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Federal Election Commission  
Office of Complaints Examination &  
Legal Administration  
Attn: Kathryn Ross, Paralegal  
1050 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20463

RE: MUR 7667

Dear Ms. Ross:

Please consider this and the attached affidavits and materials the combined response of the City of Hammond, Indiana, McDermott for Congress, and Thomas McDermott, Jr., each of whom/which received a letter from the FEC that was dated December 13, 2019, and was received at various dates thereafter, the latest being on December 24, 2019. Pursuant to my request, the FEC has granted the responding parties to and including January 6, 2020 to respond. The response is combined because I jointly represent the parties as corporation counsel to the City of Hammond and personal counsel to the mayor. Additionally, they have both requested that I jointly respond to the allegations.

Mr. Kallas' complaint that was included in all of the mailings only contained the first four paragraphs and part of the fifth paragraph (page 1), along with Exhibits labeled "A" and "B". These paragraphs focus on a portion of a water department mailing allegedly promoting the mayor's radio show after he had announced his candidacy for Indiana's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District seat. I was provided with a full copy of the complaint via a Facebook post by Mr. Kallas and by a local news reporter who had obtained a copy from him that include other allegations regarding certain callers that either were deceased since 2010 or which occurred prior to the mayor's Congressional announcement. Because these pages were not included in the mailing and that the complaint's conclusion requests "a full, formal investigation into the advertisement and mailer using taxpayer resources used by Thomas M. McDermott, Jr. committee by portraying it as official government business. These actions are particularly egregious because they flagrantly promote their illegal advertisement activities, lawlessness, and disrespect for the rule of law," this response focuses solely on the water bill insert issue and does not address the other extraneous issues raised in Mr. Kallas' complaint.

For the reasons stated herein, I believe that the allegation in Mr. Kallas' complaint does not warrant the further use of Commission resources and should be dismissed.

Further, I believe that the complaint does not set forth a possible violation of FEC Act and the file should be closed accordingly.

The background information regarding the mayor's radio show and the water insert is as follows:

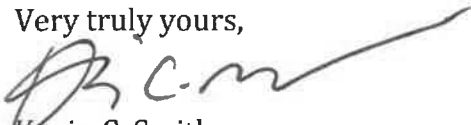
1. Mayor McDermott was first elected in 2003 and has been elected in four subsequent elections (2007, 2011, 2015, and 2019) to additional four-year terms.
2. Shortly after being elected to his first term he began a radio call-in show that allowed residents and callers to ask the mayor questions about city issues, make complaints, and be heard on various issues.
3. The call-in show over the years has become a popular local show and has been a way to be heard by the mayor on all issues.
4. At some point before 2007 the park department's special events staff started designing a flyer to promote upcoming events and goings on around the city.
5. This flyer was printed and inserted into the water bill, which residents receive every two months.
6. The mayor's radio show was listed in the top right corner of the insert with the following words "Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr. invites you to tune into WJOB AM 1230 on Friday mornings at 7:45-8:30 a.m. Please feel free to call in and talk to the Mayor 219.845.1100."
7. The above language had remained the same since its inception before 2007 until Mr. Kallas complained about it in November of 2019.
8. On Wednesday, November 6, 2019, one day after the general election in which Mayor McDermott was elected to his fifth consecutive term, long-time (35 years) Congressman Peter J. Visclosky, suddenly and unexpectedly, announced his intention not to seek re-election in 2020.
9. Mayor McDermott announced his intention to run for Congress on the same day after the announcement of Congressman Visclosky and filed for his FEC campaign committee number the same day (McDermott for Congress).
10. On November 8, 2019, the mayor had his regular radio show, however, on this date and since that time, the show has been paid by his Congressional campaign, McDermott for Congress.

