Part 1:

1.   Rick Lesser

2.   Village President

Part 2:

1. Why do you wish to serve on this board?

    A: I am running for Village President because I believe in Lake Bluff's future as a family-oriented village. I see a need for leadership that emphasizes cost cutting, encourages economic growth and keeps new residential developments in harmony with our existing housing. Please see my full statement on Daily North Shore: http://jwcdaily.com/2016/11/11/opinion-why-i-want-to-be-lb-president-2/

2. What strengths, skills, and personal attributes will you bring top this board position?

    A: My wife, Terry, and I have lived in Lake Bluff for more than 20 years and raised our four children here. From 2003 – 2011, I served on the Village Board as a Trustee, lending my expertise as an attorney to important issues facing Lake Bluff. Public service is important to me. I am a proud former President of the Lake County Bar Association and the LF/LB Chamber of Commerce.

3. What do you see as the most pressing issues facing this board?

    A: The development of Blocks 2 and 3 in the Central Business District, the development of the former Harrison Conference Center Property in conformity with the Comprehensive Plan, the re-purposing of the Industrial Park on Waukegan Road, obtaining control over the North Side of Route 176, eliminating foolish and excessive spending, continuing to provide EMT Services if Lake Forest merges its department with other communities, and improving safe access through the Route 176 viaduct. Additionally, the poor management of the Police Pension Fund and the failure to spend adequately on infrastructure, especially sewers, are an ongoing problem.

4. What decision or goal reached by this board are you most pleased with and why?

    A: When I was on the Village Board, we spent $2 Million on downtown streetscape, loosened liquor restrictions, and supported the renovation of the Central Business District in a manner that was in harmony with the surrounding neighborhood. We enjoy the fruits of those policies today.