



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Minutes of the Business and Economic Development Committee**

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

10:30 AM

**Cook County Building, Board Room,
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois
(Board Room Closed to Public -
Meeting Virtual for Public)**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison and Morrison (9)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to allow for remote participation in meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison and Morrison (9)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman Gainer asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.

No public speakers

[22-6488](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 10/19/2022

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to approve 22-6488. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison and Morrison (9)

[22-5870](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and SEAN M. MORRISON, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Exeter 11130 King, LLC 6B PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST

WHEREAS, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b application containing the following information:

Applicant: Exeter 11130 King, LLC

Address: 11130 King Street, Franklin Park, Illinois

Municipality or Unincorporated Township: Village of Franklin Park

Cook County District: 17th District

Permanent Index Number: 12-20-300-030-0000

Municipal Resolution Number: Village of Franklin Park, Resolution No. 2122-R-01

Number of month property vacant/abandoned: 12 months vacant

Special circumstances justification requested: Yes

Proposed use of property: Industrial use - warehousing, manufacturing, and/or distribution

Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided: Yes

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned industrial facility; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 24 continuous months, have been purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

WHEREAS, in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances may exist that

justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 6b; and

WHEREAS, in the case of abandonment of less than 24 months and purchase for value, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

WHEREAS, Class 6b requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 24 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

WHEREAS, the municipality states the Class 6b is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of abandoned with special circumstances; and

WHEREAS, industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 6b will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 6b; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to recommend for approval 22-5870. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison and Morrison (9)

[22-5887](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

James R. Carr Trust 6B PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST

WHEREAS, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b application containing the following information:

Applicant: James R. Carr Trust

Address: 500-520 Bonnie Lane, Elk Grove Village, Illinois

Municipality or Unincorporated Township: Village of Elk Grove

Cook County District: 17th District

Permanent Index Number: 08-27-102-058-0000

Municipal Resolution Number: Village of Elk Grove, Resolution No. 43-20

Number of month property vacant/abandoned: Over 1.5 years for 7,500 Sq. Ft. & 2 months for the remaining 7,500 Sq. Ft.

Special circumstances justification requested: Yes

Proposed use of property: Industrial use - warehousing, manufacturing, and/or distribution

Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided: Yes

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned industrial facility; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 24 continuous months, have been purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

WHEREAS, in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances may exist that justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 6b; and

WHEREAS, in the case of abandonment of less than 24 months and purchase for value, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

WHEREAS, Class 6b requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 24 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

WHEREAS, the municipality states the Class 6b is necessary for development to occur on this specific

real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of abandoned with special circumstances; and

WHEREAS, industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 6b will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 6b; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to recommend for approval 22-5887. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison and Morrison (9)

[22-5889](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and FRANK J. AGUILAR, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

MBM Hawthorne Real Estate, LLC 6B PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST

WHEREAS, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b application containing the following information:

Applicant: MBM Hawthorne Real Estate, LLC

Address: 1975 N. Hawthorne Avenue, Melrose Park, Illinois

Municipality or Unincorporated Township: Village of Melrose Park

Cook County District: 16th District

Permanent Index Number: 12-33-400-052-0000

Municipal Resolution Number: Village of Melrose Park, Resolution No. 105-21

Number of month property vacant/abandoned: three (3) months vacant

Special circumstances justification requested: Yes

Proposed use of property: Industrial use - warehousing, manufacturing, and/or distribution

Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided: Yes

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned industrial facility; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 24 continuous months, have been purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

WHEREAS, in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances may exist that justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 6b; and

WHEREAS, in the case of abandonment of less than 24 months and purchase for value, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

WHEREAS, Class 6b requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 24 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

WHEREAS, the municipality states the Class 6b is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of abandoned with special circumstances; and

WHEREAS, industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 6b will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 6b; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to recommend for approval 22-5889. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison and Morrison (9)

[22-5890](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

DPS Enterprise LLC CLASS 8 PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST

WHEREAS, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 8 application containing the following information:

Applicant: DPS Enterprise LLC

Address: 72 East Sauk Trail, South Chicago Heights, Illinois

Municipality or Unincorporated Township: Village of South Chicago Heights

Cook County District: 6th District

Permanent Index Number: 32-33-101-033-0000 and 32-33-101-035-0000

Municipal Resolution Number: Village of South Chicago Heights, Resolution NO. 20-21-R-37