11. Mr. Kallas, the local chairman of another political party, on or around November 15, 2019, issued a "press release" and posted on Facebook that he would file an FEC complaint regarding the radio show.
12. The attorney for the water department requested the assistant director Mark McLaughlin to advise the staff at the water department to begin removing the inserts after this announcement was made.
13. The park department special events coordinator, Donna Muta, on or around November 18, 2019, requested the printer, Rick Baltensberger to design a new insert without the language in the insert and it has been printed since that time without the radio show language.
14. At no time did Mayor McDermott or his campaign advise the park department or the water department to promote the radio show in the insert so that it would promote his Congressional candidacy.
15. The period of time when the insert with the language regarding the radio show would have coincided with the mayor's active Congressional campaign was November 6- November 15, 2019 (the date of the mayor's announcement to run and the date the attorney for the water department instructed the water department to remove the insert). This is a *de minimis* time period.
16. No money was spent to add the radio show language into the insert, as it was a very small part of the insert.
17. Any inclusions of the radio show language by the park and/or water departments was inadvertent and not intentional.
18. There is no evidence the committee or the mayor paid for the language to be included in the water bill insert as political advertisement, rather it was part of a long-standing design of the insert going back to at least 2007.

The above information is supplemented by the affidavits of Mayor Thomas McDermott, Jr., Donna Muta, Mark McLaughlin, and Rick Baltensberger as well as the exhibits attached to said affidavits. Based upon the evidence presented herein, and the lack of evidence presented by the complainant of a cogent violation of election law, the respondents would request no further action be taken and the matter be dismissed.

If you require any additional information or would like to discuss this matter in further detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Kevin C. Smith

Enclosures

AFFIDAVIT OF THOMAS M. MCDERMOTT, JR.MUR# 7667

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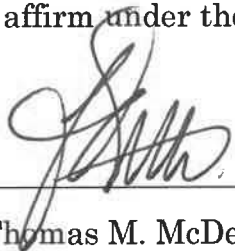
1. My name is Thomas M. McDermott, Jr. I am above the age of 18 and competent to testify to the facts contained herein, which are based upon my personal knowledge.
2. I am the mayor of Hammond, Indiana and have been so since January 1, 2004. I have been elected to five, four-year terms, the most recent on November 5, 2019.
3. Since shortly after taking over as mayor in 2004, I began a call-in radio show on local station WJOB. This call-in show was meant to be part of my push for transparency and accessibility of local government officials. The show over the years has become a way for residents to be heard and for me as their mayor to address their concerns and issues publicly on the radio.
4. At some point in my first term the parks department developed an insert for the water bill.
5. I never then, nor through today, directed the park department to put language in the insert to promote my radio show.
6. I never then, nor through today, instructed the water department to mail the insert to promote my radio show.
7. On November 6, 2019, I was informed via a social media post that long-tiem Congressman Peter J. Visclosky would not seek re-election in 2020. I immediately announced that I would run for Congress and had an FEC Committee opened on the same day.
8. On November 8, 2019, the first Friday after I announced my candidacy, I went on my weekly radio show, but made sure that it was being paid by

McDermott for Congress, which I felt was necessary and appropriate because I was now running for Congress.

9. At no time between November 6, 2019 and when I found out about the complaint filed by Mr. Kallas, did I realize that the inserts in the water bill that were being sent had language on it about my radio show.
10. I never review the insert and did not review the insert that was included in Mr. Kallas' complaint. It is developed by the parks department without input from me or my office.
11. When I became aware of Mr. Kallas' complaint I asked what the water department had done with the inserts and was informed that they had already been changed to remove any language about the radio show. This was done without my input or direction.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

I affirm under the penalties for perjury that the foregoing representations are true.



Thomas M. McDermott, Jr.

Date: 1/5/2020

AFFIDAVIT OF RICK BALTENSBERGER

Comes now affiant, Rick Baltensberger, and after being duly sworn upon his oath states as follows:

1. My name is Rick Baltensberger. I am above the age of 18 and competent to testify to the facts contained herein, which are based upon my personal knowledge.
2. I am the owner of MissPrint, a printer located in Munster and Hammond, Indiana.
3. We are hired on occasion to do work for the City of Hammond including printing the water bill insert, which we have been printing since at least as far back as 2015.
4. The insert is designed by the park department and sent to us. We print the insert after reviewing the design and then deliver the final printed product to the water department.
5. At no time since I have printed the insert has the mayor or anyone associated with his campaign asked that we insert material regarding his radio show in the insert. It is always delivered to us by Donna Muta from the park department.
6. The insert has always had the same language since I began printing it in 2015 about the radio show and that part of the insert had not changed until November of 2019.
7. I was informed by Donna Muta around November 18, 2019 to remove any reference to the mayor's radio show on the insert and to design a new part of the flyer without reference to the radio show. We did so and the new designed insert is attached as "Exhibit 1."

