

Bolingbrook Civilians MAP Chapter #522:

WOW!!! What an incredible day we had today!!! Thank all of you for your support in coming out today to let your voices be heard and let me tell you the brass at Village Hall's ears are still ringing. Some of that might have to do with John Ward's comments from the board meeting on Tuesday night. Kudos to him for having the cojones to say what needed to be said at last night's board meeting. I can't wait to shake his hand but that will have to wait. On to our great news from today's election.

The following is the outcome of our Election. I can still hear Joe Mazzone's voice ringing in my head as I relayed our totals to him.

Joe: Carlos, well how did we do?

Carlos: Joe we did AWESOME!!! Bolingbrook Civilians voted 10 YES votes out of 11.

Joe: Exxxxxcellent!

Carlos: Professionals voted 5 YES votes and J*** F***** voted NO.

Joe: Exxxxxcellent!

I'm telling you folks you just had to be on the other end of the line to appreciate the man's enthusiasm after hearing the outcome of both votes. As they say it was simply "Priceless."

To both Joe Andalina and to Joe Mazzone and the entire MAP union family I want to say thank you once again for taking that chance on all of us when you did and then for going a step further and taking on all of the legal work and for putting in all of the countless hours on your dime to see to it that we landed safely in the MAP family. I can never thank you gentlemen enough for all that you did and I know our members share the same sentiments.

To all of our Bolingbrook Civilians thank you for all of your dedication and endless support from day one in believing in this cause. Also, thank you to each of you for showing your support and voting "YES" to accept our Bolingbrook Professionals who are now our brothers and sisters and part of our Bolingbrook Civilian MAP Chapter #522. All I could think about as Hans was calling out the final tallied votes was Hawk Harrelson and the Hawk saying "Yes! Yes! Yes! Yes! Yes! Yes! Yes! Yes! Yes! Yes! Yes! Yes! Yes! Yes!"

To all of our Bolingbrook Professionals thank you to all of you, J*** F***** included, for knowing and believing that our cause to unionize with MAP was for a valid and legitimate reason.

We all sacrificed something but as it is said in order to gain one must sometimes sacrifice in order to gain. We all gave of ourselves and today we can all see that it was worth it and more importantly we are no longer alone and without representation. MAP Bolingbrook Civilians Chapter #522 is who we are and UNITED WE STAND!!!

Joe Mazzone has asked that we get the ball rolling and assemble our negotiations team so that we can begin hammering out a contract. I ask you one more time, for those who are still interested in becoming part of our negotiating team please e-mail me indicating you are still onboard for that responsibility.

As important as it is in assembling our negotiating team it is equally important for each of you to, if you haven't already begun to do so, start putting together all of your "reasonable" wants and needs lists that you want MAP and our negotiating team to fight for and incorporate into our "first" contract. Damn that sounds good doesn't it?

(Sip another sip of my good old friend Jack Daniel's. Ahhh that is one stiff cocktail my friends but after today I think it is a well deserved cocktail wouldn't you agree?)

Thank you!! Thank you! Thank you all once again for all of your support!!!!!!

Respectfully,

Carlos D. Flores