Number of month property vacant/abandoned: 19 months vacant

Special circumstances justification requested: Yes

Proposed use of property: Industrial use - warehousing and distribution

Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided: Yes

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 8 that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned industrial facility; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for more than 24 continuous months, there has been no purchase for value by a purchaser and the property is in need of substantial rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances may exist that justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 8; and

WHEREAS, in the case of abandonment of over 24 months and no purchase for value by a disinterested buyer, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property as being deemed abandoned; and

WHEREAS, Class 8 requires a resolution by the County Board validating the property as abandoned for the purpose of Class 8; and

WHEREAS, the municipality states the Class 8 is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of abandoned with special circumstances; and

WHEREAS; commercial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying commercial real estate eligible for the Class 8 can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 8 will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 8; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to recommend for approval 22-5890. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison and Morrison (9)

[22-5895](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Land O' Frost CLASS 8 PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST

WHEREAS, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 8 application containing the following information:

Applicant: Land O' Frost

Address: 16775 Chicago Ave, Lansing, Illinois

Municipality or Unincorporated Township: Village of Lansing

Cook County District: 4th District

Permanent Index Number: 30-19-422-009-0000

Municipal Resolution Number: Village of Lansing, Resolution No.1289

Number of month property vacant/abandoned: 23 days vacant

Special circumstances justification requested: Yes

Proposed use of property: Industrial use - Distribution and Warehousing

Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided: Yes

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 8 that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned commercial facility; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 24 continuous months, have been purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

WHEREAS, in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances may exist that justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 8; and

WHEREAS, in the case of abandonment of less than 24 months and purchase for value, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

WHEREAS, Class 8 requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 24 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

WHEREAS, the municipality states the Class 8 is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of abandoned with special circumstances; and

WHEREAS; commercial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying commercial real estate eligible for the Class 8 can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 8 will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 8; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to recommend for approval 22-5895. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison and Morrison (9)

[22-5898](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and FRANK J. AGUILAR, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

1501 West, LLC 6B PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST

WHEREAS, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b application containing the following information:

Applicant: 1501 West, LLC

Address: 1501 N. 31st Avenue, Melrose Park, Illinois

Municipality or Unincorporated Township: Village of Melrose Park

Cook County District: 16th District

Permanent Index Number: 15-04-207-029-0000

Municipal Resolution Number: Village of Melrose Park, Resolution No. 109-19

Number of month property vacant/abandoned: 18 months vacant

Special circumstances justification requested: Yes

Proposed use of property: Industrial use- warehousing and distribution

Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided: Yes

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned industrial facility; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 24 continuous months, have been purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

WHEREAS, in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances may exist that justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 6b; and

WHEREAS, in the case of abandonment of less than 24 months and purchase for value, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

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WHEREAS, industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property

from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 6b will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 6b; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to recommend for approval 22-5898. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison and Morrison (9)

[22-5899](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and DEBORAH SIMS, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Jiffy Park Forest LLC CLASS 8 PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST

WHEREAS, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 8 application containing the following information:

Applicant: Jiffy Park Forest LLC

Address: 2551 Western Avenue, Park Forest, Illinois

Municipality or Unincorporated Township: Village of Park Forest

Cook County District: 5th District

Permanent Index Number: 32-30-106-080-0000

Municipal Resolution Number: Village of Park Forest, Resolution No. R-22-10

Number of month property vacant/abandoned: 24 months vacant

Special circumstances justification requested: Yes

Proposed use of property: Commercial Use - car care center

Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided: N/A

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 8 that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned industrial facility; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for more than 24 continuous months, there has been no purchased for value by a purchaser and the property is in need of substantial rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances may exist that justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 8; and

WHEREAS, in the case of abandonment of over 24 months and no purchase for value by a disinterested buyer, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property as being deemed abandoned; and

WHEREAS, Class 8 requires a resolution by the County Board validating the property as abandoned for the purpose of Class 8; and

WHEREAS, the municipality states the Class 8 is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of abandoned with special circumstances; and

WHEREAS; commercial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying commercial real estate eligible for the Class 8 can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 8 will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 8; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to recommend for approval 22-5899. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison and Morrison (9)

[22-6084](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE II PROGRAM - U.S. Treasury GRANT RECEIPT

