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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Rainah Folk
Organization (if any):	University of Illinois Extension serving Cook County
City/Town:	Chicago and Suburban Cook County
State:	IL

Q2

Cook County Board Meeting - 6/12/2025 10a

Tell us which meeting you wish to be recorded as a witness. If you don't know the meeting or date, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar. Please fill out a separate form for each meeting at which you wish to speak.

Q3

Tell us the File ID number (example 17-0000) of the item on which you are registering your position. If you don't know the number, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look it up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar

N/A-- Public Testimony

Q4

REGISTER IN FAVOR of a specific item (You may add written comments below)

What do you want to do?

Q5

Written Statement? You can type or copy/paste any written statement you want included in the meeting record here. If this is not enough space, or you have other attachments for distribution, please email them to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov

Please accept this statement on behalf of University of Illinois Extension serving Cook County.

We are asking for your support in an important initiative to understand the quality of life issues of Cook County residents as part of our strategic planning process and to guide our program development, partnerships, outreach, and services for the next three years.

As part of this initiative, we have launched a community survey (go.illinois.edu/cookcounty) for residents to understand our current outreach, interaction with programs, and what issues are most important to address in communities throughout Cook County. Additionally, we have begun a series of community forums to hear from organizations, key community stakeholders, and elected officials to voice their thoughts about the emerging trends and issues they are seeing as they work to address gaps in the services they provide. The information we gather through the surveys and community forums will allow us to better support communities through areas of environment, economy, community, health, food and agriculture, youth development, and aging among other things.

Your support will help us to extend education and services to individuals, families, and communities that have never interacted with Illinois Extension. Additionally, this connection will exemplify your commitment to serving communities strategically with intentionality and respect. I look forward to addressing the board.

Kindly,
Rainah Folk

Q6

**Requesting to address the Board or Committee live
(virtually) at the meeting**

Please Indicate if you are only submitting written testimony or if you wish to address the Committee live (virtually) at the meeting.

Q7

If requesting to address the Board or Committee live (virtually or in-person), please provide an email address and phone number (This is required to receive and an invitation to the virtual meeting).

Email Address

rfolk2@illinois.edu

Phone Number

773-418-1860

Q8

No

If addressing the Board or Committee live (in-person or virtually), do you require translation services?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

If yes, which language do you need translated?