

## **Chocolate Festival Release from Complaint**

**April 26th, 2022**

**Complainants:**

Finch Household  
Sielemann Household  
Pastor Household

**To:**

The Board of the Village of Long Grove,  
President Bill Jacob  
Trustee Borawski  
Trustee Kritzmire  
Trustee Michaud  
Trustee O'Connor  
Trustee O'Reilly  
Trustee Tinucci  
Clerk Schmitke

Dear Board of Long Grove,

Due to recent efforts to resolve and limit legal disputes on downtown events persisting past 9 p.m. we are removing Chocolate Fest (May 20th, 21st & 22nd 2022) from our complaint dated November 29th, 2021 at this time and will not contest permit approvals for the 2022 Chocolate Festival.

We feel the festival application and the improvements since our 2018 petition have been “good enough” for us to resolve the matter without a dispute. While we would still appreciate the Trustees look at other alternatives to the main stage placement to eliminate the need for the Finch household to leave their homes during the festival, we understand that the festivals provide long term revenues that we do not want to see the downtown merchants lose and while we still do not agree that a “festival brand” is sustainable long term to the economic development of downtown, there is no doubt that the revenues are needed in the interim while downtown Long Grove continues to figure out what its destination brand will be.

Thank you,

Finch Household  
Sielemann Household  
Pastor Household