8. Since November of 2019 we have received other inserts from the park department for the water bills and they have not included any reference to the radio show.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Baltensberger", written over a horizontal line.

Rick Baltensberger

Date: 1-6-2020



# HAMMOND NEWS YOU CAN USE:



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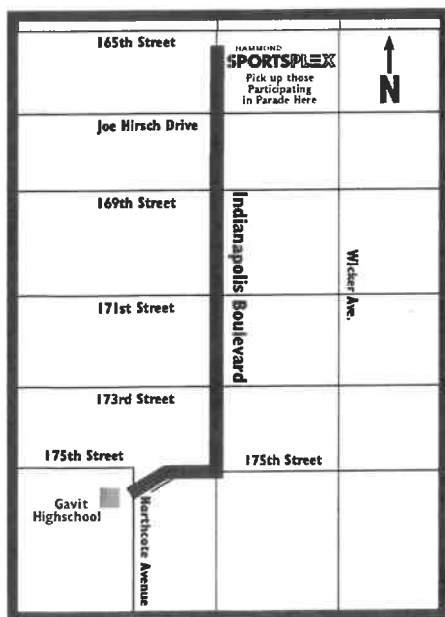
at the Towle Theater

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# Holiday PARADE

## Saturday December 7 10:00 A.M.



The Holiday Parade begins at 10:00 A.M. at Gavitt High School and ends at the Hammond Sportsplex. Join us for all the fun and a great kickoff to the 2019 Holiday Season!



For more information, call Hammond Parks & Recreation at 219.853.6378 or visit [gohammond.com](http://gohammond.com)

AFFIDAVIT OF MARK MCLAUGHLIN

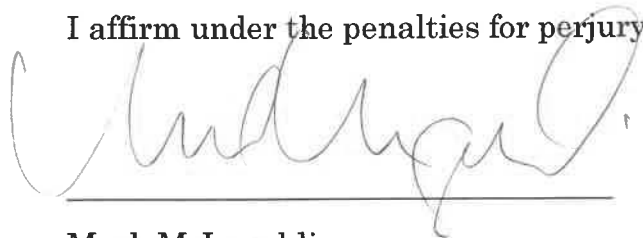
Comes now affiant, Mark McLaughlin, and after being duly sworn upon his oath states as follows:

1. My name is Mark McLaughlin. I am above the age of 18 and competent to testify to the facts contained herein, which are based upon my personal knowledge.
2. I am an employee of the Hammond Water Works which is the water utility for the City of Hammond, Indiana. I am the assistant director and have been in that position since 2017.
3. The water department has placed in the water bill for many years an insert that informs residents who receive a water bill from the utility about current events in the city.
4. The insert is designed by the park department and sent to the printer who then delivers the insert to the water utility and then the bill and the insert are placed together in an envelope for delivery.
5. At no time since I have worked at the water utility has the mayor or since he has announced his candidacy for Congress has anyone affiliated with his Congressional campaign asked that we mention anything in the flyer about his radio show.
6. The process has always been the same as mentioned in paragraph four above.
7. I was informed by our water board attorney on or around November 15, 2019 to start pulling out the inserts because a local reporter had mentioned that someone had complained about the insert to the FEC.
8. I relayed that information to our staff and they began pulling out the inserts from the remaining envelopes that had not yet been mailed out.

9. Sometime afterwards, the water utility was supplied with a new insert that we then began reinserting into the water bills. I was informed that this new insert did not mention the mayor's radio show any longer.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

I affirm under the penalties for perjury that the foregoing representations are true.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark McLaughlin", written over a horizontal line.

