-6463, Filed 2/21/12)

2. The Court finds that service of process was properly effected on each of the Defendants. Plaintiff holds a lien for the total sum superior to any claim or estate of GERALD W. GORMAN; ELIZABETH A. GORMAN; PATRICK FITZGIBBON; CAXAMBAS TOWER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.; DAIMLERCHRYSLER FINANCIAL SERVICES AMERICAS LLC; FIRST HORIZON HOME LOAN CORPORATION; on the following property in Collier County, Florida:

UNIT NO. 205-B, CAXAMBAS TOWER CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN CONDOMINIUM PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 38; AND BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THAT CERTAIN DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 699, PAGE 1862 AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO, PUBLIC RECORDS OF COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH ANY AND ALL APPURTENANCES THERETO, INCLUDING AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS OF SAID CONDOMINIUM, AS SET FORTH IN THE DECLARATION.

a/k/a 1036 S COLLIER BLVD 20, MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA 34145.

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LAWSUIT

The Gormans Accused Chrysler Management Of Refusing To Finance Car Loans To African American Customers And Of Making Outrageously Racist Statements

In 2006, The Gormans Sued Chrysler In Federal Court, Alleging That The Company Had Refused To Finance Car Loans To African-American Customers. "In this case, two independently owned Chrysler automobile dealerships bring suit against Chrysler over a disturbing record of breached contracts, broken promises, forced 'agreements' brokered through threats, intimidation and coercion, and a shocking corporate policy of blatant racial discrimination and redlining. Both dealerships are owned by the same individual. Both have signed 'Financing Agreements' with Chrysler, whereby Chrysler agrees to buy sales contracts from the dealerships, which evidence the sale of new and certain used vehicles from the dealerships to its consumer customers. When Chrysler agrees to buy a sales contract, it provides financing for the dealership customer's vehicle purchase. In theory, Chrysler will buy sales contracts and provide financing for those customers it deems to be credit worthy. Chrysler determines credit worthiness using a formula in its computer program, which is known as 'ACE.' The dealerships, however, were recently told by Chrysler that Chrysler would not buy contracts and provide financing for non-suburban, African-American customers, regardless of their creditworthiness." (Complaint, *Ridge Chrysler Jeep LLC v. DaimlerChrysler Services North America*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District, Case #1:03-cv-00760, Filed 2/3/06)

1. In this case, two independently owned Chrysler automobile dealerships bring suit against Chrysler over a disturbing record of breached contracts, broken promises, forced "agreements" brokered through threats, intimidation and coercion, and a shocking corporate policy of blatant racial discrimination and redlining.¹

2. Both dealerships are owned by the same individual. Both have signed "Financing Agreements" with Chrysler, whereby Chrysler agrees to buy sales contracts from the dealerships, which evidence the sale of new and certain used vehicles from the dealerships to its consumer customers. When Chrysler agrees to buy a sales contract, it provides financing for the dealership customer's vehicle purchase.

3. In theory, Chrysler will buy sales contracts and provide financing for those customers it deems to be credit worthy. Chrysler determines credit worthiness using a formula in its computer program, which is known as "ACE."

4. The dealerships, however, were recently told by Chrysler that Chrysler would not buy contracts and provide financing for non-suburban, African-American customers, regardless of their creditworthiness.

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The Gormans Claimed That Chrysler's Chicago Zone Manager Had Complained About Car Sales That Dealership Had Made, And Chrysler Had Financed, To African American Customers. "At this first meeting, the Zone Manager showed Mr. Gorman and Mr. Temple paperwork on roughly thirty Marquette dealership sales contracts that had been recently purchased by Chrysler. The Zone Manager claimed that these sales contracts should have never been accepted and purchased by Chrysler and that they must have been 'fraud deals.' The thirty sales contracts in question were predominantly contracts with African-American or other minority customers." (Complaint, *Ridge Chrysler Jeep LLC v. DaimlerChrysler Services North America*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District, Case #1:03-cv-00760, Filed 2/3/06)

26. At this first meeting, the Zone Manager showed Mr. Gorman and Mr. Temple paperwork on roughly *thirty* Marquette dealership sales contracts that had been recently purchased by Chrysler. The Zone Manager claimed that these sales contracts should have never been accepted and purchased by Chrysler and that they must have been "fraud deals." The thirty sales contracts in question were predominantly contracts with African-American or other minority customers.

