

# Will & Grundy Counties Building Trades Council

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President

September 6, 2018

Mr. Joe VanDuyne

Candidate for Election  
Will County Board of the 6th District

On July 18, 2018, you requested to address the delegates of the Will & Grundy Building Trades Council, and you being a Union member, were able to address our delegates. During your address you stated that you were 100% Union, your family having a long line of Union members, and you were supportive of new construction projects. Several delegates, including myself, asked specific questions to you about projects that the Will & Grundy Building Trades Council were in support of, that would create thousands of jobs for our membership. Specific projects discussed were Northpoint Properties, Cullinan Properties, Jackson Power, I-80 Reconstruction, and the Houbolt Bridge Project. When questions were directed to you regarding if you were elected to the Will County Board District 6 seat, would you vote for the aforementioned proposed construction projects? Your response was yes, I would vote for those projects. Specifically a delegate asked about Northpoint Properties, you again confirmed that you would vote yes for the project.

On August 15, 2018 the Will & Grundy Building Trades Council had a closed door political endorsement session with the Will/Grundy Building Trades Executive Board and Delegates. When the discussion of Will County Board District 6 came up, Joe VanDuyne was recommended and unanimously endorsed. The endorsement was based on his testimony and from questions he answered about the aforementioned construction projects, specifically Northpoint Properties. Mr. VanDuyne was sent a letter of Endorsement by Will & Grundy Building Trades Council to freely use however he chooses to.

August 28, 2018 I received a phone call from Mr. Joe VanDuyne, stating that after knocking on doors and speaking with constituents in Will County Board District 6, it was very evident that most constituents were against the Northpoint Properties construction project. I responded what are you telling me Joe? Mr. VanDuyne stated to me that he was changing his support on the Northpoint Properties and he would not support the project. Mr. VanDuyne also stated that

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if he did support the Northpoint Properties project, he would never be elected to the Will County Board District 6 seat. I stated that I disagreed with his position. Mr. VanDuyne stood firm in his position to not support the Northpoint Properties project.

September 5, 2018 Mr. VanDuyne was asked to address the Will/Grundy Building Trades Delegates. During the meeting several delegates asked why he changed his support of the Northpoint Properties project and he reiterated what he stated to me previously, that if he supported the Northpoint Properties project he would not get elected to Will County Board District 6. It became evident to the Building Trades delegates and me, that Mr. VanDuyne could be easily coerced to change his support on decisions that would affect thousands of jobs for the hardworking Union men and women represented by the Building Trades. For this type of insecure judgement the Will & Grundy Building Trades Council feels we do not need Mr. VanDuyne in a leadership role. After discussion, the delegates voted unanimously to rescind his endorsement, effective immediately.

Sincerely,

*Donald "Doc" Gregory*

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