Mark McLaughlin

Date: 11/16/20

AFFIDAVIT OF DONNA MUTA

Comes now affiant, Donna Muta, and after being duly sworn upon her oath states as follows:

1. My name is Donna Muta. I am above the age of 18 and competent to testify to the facts contained herein, which are based upon my personal knowledge.
2. I am an employee of the City of Hammond and have worked in the Parks Department since 2004.
3. Part of my employment in the Parks Department is to work on special events within the City of Hammond and I have been involved in that role since at least 2007.
4. One of the matters that I work on during the year is an insert that goes into the water bill to Hammond water users.
5. I draft the insert and send that insert to the printer, who then prints the inset/flyer and delivers them to the water utility, who then makes sure they get put in the envelopes with the water bills.
6. Part of the insert mentions the mayor's radio show on WJOB, which I hosted for several years with the mayor, and gives the number for residents to call in with questions.
7. The part of the flyer mentioning the radio show has been the same for as long as I can remember, perhaps as far back as 2007, and was like that when I started working on special events and getting the flyer to the water department. The oldest one I could find is attached as "Exhibit 1" and is from around December of 2015. It is the same language about the radio show that appears on Exhibit "A" of complaint MUR#7667 from November of 2019.
8. I have never been asked by Mayor McDermott or anyone from city hall to include or not include that part of the insert having to do with the radio show. It was part of the flyer when I took over that responsibility and it remained that way until recently in November of 2019, when I was asked to

change it by the Park Board attorney due to a complaint that was mentioned on social media.

9. When I was asked to change the insert, I did so immediately. The changed insert and those since that time are included as Exhibits 2, 3, and 4.
10. The insert was never meant to promote the mayor's candidacy for Congress or to violate any federal election law. It was simply included as it always had been in the insert and when I found out a complaint had been filed, I immediately changed it. I believe that was in mid-November.

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Donna Muta

Date: 1-6-20

Donna Muta

# HAMMOND NEWS YOU CAN USE:

## Lost Marsh Golf Course

Lost Marsh Golf Course is closed for golfing but we offer all kinds of activities for the dreary winter months. While the weather still cooperates, come out and walk the cart paths. It's great exercise and gives those who don't golf the opportunity to experience the beauty of the course and wildlife. Once the winter weather kicks in, the course is set up for sledding and, if we get enough snowfall, cross country skiing!

## Clipper Room Available at Hammond Marina

Are you looking for a unique place to hold a banquet, party, shower or wedding? The Clipper Room, located at the Hammond Marina, offers a breathtaking view of Lake Michigan and provides a serene and peaceful setting for your special event or meeting. Our professional staff is prepared to assist in planning your occasion and will work closely with you to make your event memorable and enjoyable. Various rental rates are suited to the type of event or meeting with reduced banquet rates Mondays through Thursdays. Call 219-659-7678 or visit [hammondmarina.com](http://hammondmarina.com) for more information.

## Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Candlelight March & Celebration

"Living the Dream" Monday, January 18, 2016, 6:45 a.m. Lineup at 6:30 a.m. at Hammond City Hall. March to the Hammond Civic Center for a program afterward. For more information, contact Gloria Mabry at 853.6358 Ext. 2.

## Winter Activities at Jean Shepherd Center

Remote Controlled Pilots meets on Tuesdays and Fridays from 12-3pm. \$3 to fly, free to watch. Tuesday Night Soccer from 7-9 pm, \$4 per participant. Senior Ballroom Dancing, Wednesdays from 1-3pm, \$3 per participant. Winter Recreation on Saturdays from 9am - 12 noon for kids 5-12 years. Must register in advance. Call 853-6378.

## Ice Skating and Sledding in Hammond

Stay active outside during the weather months! Hammond Parks has 5 ice rinks throughout the city: Pulaski, Forsythe, Riverside, Hessville and Edison Parks! And don't forget sledding at the Dowling Park Sled Hill on Parrish Avenue. Call 853-6378 for more information.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### 2016 Calendar