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The Gormans Claimed That The Zone Manager Had Complained That Black Employees Had Manipulated Chrysler's Computer System In Order To Get Vehicle Financing Approved For "Niggers." "The Zone Manager then asked his employee, Dan Howard, an African-American, to leave the room. After Mr. Howard left the room, the Zone Manager stated that it was his opinion that these sales contracts had been accepted and bought by Chrysler because African American employees of Chrysler and of the dealership were manipulating the computer system in order to get the deals approved. Specifically, the Zone Manager stated: 'This happened because all these niggers are involved. We found out these 'mulignons' (a derogatory racial slur) were getting bought and approved by Chrysler when they should be standing on the bus. And if it weren't for Rosa Parks those niggers would still be standing in the back of the bus. What's more embarrassing is that one of our dumbest niggers, Dan Howard, caught this before anyone else. Our nigger, Bruce Johnson, was manipulating our computer system to get these niggers bought [meaning, to get their financing approved]. I've fired our nigger and I want you to fire your niggers that were involved.'" (Complaint, *Ridge Chrysler Jeep LLC v. DaimlerChrysler Services North America*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District, Case #1:03-cv-00760, Filed 2/3/06)

- **Zone Manager: "We Found Out These Mulignons Were Getting Bought And Approved By Chrysler When They Should Be Standing On The Bus."** (Complaint, *Ridge Chrysler Jeep LLC v. DaimlerChrysler Services North America*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District, Case #1:03-cv-00760, Filed 2/3/06)
- **Zone Manager: "And If It Weren't For Rosa Parks Those Niggers Would Still Be Standing In The Back Of The Bus."** (Complaint, *Ridge Chrysler Jeep LLC v. DaimlerChrysler Services North America*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District, Case #1:03-cv-00760, Filed 2/3/06)
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The Gormans Claims That The Zone Manager Had Asserted That "These People Shouldn't Be Able To Get Financing For A Schwinn" And That "My Whole Office Knows That I Don't Buy Nigger Paper."

"When Mr. Gorman questioned why it was his problem, the Zone Manager explained: 'It's your problem because your niggers must be part of the scam. Do you really believe that these people really think that they should have a new car? These people shouldn't be able to get financing for a Schwinn [bicycle]. Those niggers have never paid anyone. I hate computers. In the old days with the written logs I would have seen all these niggers getting bought [approved] and it would have never gotten this far. I still can't believe that no one caught it earlier. My whole office knows that I don't buy nigger paper [meaning, 'I don't approve financing for African-American customers']. I might buy some niggers at a suburban store because at least they're smart enough not to get shot while trying to buy a car in the ghetto.'" (Complaint, *Ridge Chrysler Jeep LLC v. DaimlerChrysler Services North America*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District, Case #1:03-cv-00760, Filed 2/3/06)

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"It's your problem because your niggers must be part of the scam. Do you really believe that these people really think that they should have a new car? These people shouldn't be able to get financing for a Schwinn [bicycle]. Those niggers have never paid anyone. I hate computers. In the old days with the written logs I would have seen all these niggers getting bought [approved] and it would have never gotten this far. I still can't believe that no one caught it earlier. My whole office knows that I don't buy nigger paper [meaning, "I don't approve financing for African-American customers"]. I might buy some niggers at a suburban store because at least they're smart enough not to get shot while trying to buy a car in the ghetto."