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2021, the Cook County Board of Commissioners authorized the Bureau of Economic Development (“BED”) to develop a County program for the distribution of the allocated funding to provide aid to eligible Cook County households in compliance with the terms of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the United States Treasury Department (the “Treasury”) under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 made available \$21.55 Billion to States, U.S. territories, Indian tribes, and local governments for Emergency Rental Assistance II (“ERA II”) to assist households who are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the Covid-19 pandemic, of which \$75,174,936.50, including the Base Allocation of \$57, 610,056.70 and High Need Allocation of \$17,564,879.80, has been allocated to and received by Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has significantly committed and awarded the substantial portion of funds received under ERA II through its Cook County Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance II Program, with a significant number of eligible Cook County households demonstrating additional and ongoing need for rental assistance, arising from the Pandemic and post-Pandemic recovery, exceeding Cook County receipts under ERA II from Treasury; and

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2022, Cook County applied for the first reallocation of ERA II Grant funds from Treasury of which \$2,600,862.32 was awarded to Cook County from the redistribution of ERA II Grant funds from the National Pool; and

WHEREAS, Sections 8 and 9 of the Cook County FY 2020 and FY 2021 Annual Appropriations Bill (the “Appropriation Bill”) authorize the Cook County Budget Director (the “Budget Director”) to make budgetary transfers in an amount equal to or less than \$50,000 without advance approval of the Board; and

WHEREAS, except for budgetary transfers authorized in Section 8 of the Appropriation Bill, transfers greater than \$50,000 that are within and between the Personal Services, Contractual Services, Supplies and Materials, Operation and Maintenance, Rental and Leasing, Capital Equipment, and Improvements, or Contingency or Special Purposes account series require advance approval by the Cook County Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) or the Cook County Hospital System Board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the receipt of ERA II Grant Funds from the United States Treasury to Cook County in the amount of \$2,600,862.32 to provide rental assistance to eligible households in Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Budget Director is hereby authorized to accept all funds from the U.S. Treasury, allocated to Cook County under the ERA II Program, and to allocate and transfer all such appropriated funds to BED within a special purpose fund established to track the acceptance and spending of such funds to continue the County's ERA II Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby supports BED initiatives to provide rental and utility assistance to suburban Cook County households who are unable to pay rent and utilities as a result of COVID-19 and further supports the allocation of \$2,600,862.36 in ERA II funds to support the existing ERA II Program in the form of rental assistance, utility assistance, marketing and outreach, operations and logistics and community partnerships to address the needs of residents in suburban Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes BED to continue the Cook County Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance II Program and, in accordance with the grant, select organizations and government agencies as well as enter into any agreements as necessary with the selected organizations and government agencies to provide rental and utility assistance to eligible households; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chief of BED or its designee to modify the agreements and funding allocations to all BED selected organizations and government agencies based upon need and utilization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief of the Bureau of Economic Development shall issue periodic reports to the Cook County Board of Commissioners regarding the progress of the ERA II Program.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to recommend for approval 22-6084. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison and Morrison (9)

[22-5730](#)

Presented by: XOCHITL FLORES, Chief, Bureau of Economic Development

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

THE GREATER CHICAGOLAND ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership (GCEP) is an economic development

initiative for the seven-county region of northeastern Illinois (the "Region") formed among the economic development entities and elected officials of the Region to partner and collaborate on specific projects, share resources, and provide data and analysis to improve and enhance economic development within the Region; and

WHEREAS, the GCEP aims to strengthen the seven county region's economic recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic and to increase and maintain economic resilience by fostering opportunities for collaboration on initiatives that benefit the entire Region; and

WHEREAS, the GCEP serves Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will Counties and the City of Chicago whose diverse and dynamic economy is at the center of global trade routes and boasts major assets in transportation infrastructure, information technology and manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, said Region, which more than 30 Fortune 500 headquarters across seven counties call home, is one of the world's top ten most competitive economies and repeatedly ranks highly in global competitiveness and the pace of foreign investment; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago region is rich in assets, including diverse industries, a highly skilled workforce and essential infrastructure; has the potential to perform better by working collaboratively and collectively across jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS the elected leadership of the seven counties and the City of Chicago share a desire to jointly advance equity across the Region. To those ends, GCEP participants have expressed their shared commitments in principle to:

1. Improve Chicagoland's labor market with increased access to high-quality jobs; and
2. Develop strategies to support the growth of key economic sectors through efforts to support the retention and expansion of existing businesses, attract new businesses, and showcase the regions's competitive business ecosystem; and
3. To market the region, recognizing that improved regional economic development will benefit the individual communities and projects that the participating economic development entities represent; and
4. Think and act regionally to eliminate duplicative efforts, achieve greater economies of scale, better leverage resources, and create a business environment that is more attractive to private investment; and
5. Pursue equity in the design and outcomes of regionwide initiatives to ensure that greater economic opportunity, jobs, and investment contribute to regional prosperity, recognizing that regions with the least inequality perform the best; and

WHEREAS, the GCEP will identify and agree to undertake specific projects in pursuit of the above goals (the “Project”) and will identify a Project Sponsor for each project; and

WHEREAS, each Project Sponsor will manage the selected project, accept funds from the Parties and/or any third-party donors to pay related expenses from those funds, and to manage all respective compliance for such Project.