Friday, Jan. 1 (New Year's Day) - Closed  
 Wednesday, Jan 6, Blood Drive, JSCC, 12-7pm  
 Saturday, Jan. 9 Saturday Recreation Starts, JSCC, 9-noon, call 853-6378  
 Monday, Jan. 18 (MLK Day) - Closed  
 Monday, Jan. 18 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Candlelight Walk, 6:45 am City Hall  
 Saturday, Jan. 23, Griffith v. East Chicago Basketball, Civic Center, 853-6378  
 Wednesday, Jan. 27, Mayor's Night Out, HHA, 1402-173rd St., 6:30-8:30pm  
 Monday, Feb. 15 (President's Day) - Closed  
 Wednesday, Feb. 24, Mayor's Night Out, Gavitt Cafeteria, 1670-175th St., 6:30-8:30pm  
 Friday, March 25 (Good Friday) - Closed  
 Saturday, March 26, Saturday Recreation ends today  
 Wednesday, April 27, Mayor's Night Out, Maywood Cafeteria, 1001-165th St., 6:30-8:30pm  
 Wednesday, May 25, Mayor's Night Out, HAST, 33 Muenich Court, 6:30-8:30pm  
 Monday, May 30 (Memorial Day) - Closed  
 Monday, July 4 (Independence Day) - Closed  
 Wednesday, July 20 through Sunday, July 24, Festival of the Lakes, Wolf Lake Park  
 Wednesday, August 24, Mayor's Night Out, Pavilion @ Wolf Lake, 6:30-8:30pm  
 Monday, Sept. 5 (Labor Day) - Closed  
 Monday, Oct. 10 (Columbus Day) - Closed  
 Wednesday, Oct. 26, Mayor's Night Out, Harding Cafeteria, 3211-165th St., 6:30-8:30pm  
 Thursday, Nov. 24 & Friday, Nov. 25 (Thanksgiving) - Closed  
 Monday, Dec. 26 (Christmas, observed) - Closed

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**MAYOR THOMAS M.  
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and his staff want to hear  
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in your neighborhood is listed  
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Mayor's Office 219.853.6301  
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## HAMMOND RESIDENTS

### 2016 Schedule of Dates and Locations:

All Mayor's Night Out meetings will take place from  
6:30pm – 8:30pm Dates and locations subject to change.

#### JANUARY 27

4th District • Hammond Housing Authority  
1402 173rd Street

#### FEBRUARY 24

5th District • Gavitt Middle/High School  
Cafeteria  
1670 175th Street

#### APRIL 27

3rd District • Maywood Elementary School  
Cafeteria  
1001 165th Street

#### MAY 25

2nd District • Hammond Academy for Science  
and Technology  
Rooftop Patio  
*Rain Location: 2nd Floor Blue Classroom*  
33 Muenich Court

#### AUGUST 24

1st District • Pavilion at Wolf Lake  
2324 Calumet Avenue  
*Rain Date: September 21*

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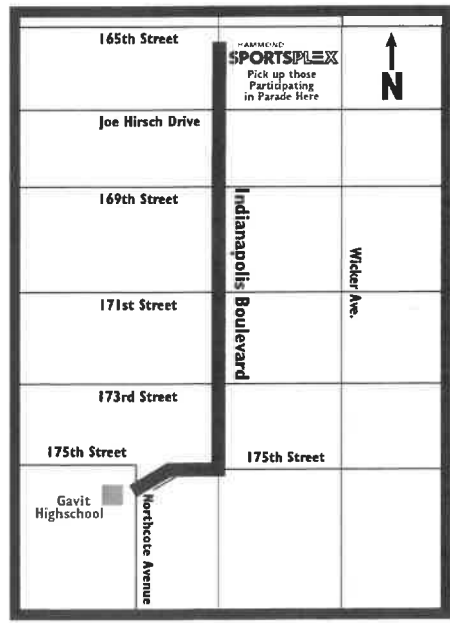
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# Holiday PARADE

## Saturday December 7 10:00 A.M.



The Holiday Parade begins at 10:00 A.M. at Gavitt High School and ends at the Hammond Sportsplex. Join us for all the fun and a great kickoff to the 2019 Holiday Season!



For more information, call Hammond Parks & Recreation at 219.853.6378 or visit [gohammond.com](http://gohammond.com)

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### YARD WASTE PROGRAM

Public Works will start picking up the 30 gallon paper, biodegradable yard waste bags on a regular weekly basis starting the week of April 15th (weather permitting) and will end the week of December 9th. Bags must not weigh more than 50 lbs. They must not be contaminated with other material such as paper, plastic or dirt, or they will not be picked up. Only grass and leaves can be placed in the yard waste bags. They will be picked up on your garbage pick-up day. Please set them out the night before to ensure on-time pick up. 853-6431 with any questions.