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The Gormans Claimed That The Zone Manager Said That He Couldn't Press Charges Over The Alleged Fraud, Saying "Do You Think You Could Put These Niggers In Front Of A Jury Full Of Cook County Niggers And Get A Conviction?" "Mr. Gorman and Mr. Temple then suggested that if there had been fraud on the part of one of Chrysler's employees, then this was potentially a crime and that the

proper authorities should be contacted. The Zone Manager refused, explaining, 'Do you think you could put these niggers in front of a jury full of Cook County niggers and get a conviction? Are you out of your mind?'" (Complaint, *Ridge Chrysler Jeep LLC v. DaimlerChrysler Services North America*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District, Case #1:03-cv-00760, Filed 2/3/06)

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The Gormans Alleged That The Zone Manager Had Also Attacked Jews, Saying "There Was Only Two Good Things The Germans Ever Did: Make Good Cars And Kill Jews." "While discussing Chrysler management, the Zone Manager explained his growing distaste for management ever since the merger between Chrysler and the German Daimler Corporation. As he stated, 'there are only two things the Germans ever did: make good cars and kill Jews.'" (Complaint, *Ridge Chrysler Jeep LLC v. DaimlerChrysler Services North America*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District, Case #1:03-cv-00760, Filed 2/3/06)

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The Gormans Alleged That The Zone Manager Had Called One Of Their Black Dealership Employees A "Shine." "The sales manager answered that he knew the name and knew that Mr. Johnson worked for Chrysler in their Lisle financial office. The Zone Manager asked the sales manager if he knew Bruce Johnson personally, whether they ever 'hung out together' or frequented the same bar. The sales manager answered that he had never met Bruce Johnson and that he did not know him personally. At this, the Zone Manager stated, 'Well, I see there is no use in talking to you,' and excused the sales manager. The sales manager then began to leave the room and was only just outside the door when the Zone Manager exclaimed with yet another racial slur, 'that shine is lying.' After further discussion, the Zone Manager then suggested that the meeting be reconvened at the Chrysler Lisle office in a few days.'" (Complaint, *Ridge Chrysler Jeep LLC v. DaimlerChrysler Services North America*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District, Case #1:03-cv-00760, Filed 2/3/06)

computer program in order to provide financing to black customers who should not have otherwise qualified. The sales manager answered that he knew the name and knew that Mr. Johnson worked for Chrysler in their Lisle financial office. The Zone Manager asked the sales manager if he knew Bruce Johnson personally, whether they ever "hung out together" or frequented the same bar. The sales manager answered that he had never met Bruce Johnson and that he did not know him personally. At this, the Zone Manager stated, "Well, I see there is no use in talking to you," and excused the sales manager.

39. The sales manager then began to leave the room and was only just outside the door when the Zone Manager exclaimed with yet another racial slur, "that shine is lying." After further discussion, the Zone Manager then suggested that the meeting be reconvened at the Chrysler Lisle office in a few days.

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The Gormans Alleged That The Zone Manager Had Said He Would Only Consider Financing Car Loans For Black Customers Who Lived In The Suburbs Because "A Higher Class Suburban Shine Is Better Than Those Dog Ass F---ing South Side Ghetto Pieces Of S--t." "Mr. St. Germaine also pointed out that Chrysler has a better record of financing minority customers at Elmhurst Dodge, another suburban dealership. Again, the Zone Manager replied, 'a higher class suburban 'shine' is better than those dog ass f - - -ing south side ghetto pieces of s - - t. If we were lucky enough to find a shine with a job who could prove it, then maybe we would take a look at him. But don't think I'll buy a f - - -ing dog ass at Marquette just because Midlothian sells me good paper from good customers. To be honest with you, I'd prefer that you not send me one f - - -ing customer from the ghetto. I got f - - -ed at Harvey Chrysler Plymouth [a minority-owner Chicago area Chrysler dealership] and I'm not going to take the heat from Detroit for getting f - - -ed again. We just put seventy cars on the streets as gifts to those pieces of s - - t and they're f - - -ing us already.'" (Complaint, *Ridge Chrysler Jeep LLC v. DaimlerChrysler Services North America*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District, Case #1:03-cv-00760, Filed 2/3/06)

59. Mr. St. Germaine also pointed out that Chrysler has a better record of financing minority customers at Elmhurst Dodge, another suburban dealership. Again, the Zone Manager replied, "a higher class suburban 'shine' is better than those dog ass f - - -ing south side ghetto pieces of s - - t. If we were lucky enough to find a shine with a job who could prove it, then maybe we would take a look at him. But don't think I'll buy a f - - -ing dog ass at Marquette just because Midlothian sells me good paper from good customers. To be honest with you, I'd prefer that you not send me one f - - -ing customer from the ghetto. I got f - - -ed at Harvey Chrysler Plymouth [a minority-owner Chicago area Chrysler dealership] and I'm not going to take the heat from Detroit for getting f - - -ed again. We just put seventy cars on the streets as gifts to those pieces of s - - t and they're f - - -ing us already."

