

STATEMENT OF JUDITH E. HAMILL—ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Cook County Board of Commissioners: My name is **Judith E. Hamill**. I appear today for your consideration of my nomination for appointment to the **Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals**. As a life-long Cook County resident with widespread involvement and experience with suburban issues, I understand the importance of fairly adjudicating zoning and land use issues for unincorporated Cook County. I am most appreciative for this opportunity to serve.

My career has included over 30 years of public service in municipal and county government, 5 years in government relations and grant-writing for The John Marshall Law School, and nearly 7 years in private consulting (with Thomas H. Miner and Associates and on my own). I also hold two Master's Degrees: one in Urban Planning and Policy from the University of Illinois at Chicago and the other in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. My professional experience in urban planning, public administration, grant application and management, capital project oversight, accessibility construction, airport noise abatement (including being the Secretary to the O'Hare Advisory Committee and sound-proofing 61 schools, two-thirds of which were in suburban Cook County), movie film shoot coordination, and my long-standing charitable and non-profit volunteerism will be assets to the Zoning Board. I hope to offer a breadth of experience, a unique perspective, and specialized qualifications.

My professional memberships include: Chicago Women in Planning and Development, Chicago Women in Philanthropy, Chicago Women in Government Relations, Chicago Bar Association Chorus, and the University of Illinois at Chicago and Harvard University Alumni Associations. My previous grant work has directly benefitted various Cook County municipalities, including Calumet City, Chicago Heights, Chicago Ridge, Ford Heights, Lynnwood, Nilens, Franklin Park, and Wilmette in addition to Nilens, Maine, Palatine, Rich, Wheeling, and Worth Townships. I am committed to maintaining the Chicago metropolitan area as a thriving community. I am especially proud that very early in my career I administered the grant programs and construction projects which created accessibility to the Adler Planetarium, Art Institute, Chicago Academy of Sciences, Chicago Historical Society, Field Museum, Goodman Theater, Museum of Contemporary Art, Museum of Science and Industry, Orchestra Hall, and Shedd Aquarium.

I truly appreciate President Preckwinkle's support and confidence in advancing this recommendation. If confirmed by this Committee and the County Board I will endeavor, to the best of my ability, to serve the people of Cook County with diligence and fairness, proving myself worthy of this most important public trust.

Thank you for the opportunity to address you. I am pleased to answer all of your questions and inquiries.