## Tuesday Open Gym Soccer



\$4 per youth player, \$3 for the second child, and \$5 per adult player

6 - 7 pm Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> graders

(Soccer Coach/Trainer will be available from 6 - 7 pm)

7 - 8 pm 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders

8 - 9:30 pm High School - Adult

OR

**FREE to ANNUAL MEMBERS**

of JSCC

Daily members do not receive a discount for  
Open Gym Soccer Night.

3031 JF Mahoney Drive Hammond, Indiana 46323

November 26 - December 17, 2019

January 7 - March 24, 2020

Call 219-554-0155 for more information



### SANTA CANVAS PAINTING PARTY

At the Hammond Civic Center, December 14 from 11am until 2pm. \$35 per person, cash credit card or make checks payable to the Hammond Park Department. All materials are included. Space is limited, so call before December 1st to 853-6378 to reserve your spot.

### BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY PARTY OR SPECIAL EVENT

at the Hammond Marina's Clipper Room. Call 659-7678.

### TOWLE THEATER PRESENTS MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET.

a live musical radio play, for the Christmas holidays. Call 973.8780 for tickets.



### COFFEE WITH A COP RETURNS.

Wednesday, December 11 from 8:00 am until 10:00 am at the McDonald's at 7420 Kennedy Avenue in Hessville. Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation! Contact Sgt. Holbrook with questions 852-6376. The Lost Marsh Golf Course will be open for walking, sledding and cross-country skiing, weather permitting, this winter. Call 659-7678 with questions.

### NEW LEAGUES ARE FORMING AT THE SPORTSPLEX

For the winter, including our new Youth Flag Football program. Call 853-7660 or visit [hammondsportsplex.com](http://hammondsportsplex.com) for more information.

### TUESDAY NIGHTS IN DECEMBER THE EAST SIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL SPONSORS A YOUTH OPEN GYM

for students ages 10-17 at the Hammond Civic Center from 6 to 8 pm. The cost is \$2 and you must have your school ID to enter. On Thursdays in December from 6 to 8 pm will be the only Open Gym for Adults. The cost is \$5 per adult player. Call 853-6378 with any questions.

### INAUGURATION CEREMONY

The swearing in ceremony for the Hammond City Council will take place at the Sportsplex at 6630 Indianapolis Boulevard on January 1 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The ceremony is free and open to the public. Join us for cookies after the ceremony in the Community Room.

### CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

The afternoon of Tuesday, December 24 for Christmas Eve and all day on Wednesday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday and also on Tuesday afternoon, December 31 in recognition of the New Year's Eve holiday and all day on January 1, 2020 to recognize the New Year's Day holiday.

**HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY  
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3rd District • Sportsplex Community Room  
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2nd District • HUB of Innovation  
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## FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Hammond's Black History program will be on Thursday, February 6, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., at the Sportsplex on the Jimmy John's soccer field.

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<http://gohammond.com/calendar/>

## HAMMOND IFC LEAGUES NOW FORMING

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## SPORTSPLEX COED YOUTH HOUSE VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

is now OPEN! Register online only [hammondsportsplex.com](http://hammondsportsplex.com).

## PICKLE BALL

Pickle Ball is coming to the Sportsplex. Sign up now to be a part of the first leagues. League types will be determined by the amount of interest received. Visit [hammondsportsplex.com/dodgeball](http://hammondsportsplex.com/dodgeball) to sign up or call 853-7660 for more information.

## INTRODUCING NWI TRADITION BASKETBALL CLUB

Tryouts will start in January. Dates to follow soon. To preregister, visit: [www.nwitrade.com](http://www.nwitrade.com) or email Kym at [robertsk@gohammond.com](mailto:robertsk@gohammond.com) with any questions.

Mayor Thomas M. McDermott Jr., The City of Hammond, and The Ministerial Alliance of Hammond and Vicinity present:

# Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Candlelight March

## "Keep Moving Forward"

### Monday, January 20, 2020

This year's march begins with a 6:30am ribbon cutting to dedicate Hammond's new Freedom Plaza, located at Tapper Avenue & Highland Street, and lighting of the Plaza's Eternal Flame.

After the dedication, join us as we march to the Hammond Civic Center where festivities will continue.



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The above-named individual and/or firm is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

1/4/20  
Date

(Signature - Respondent/Agent/Treasurer)

Respondent  
Title

Thomas McDermott Jr  
(Name - Please Print)

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