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The Gormans Alleged That Even After The Chicago Zone Manager Was Fired, His Replacement Continued To Make Racist Statements And Advised Gerald Gorman To "Find Some Better Niggers To Sell Cars To." "Mr. Gorman explained that this new deal didn't help him with all the money he lost on the first deal with the former Zone Manager. He also repeated that it was unfair for Chrysler to punish him with these requirements when it was Chrysler's employee who allegedly committed fraud and who was fired. To this, Mr. Boggs simply replied, 'well Gerry, I guess you'll have to find some better niggers to sell cars to.'" (Complaint, *Ridge Chrysler Jeep LLC v. DaimlerChrysler Services North America*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District, Case #1:03-cv-00760, Filed 2/3/06)

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Chrysler to punish him with these requirements when it was Chrysler's employee who allegedly committed fraud and who was fired. To this, Mr. Boggs simply replied, "well Gerry, I guess you'll have to find some better niggers to sell cars to."

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The Gormans Alleged That The New Zone Manager Said That "Chrysler Corp Doesn't Mind Selling Cars To These Niggers. But We Just Don't Want To Finance Them" And That "One Problem Ya'll Have Up Here Is That You Don't Have Your Niggers Under Control. Down South, Where I Come From, We Keep Our Niggers Under Control." "Mr. Gorman then explained that because of the racist attitudes at Chrysler, it didn't matter to whom he tried to sell his cars - if they were African-American, Chrysler was not going to provide financing. He explained that the former Zone Manager had refused to provide financing to African-Americans and had once told him 'everyone knows that niggers don't pay.' To this Mr. Boggs answered, 'Well, Gerry that's true. You see, Chrysler Corp. [the manufacturer] doesn't mind selling cars to these niggers. But we just don't want to finance them. And where I come from, we have a different name for them: We call them 'coons.' One problem ya'll have up here is that you don't have your niggers under control. Down South, where I come from, we keep our niggers under control.'" (Complaint, *Ridge Chrysler Jeep LLC v. DaimlerChrysler Services North America*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District, Case #1:03-cv-00760, Filed 2/3/06)

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Gerald Gorman Claimed He Had Taken Notes Of His Conversation With Chrysler Management. But Failed To Produced Them When They Were Subpoenaed

Gerald Gorman Claimed In A Deposition That He Had Kept Contemporaneous Notes Of His Conservations With The Chrysler Representatives. "At his deposition, Mr. Gorman testified that, at some point, based upon an instruction from Mr. Vrdolyak, he started to keep notes of his meetings with Mr. Sirovy, in which Mr. Sirovy supposedly used racial slurs, and he testified that these notes formed the basis of the allegations in the Complaint about Mr. Sirovy's racial hostility and racial slurs." (Report and Recommendation, *Ridge Chrysler Jeep LLC v. DaimlerChrysler Services North America*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District, Case #1:03-cv-00760. Filed 6/14/05)

¶¶28-39. At his deposition, Mr. Gorman testified that, at some point, based upon an instruction from Mr. Vrdolyak, he started to keep notes of his meetings with Mr. Sirovy, in which Mr. Sirovy supposedly used racial slurs, and he testified that these notes formed the basis of the allegations in the Complaint about Mr. Sirovy's racial hostility and racial slurs. See Deposition of