WHEREAS, World Business Chicago will serve as the Project Sponsor for the inaugural project called, “Regional Business Development” as outlined in ATTACHMENT A; and

WHEREAS, GCEP participants will sign an agreement among the parties to provide annual funds as payment for this three year pilot and/or reimbursement for costs incurred in connection with approved Projects. Unless otherwise provided for in said agreement, the allocation of all costs is to be divided by jurisdiction, based on a formula that incorporates the arithmetic mean of their share of the population in the Region and their share of employment in the Region. The schedule of cost allocations by Jurisdictions for the first year is provided in ATTACHMENT B; and

WHEREAS, Cook County will request that World Business Chicago (WBC) report to the Cook County Board Committee on Economic Development after the first year of operation on its first year of work and impact; and

WHEREAS, each of the seven counties and the City of Chicago via its agent, World Business Chicago, have committed to the annual costs set forth in ATTACHMENT B which vary for each of the participating jurisdictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Chief of the Bureau of Economic Development, or his or her designee, to enter into an agreement among the participants of the GCEP, to provide payment of \$290,462 for Year 1 of this three-year Project.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to recommend for approval 22-5730. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison and Morrison (9)

[22-5753](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

2-1-1 METRO CHICAGO INITIATIVE TO BE LED BY THE UNITED WAY OF METRO CHICAGO

WHEREAS, the social services network in Cook County includes a complex system of service providers and the burden of navigating available services often falls on residents; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic brought greater focus to the needs for various social and human services, highlighting the need for a comprehensive, centralized information and referral system for human and social service access; and

WHEREAS, Cook County, the City of Chicago, the United Way of Metro Chicago, and the Heartland Alliance desire to implement a 2-1-1 system, an information and referral system for health and social services that has been implemented successfully across the country; and

WHEREAS, the above stakeholders convened an Advisory Committee with participation by the Bureau of Economic Development (BED) in early 2021 to determine how to establish and implement a 2-1-1 system in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, that Advisory Committee, after a systematic review of the top 2-1-1 systems in the United States and research on operating and governance options, determined that the United Way of Metro Chicago was the recommended entity to receive a grant to operate the 2-1-1 system in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Cook County, in collaboration with the City of Chicago, desires to support the implementation of 2-1-1 Metro Chicago to better serve our residents; and

WHEREAS, Cook County and the City of Chicago have each agreed to provide funding through the 2024 calendar year to operate the 2-1-1 system with the intent to determine and provide further funding of the system on an ongoing basis, subject to annual appropriation by the City and County's governing bodies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes BED to enter into a multiyear Grant Agreement with **United Way of Metro Chicago** on behalf of Cook County, subject to annual appropriation by the Board of Commissioners, in an aggregate amount of up to **\$2,300,000** to implement and operate **2-1-1 Metro Chicago**, which will include a comprehensive information and referral helpline for social and human services in Cook County that will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Residents who contact 2-1-1 Metro Chicago will be able to access information, referrals to local resources and services, and personalized assistance depending on each resident's needs and preferences; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes that time is of the essence and authorizes the Chief of the Bureau of Economic Development to negotiate and enter into an agreement that outlines the specific metrics and impact data, and compliance with all County reporting and monitoring requirements with United Way of Metro Chicago to implement the above program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the

Chief of the Bureau of Economic Development or its designee to modify the agreement and funding allocation based upon need and utilization.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to recommend for approval 22-5753. The motion carried by the following vote:

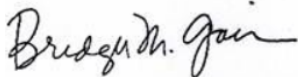
Ayes: Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison and Morrison (9)

ADJOURNMENT

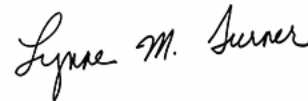
A motion was made by Vice Chairman Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Gainer, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morrison and Morrison (9)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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