

A Statement by
VISTA del LAGO

concerning developments at the MASS-MEETING held in Town Hall, Wilmette, Tuesday Night, October 19, and public discussion of a proposal before the Wilmette Park District Board to levy a special assessment to purchase Gage's Addition as a public park.

For the information of Wilmette Park District tax-payers, residents and business men, Vista del Lago submits the following five outstanding developments:

- (1) Vista del Lago and its high ideals as a social club "for every member of the family every day of the year" was commented on favorably by every speaker (on either side) including several leaders of the special assessment park project.
- (2) That millions of dollars may well be involved in a prohibitive-cost special assessment proceedings, rather than the insignificant amount first suggested by the park projectors, became a matter of public knowledge and concern to Wilmette tax-payers.
- (3) The FACT officially was established that KENILWORTH tax-payers are not in any way bound or liable by special park assessments of the Wilmette Park District Board, and that any small group of men attempting to pledge voluntary special assessments from several thousand Kenilworth tax-payers were speaking without the slightest legal authority for enforcing such special contributions.
- (4) The question of the desirability of a public park, paid for in special assessments exclusively by Wilmette tax-payers, and enjoyed by tens of thousands of non-contributing motorists from Chicago and its West Side, was warmly discussed.
- (5) Last and most important, notice was given the Wilmette Park District Board by a Wilmette Tax-Payer that a petition was NOW IN CIRCULATION among Wilmette tax-payers protesting against any special assessment visionary park purchasing proposal, indicating publicly for the first time that opinion among those who might be assessed is by no means as unanimous as has been represented in statements to the press.

Vista del Lago submits that the best business judgment of Wilmette tax-payers will prevail, and that as all the legal and financial facts become known, Vista del Lago will continue to be welcomed by north shore residents and its club members as a magnificent addition to those substantial improvements that have made Chicago's north shore one of the World's garden spots.

Respectfully Transmitted!

J. STUART BLACKTON,

Chairman of the Board!