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When Asked In A Deposition To Produce His Notes Showing The Racist Statements By Chrysler Management, Gorman Was Unable To, And Claimed That Some Of His Notes Had Been Lost. "Yet, when asked at his deposition to review the notes and to highlight the places in those notes where he had documented the particular racial slurs he claimed Mr. Sirovy used, he was unable to do so; in fact, he was forced to admit that his notes did not reflect any racial slurs - nor did his notes reflect any meetings with Erv Sirovy. Id., p. 678, 684-686. The lack of evidence might stop some witnesses; it did not stop Mr. Gorman: 'Q: Given that your lawyer, Mr. Vrdolyak, instructed you to prepare handwritten notes of your meetings with Mr. Sirovy where he used these outrageous racial slurs, why are you unable to produce any handwritten notes at this deposition? Well, Shawn took some of the notes...I don't know what happened to them. I am not going to lie to you. I did take notes. I did. If I could find them, I would given them to you. I don't know. I know Shawn took some and I took some.'" (Report and Recommendation, *Ridge Chrysler Jeep LLC v. DaimlerChrysler Services North America*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District, Case #1:03-cv-00760. Filed 6/14/05)

Yet, when asked at his deposition to review the notes and to highlight the places in those notes where he had documented the particular racial slurs he claimed Mr. Sirovy used, he was unable to do so; in fact, he was forced to admit that his notes did not reflect any racial slurs - nor did his notes reflect any meetings with Erv Sirovy. *Id.*, p. 678, 684-686. The lack of evidence might stop some witnesses; it did not stop Mr. Gorman:

Q: Given that your lawyer, Mr. Vrdolyak, instructed you to prepare handwritten notes of your meetings with Mr. Sirovy where he used these outrageous racial slurs, why are you unable to produce any handwritten notes at this deposition?

A: Well, Shawn took some of the notes. . . . I don't know what happened to them. I am not going to lie to you. I did take notes. I did. If I could find them, I would given them to you. I don't know. I know Shawn took some and I took some.

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The Gormans Later Claimed That Gerald Gorman Had Been Mistaken, And He Had Not Lost Any Notes. "In response to the sanctions motion, the plaintiffs contend that there are no 'missing notes,' and that, to the extent Mr. Gorman gave Chrysler the impression that there were 'missing notes,' he was mistaken. In fact, to support their story, the plaintiffs have offered a supplemental affidavit from Mr. Gorman, which states that, although Mr. Gorman may have referenced 'additional notes,' and although he stated that he 'lost 8 to 10 pages of notes,' he was mistaken." (Report and Recommendation, *Ridge Chrysler Jeep LLC v. DaimlerChrysler Services North America*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District, Case #1:03-cv-00760. Filed 6/14/05)

In response to the sanctions motion, the plaintiffs contend that there are no "missing notes," and that, to the extent Mr. Gorman gave Chrysler the impression that there were "missing notes," he was mistaken. In fact, to support their story, the plaintiffs have offered a supplemental affidavit from Mr. Gorman, which states that, although Mr. Gorman may have referenced "additional notes," and although he stated that he "lost 8 to 10

pages of notes," he was mistaken. See Supplemental Affidavit of

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The U.S. Magistrate Judge On The Case Concluded That Gorman's Explanation Of His Missing Notes Was "Just One More Instance In A Long String Of Instances In Which Mr. Gorman Has Been, At Best, Deliberately Obtuse, And, At Worst, Completely Dishonest, In A Formal Court Proceeding." "All

things being equal, Mr. Gorman might be entitled to some benefit of the doubt on the 'missing note'; all things being equal, it might seem feasible that Mr. Gorman simply misremembered things at this deposition. But the testimony on this issue is just one more instance in a long string of instances in which Mr. Gorman has been, at best, deliberately obtuse, and, at worst, completely dishonest, in a formal court proceeding. He lacks credibility and consistently demonstrates a willingness to lie or evade the truth, even under oath." (Report and Recommendation, *Ridge Chrysler Jeep LLC v. DaimlerChrysler Services North America*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District, Case #1:03-cv-00760. Filed 6/14/05)

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All things being equal, Mr. Gorman might be entitled to some benefit of the doubt on the "missing notes"; all things being equal, it might seem feasible that Mr. Gorman simply misremembered things at this deposition. But the testimony on this issue is just one more instance in a long string of instances in which Mr. Gorman has been, at best, deliberately obtuse, and, at worst, completely dishonest, in a formal court proceeding. He lacks credibility and consistently demonstrates a willingness to lie or evade the truth, even under oath.

