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Evanston, IL 60202

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Frank Kaminski, Chief of Police
Evanston Police Department
1454 Elmwood Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201

EVANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dear Chief Kaminski:

I am writing to thank you for the service of one of your officers over this past weekend during my move into Evanston.

On Sunday, April 29, I was en route from Chicago with a moving truck to my new condominium at 600 Sheridan Square when a friend, who was already at my condo, informed me that cars were parked in the "No Parking for Residential Move" parking spaces in front of the building. I phoned Evanston's non-emergency number and explained the problem and was told that an officer would be out shortly.

It was an enormous relief when I arrived with my moving truck to discover there was in fact a police officer there ticketing and having the parked vehicles towed.

In contrast, two hours before I made my way up to Evanston, I ran into a similar problem with my moving van and parking in Chicago. After using Chicago's 311 services, an officer showed up at my Chicago residence, I was told that there really was not anything that the officer could do in regards to the cars occupying "No Parking" spaces.

I grew up in Evanston, but have lived in Chicago for the past few years. My decision to return to live in Evanston was in large part prompted by a feeling that in Chicago, city officials, law enforcement officers, and elected officials show a real lack of regard for community members and the everyday small quandaries we might face.

While towing and ticketing cars on a Sunday morning seems like a mundane activity in a police officer's day, it was a huge help to me and made a stressful move much easier. I thank you and your officers for taking things like parking violations seriously and helping the community. Evanston is a wonderful place to live and a responsive police department like yours is something that separates our community from others.

Sincerely,

cc/Alderman Melissa A. Wynne