



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

Third New Items Agenda

for the

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, May 20, 2015, 11:00 AM

15-3440

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION REFERRING THE ISSUE OF GUN VIOLENCE TO A MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, According to the most reliable public information available at present, 139 homicides have occurred in the City of Chicago since January of 2015; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago is the county seat and exists entirely within the boundaries of the County of Cook; and,

WHEREAS, Through its administration of the Health and Hospitals System, the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center, the Cook County Jail, and the Cook County Circuit Court, Cook County is heavily impacted by the costs of and associated with gun violence; and

WHEREAS, A study by the University of Chicago Crime Lab puts the financial toll of gun violence at approximately \$2.5 billion annually, factoring in lost productivity, medical and psychiatric care, and the antisocial behavior that can often result from untreated trauma; and,

WHEREAS, It is both in the interests of the taxpayers and the responsibility of the fiscal stewards of the Cook County that the issue and the costs associated with gun violence be examined in depth by the committee of the Board tasked with reviewing matters of human rights throughout the County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the President of Cook County and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that the issue of gun violence be referred to a meeting of the Human Relations Committee of the Cook County Board of Commissioners.