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The Magistrate Judge Found That Gerald Gorman Had "Either Lied Or Misled" On A Host Of Issues In The Lawsuit, And Recommended That The Gormans' Lawsuit Be Dismissed With Prejudice. "The Court further finds that Mr. Gorman either lied or misled Chrysler during the discovery that occurred after the Stipulated Order was entered on April 11, 2003, that he either lied to Chrysler or misled Chrysler concerning his 'missing notes,' and that the plaintiffs, at best, misled Chrysler concerning the dealerships' computer. In light of these findings, the Court recommends that the district judge grant Chrysler's Motion for Sanctions Against Plaintiffs and Counterclaim Defendant Gerald Gorman for False Statements [#180] and grant Chrysler's Motion for Sanctions Against Plaintiffs and Counterclaim Defendant Gerald Gorman for Failure to Produce and Preserve Evidence [#181]. Moreover, having concluded, under the circumstances, that a lesser sanction is inappropriate, the Court recommends that the district court dismiss the plaintiffs' Complaint with prejudice." (Report and Recommendation, *Ridge Chrysler Jeep LLC v. DaimlerChrysler Services North America*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District, Case #1:03-cv-00760. Filed 6/14/05)

turn, caused Chrysler to suffer additional losses. The Court further finds that Mr. Gorman either lied or misled Chrysler during the discovery that occurred after the Stipulated Order was entered on April 11, 2003, that he either lied to Chrysler or misled Chrysler concerning his "missing notes," and that the plaintiffs, at best, misled Chrysler concerning the dealerships' computer. In light of these findings, the Court recommends that the district judge grant Chrysler's Motion for Sanctions Against Plaintiffs and Counterclaim Defendant Gerald Gorman for False Statements [#180] and grant Chrysler's Motion for Sanctions Against Plaintiffs and Counterclaim Defendant Gerald Gorman for Failure to Produce and Preserve Evidence [#181].

Moreover, having concluded, under the circumstances, that a lesser sanction is inappropriate, the Court recommends that the district court dismiss the plaintiffs' Complaint with prejudice.

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The District Court Agreed With The Magistrate's Recommendation, Finding That The "Notes Gorman Used To Support The Most Inflammatory Allegations In The Complaint Either Did Not Exist, Were Not Preserved, Or Worse Yet, Were Fabricated In The First Place." "In the end, the Magistrate Judge's findings, which are thoroughly supported by the record, revealed that notes Gorman used to support the most inflammatory allegations in the Complaint either did not exist, were not preserved, or worse yet, were fabricated in the first place; the computers that could have supported Defendant's defense and counterclaims were concealed and then destroyed in spite of preservation notices and repeated requests by Defendant, and the TRO was entered due, in significant part, to the false statements of Mr. Gorman who lied about both the source and status of the funds that were infused into the dealerships. This intentional conduct on the part of Plaintiffs can not be tolerated in a court of law where judges rely on the sworn statements of witnesses to reach objective decisions on the merits."

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In the end, the Magistrate Judge's findings, which are thoroughly supported by the record, revealed that notes Gorman used to support the most inflammatory allegations in the Complaint either did not exist, were not preserved, or worse yet, were fabricated in the first place; the computers that could have supported Defendant's defense and counterclaims were concealed and then destroyed in spite of preservation notices and repeated requests by Defendant, and the TRO was entered due, in significant part, to the false statements of Mr. Gorman who lied about both the source and status of the funds that were infused into the dealerships. This intentional conduct on the part of Plaintiffs can not be tolerated in a court of law where judges rely on the sworn statements of witnesses to reach objective decisions on the merits.

