



# Zipp To County Board

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Dear Fellow Lake County District 5 Neighbor:

I am David A. Zipp, a local attorney here in Fox Lake, Illinois. I am also the Executive Director of the Illinois Boater's Association and I am a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. My academic education includes my two college degrees in law enforcement, a Master of Arts in Political Science, and a Juris Doctorate in law. Today, on the 240<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of my beloved United States, Marine Corps, I am proud and honored to announce that I am running for the Republican nomination for the open seat (current Board member is retiring) of Lake County Board District 5.

Did you know that according to Forbes, **Lake County Illinois ranks #9 on their 2013 Most Miserable Cities Index?**  
– Source: <http://www.forbes.com/pictures/mli45lmg/9-lake-county-ill/> Forbes pointed out that home values have dropped nearly 30% over the last five (5) years. Despite the recent real estate downturn, most Lake County, Illinois property taxes have remained constant or even increased. Again, Forbes reports **Lake County residents pay five (5) times the national average in property taxes** and are saddled with the **16th highest property taxes out of 2,922 counties** in the nation. Source: [taxfoundation.org](http://taxfoundation.org).

**The Lake County budget** alone (not including school, township, city taxes which you also pay) **is over \$500 Million dollars**. By way of comparison, the entire state of Mississippi's state budget is only \$6.1 billion, or just think of twelve (12) Lake Counties and consider the reality that a State government provides welfare, unemployment benefits, massive road construction, and even maintains an Army in the form of the National Guard! – Source: Jackson, Miss.: Mississippi Legislative Budget Office. 2014. p. 2. Retrieved 17 February 2015. Now ask yourself, what does Lake County government do for you and do they do it well?

**Illinois has the dubious honor of being the dead last State in credit worthiness in the nation**, yet our local elected officials pride themselves on the “balanced budget,” ignoring the pain such high taxes cause each of us. Here in District 5 of Lake County, there is not currently much positive support **for our beloved Chain O'Lakes or the Fox Waterway Agency** which keeps our waterways navigable and drives our local economy. I am hopeful that I can encourage our Lake County Sheriff to adopt (at least upon the waters of Lake County that they patrol) the Proposed Illinois Boater's Bill of Rights which is championed by the Illinois Boaters Association. A version of this law already is in effect in the great state of Ohio. Finally, it is very evident that Lake County government is disproportionately staffed with the friends, loved ones, or other crony patronage recipients. **I feel that government employment is a privilege, not a right; and certainly should not be a Chicago north crony patronage vassal of local corruption. Lake County Government should serve all; not just the connected!**

For all of these reasons, I am seeking the Republican Nomination to serve as your District 5 Lake County Board member. The primary is on March 15, 2016 and I plan to work tirelessly to earn your vote.

I would be happy to discuss any issues, hear any advice or input you may care to offer. My law office is located in downtown Fox Lake, Illinois (at the address above) and I stand ready to listen to your thoughts and concerns. Thank you for your time. Look for [www.ZippToCounty.com](http://www.ZippToCounty.com) to go live in the near future. Whomever you choose, please choose to vote!

Semper Fi and Best Wishes,

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## Illinois Boater's Bill of Rights

1. A recreational boat on the waters of Illinois shall not be stopped without reasonable and articulable suspicion by Illinois sworn law enforcement or their agents.
2. A boat on the waters of Illinois at anchor, not under power, shall enjoy all of the reasonable expectations of privacy and 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment protections as any other domicile in the state of Illinois.
3. Boaters shall be given the opportunity to have an annual Coast Guard safety level inspection. Upon successful completion of said inspection, a sticker for that boat shall be issued which shall demonstrate clearly to law enforcement that said boat is in safety compliance for that boating season and thus negate any authority to conduct a safety inspection absent other relevant factors.
4. Law enforcement on the waters of Illinois shall not risk the safety of themselves and others on the waters of Illinois by operating at night or when conditions merit without proper illumination and lighting as required for all other vessels operating on the waters of Illinois.
5. For the purposes of Operating Under the Influence enforcement, it is necessary and proper for law enforcement to establish that the accused was 1) at the helm of a boat, thus in control of the vessel, 2) that said boat was not at anchor, and 3) the vessel's motor of that boat was in active operation.
6. A boater has every right to be secure in their boat and personal property and shall not be boarded without reasonable, articulable cause by law enforcement.
7. A boater on the waters of Illinois does not, simply by being on the majestic waters of Illinois, waive any of the protections afforded to all under the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Illinois.