

LINDA SOTO

Lake County

Linda is married with two grown sons. In 1993 her family was among the first of the new residents to build a new house in Hainesville after the village voted to let housing development come to their rural farming community. During this time Central Lake County was experiencing explosive growth in residential housing. She organized and chaired a residential volunteer group to get Hainesville's first community park built, Antler Park. This park is now owned and maintained by the Grayslake Community Park District. This project catapulted her into candidacy in future village elections.

Linda was elected Hainesville Village Trustee in April 1995 and then Mayor in 1997. She was elected Mayor again in 2009, re-elected in 2013 and completed that term May 9, 2017. She then chose not to seek re-election. Linda has a Business Degree and over 30 years Customer Service Management experience.

Over the years Linda has served on various committees and boards which include the Hainesville Wetland and Woodlands Committee, an Emergency Telephone Service Board (ETSB 911) for CenCom, both the Executive and Legislative Committees for the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO), the Northwest Sewer Advisory Board and the Strategic Planning Committee for Grayslake Community High School District 127.

Illinois Route 120 and Route 134 meet in the Hainesville Village boundaries so it is no surprise that Linda served on the Route 120 Corridor Planning Council and then served on both the Land Use and Finance Committee for the Route 53/120 Blue Ribbon Advisory Council.

In Fall of 2015 Lake County Chairman, Aaron Lawlor appointed Linda to the PACE Board of Directors representing Lake County to fill a vacancy due to Director Dick Welton's passing (former mayor of Gurnee).

Linda has been successful in getting additional bus shelter locations and some old bus shelters replaced. The North Garage in Waukegan recently completed bus replacement and now boasts the newest Fleet in Pace Service. Other projects include improved service and safety for Six Flags/Gurnee employees, Barrington I-90 Flex Lane Access, and Edens I-94 Bus on Shoulder Lake-Cook Service.

Linda also serves on the Pace Audit Committee and attended the 2018 American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) Triennial EXPO which is public transit's premier showcase of technology, products and services.

Linda is committed and very passionate about the Lake County Transportation Alliance's advocacy for improving the quality of life in Lake County through a multi-modal transportation network that provides mobility and economic opportunity for all.