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That District Court Dismissed Gorman's Lawsuit With Prejudice. "The harsh sanction of dismissal of this case is warranted and that will be the order of this Court. The Court denies the Motion for Default Judgment on the Counterclaims and those counterclaims will remain in the case. The Court adopts the Report and Recommendation and its reasoning in its entirety. The Complaint is dismissed with prejudice." (Memorandum Opinion and Order, *Ridge Chrysler Jeep LLC v. DaimlerChrysler Services North America*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District, Case #1:03-cv-00760. Filed 9/6/06)

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So ordered.

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The Gormans Appealed The Dismissal Of Their Lawsuit To The Federal Appeals Court. "Notice is hereby given that Plaintiffs/Counterclaim Defendants RIDGE CHRYLSER JEEP, LLC d/b/a MARQUETTE CHRYSLER JEEP and SALES, INC. d/b/a DODGE MIDLOTHIAN, ('Plaintiffs'), by and through their counsel, hereby appeals to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit from that portion of the October 26, 2006 judgment entered in this case dismissing with prejudice the Plaintiffs' Complaint against the Defendant/Counterclaim Plaintiff Daimler Chrysler Services, North America LLC, d/b/a Chrysler Financial Company, L.L.C. pursuant to the District Court's September 6, 2006 Order issuing a sanction of dismissal against Plaintiffs." (Corrected Notice of Appeal, *Ridge Chrysler Jeep LLC v. DaimlerChrysler Services North America*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District, Case #1:03-cv-00760, File 11/27/06)

CORRECTED NOTICE OF APPEAL

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In 2008, The Federal Appeals Court Dismissed The Gormans' Appeal In A Scorching Decision, Saying They Had "Behaved Like A Pack Of Weasels And Can't Expect Any Part Of Their Tale To Be Believed." "Plaintiffs insist that the claims of racial discrimination are legitimate, but that is dubious. The complaint and appellate brief narrate repugnant events, but when the time came in discovery to produce the notes that supposedly recorded the discriminatory statements by Chrysler's employees, the notes were nowhere to be found. Plaintiffs have behaved like a pack of weasels and can't expect any part of their tale be believed." (Opinion, *Ridge Chrysler Jeep LLC v. DaimlerChrysler Financial Services Americas LLC*, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, Case #06-4140, 3/25/08)

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A Federal Judge Recommended That Liz Gorman Be Held In Contempt Of Court After She Improperly Moved Funds To Dodge A Court Judgement

After The Gormans' Case Was Dismissed, Chrysler Won A \$4.2 Million Judgement Against Them. "The District Court subsequently adopted this Court's Recommendation, and dismissed the case with prejudice. 2006 WL 2808158 (N.D. Ill. Sept. 6, 2006). On October 26, 2006, the District Court entered a \$4.2 million consent judgment in favor of Daimler and against the Dodge Dealerships and its owners, Gerald and Elizabeth Gorman. To date, the judgment remains unsatisfied."

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Chrysler Served The Gorman Good Government Group With Court Order Directing It Not To Transfer Any Funds Out Of The Committee; Two Days Later, Liz Gorman Directed That The Committee Donate \$68,000 - The Entirety Of The Committee's Funds - To Another Committee That She Controlled. "On December 24, 2009, Daimler served the GGGG with a Citation to Discover Assets to Third Party. The citation specifically prohibited the GGGG from 'making or allowing any transfer or other disposition' of non-exempt property. See Daimler's Ex. 8. Nevertheless, on December, 26, 2009, at Mrs. Gorman's direction, GGGG donated \$68,000 to the Orland Township Republican Organization. ('Orland Organization'), effectively depleting the GGGG's fund-raising account. Notably, Mrs. Gorman appears to be the head of and the driving force behind the Orland Organization." (Report and Recommendation, *Ridge Chrysler Jeep LLC v. DaimlerChrysler Services North America*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District, Case #1:03-cv-00760. Filed 9/2/10)

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The Gorman Good Government Group's Treasurer Testified That Liz Gorman Directed Her To Donate \$68,000 To The Orland Township Republican Organization, And When Asked Why, Said That She "Wanted Money Moved Out Of That Bank." "At the Citation Examination of the GGGG, Daimler interviewed Mrs. Margaret Walsh, who serves as Commissioner Gorman's Chief of Staff and is the former Treasurer of the GGGG. See Daimler Ex. 7 at 6. Mrs. Walsh testified that Mrs. Gorman directed her to send a \$68,000 donation to the Orland Organization. When Mrs. Walsh learned on December 27, 2009 that Mrs. Gorman's mother had been served with the Citation to Discover Assets of a Third Party the day before Mrs. Gorman asked her to transfer the \$68,000 to the Orland Organization, Mrs. Walsh questioned Mrs. Gorman about her motives and expressed her concern; in response, Mrs. Gorman 'said [sic] just wanted money moved out of that bank,' without further explaining why. Ex. 7 at 100. Mrs. Walsh admitted that there was no business reason for the GGGG to make such a large donation to the Orland Organization at that time, and that she could not recall similarly large donations having been made in the past." (Report and Recommendation, *Ridge Chrysler Jeep LLC v. DaimlerChrysler Services North America*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District, Case #1:03-cv-00760. Filed 9/2/10)

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A Magistrate Judge Ruled That Gorman Had Transferred The Funds In An "Obvious Attempt To Defeat [Chrysler's] Collection Effort." "Mrs. Gorman knowingly transferred \$68,000 from GGGG the business day after she received Daimler's properly issued and served citation to discover assets, in an obvious attempt to defeat Daimler's collection effort. The citation explicitly states that the GGGG was 'PROHIBITED from making or allowing any transfer or other disposition of, or interfering with,' the money that GGGG owed to Mr. Gorman. Mrs. Gorman's conduct is all the more egregious because of the fact that-- by transferring the money from one organization that she heads and controls to another organization that she heads and from which she benefits both politically and financially - she essentially transferred the money to herself." (Report and Recommendation, *Ridge Chrysler Jeep LLC v. DaimlerChrysler Services North America*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District, Case #1:03-cv-00760. Filed 9/2/10)

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The Magistrate Judge Wrote That "The Gormans' Conduct From The Inception Of This Litigation Has Been Questionable And Underhanded." "The Gormans' conduct from the inception of this litigation has been questionable and underhanded, see, e.g., *Ridge Chrysler Jeep, LLC. v. Daimler Chrysler Services North America, LLC*, 2006 WL 2808158 (Sept. 6, 2006), and this Court sees little value in providing them with time to concoct additional schemes to shield their assets from the reach of the judgment against them." (Report and Recommendation, *Ridge Chrysler Jeep LLC v. DaimlerChrysler Services North America*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District, Case #1:03-cv-00760. Filed 9/2/10)

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The Magistrate Judge Also Recommended That Gorman Be Found In Contempt Of Court. "For the reasons set forth above, the Court recommends that Daimler's Motion be Granted, and further recommends that Mrs. Gorman be found in Contempt." (Report and Recommendation, *Ridge Chrysler Jeep LLC v. DaimlerChrysler Services North America*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District, Case #1:03-cv-00760. Filed 9/2/10)

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Conclusion

For the reasons set forth above, the Court recommends that Daimler's Motion be Granted, and further recommends that Mrs. Gorman be found in Contempt.

Dated: September 2, 2010

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


ARLANDER KEYS
United States Magistrate Judge

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Gorman Was Able To Dodge Contempt Charges By Declaring Bankruptcy

In January 2011, All Pending Motions In The Gormans' Lawsuit Against Chrysler, Including The Magistrate Judge's Recommendation That Liz Gorman Be Held In Contempt, Were Dismissed As Moot After Liz Gorman Declared Bankruptcy. (Minute Order, *Ridge Chrysler Jeep LLC v. DaimlerChrysler Services North America*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District, Case #1:03-cv-00760. Filed 1/20/11)

NOTIFICATION OF DOCKET ENTRY

This docket entry was made by the Clerk on Thursday, January 20, 2011:

MINUTE entry before Honorable Virginia M. Kendall: Pursuant to a suggestion of bankruptcy, all pending motions are dismissed as moot. Mailed notice(tsa,)

(Minute Order, *Ridge Chrysler Jeep LLC v. DaimlerChrysler Services North America*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District, Case #1:03-cv-00760. Filed 1/20/11)