



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Minutes of the Zoning and Building Committee**

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

9:30 AM

Virtual Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Present: Silvestri, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (17)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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

See attached

[21-0481](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 11/16/2020

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Vice Chairman Britton, to approve 21-0481. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[21-0483](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 11/18/2020

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 21-0483. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[20-3562](#)

Sponsored by: SCOTT R. BRITTON and KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 42- Human Relations, Article IV, Residential Tenant and Landlord Ordinance, Sections 42-80 through 42-89 of the Cook County Code, is hereby enacted as follows:

Chapter 42 - HUMAN RELATIONS

Article IV. - Residential Tenant and Landlord Ordinance

Sec. 42-80 - Title, Purpose & Scope

Sec. 42-81 - Exclusions

Sec. 42-82 - Definitions

Sec. 42-83 - Rental Agreements

Sec. 42-84 - Tenant Rights & Obligations

Sec. 42-85 - Landlord Rights & Obligations

Sec. 42-86 - Summary Attachment to Rental Agreement

Sec. 42-87 - Civil Actions by County

Sec. 42-88 - Rights & Remedies Under Other Laws

Sec. 42-89 - Severability

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect June 1, 2021, with the exception of the Anti-Lockout Provision under Sec. 42-85 which will go into effect immediately upon adoption.

Click for full text: <https://tinyurl.com/y4lprmlo>

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to accept as substituted 20-3562. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (17)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to recommend for deferral as substituted 20-3562. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (17)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to suspend the rules to take up supplemental agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (17)

[21-0473](#)

Presented by: TIMOTHY P. BLEUHER, Commissioner, Department of Building and Zoning

EXTENSION OF TIME SPECIAL USE ZONING CASES

Department: Building and Zoning

Request: Extension of Time for a previously granted Special Use SU-18-0008

Township: Bloom

County District: #6

Property Address: 21940 Torrence ave, Sauk Village, IL

Owner: Verdin Brothers Properties LLC. 1485 E. 231st Street, Steger, IL 60475

Agent/Attorney: Michael Borkowski, Community Solar Group, LLC. 4849 Rugby Ave, Bethesda, MD 20814

Case Number: SU-18-0008

Date Granted by Board of Commissioners: 12/12/2018

Conditions: One-year extension was granted before and it is set to expire on 12/12/2020

Objectors: None

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Britton, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recommend for approval 21-0473. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (17)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Silvestri, Britton, Aguilar, Anaya, Arroyo, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Sims and Suffredin (17)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

A complete record of this meeting is available at <https://cook-county.legistar.com>.

WRITTEN COMMENTS
 Zoning and Building Committee Meeting
 December 16, 2020

	Witness Name:	Organization or City (if any):
1.	Salman Vora	Westchester
2.	Diana Clegg	3rd Side Consulting
3.	Nikki Orvis	Chicago
4.	Kelly O'Keefe	Chicago
5.	Kristin Berg	Park Ridge
6.	Kristen Schenk	SURJ
7.	Miriam Zuk	Enterprise Community Partners
8.	Evan Stahr	Chicago
9.	Katie Spoden	Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County
10.	Jamie Davis Maxfield	Chicago Legal Clinic
11.	Julie Harcum Brennan	Chicago
12.	Chris Riehlmann	Open Communities
13.	Chris Riehlmann	Chicago
14.	Elise Carey	Chicago
15.	Jerry Johnson	Chicago
16.	Dorothy Lewis	Oak Forest
17.	Kimi Doyle	Chicago
18.	AmyJo Conroy	Park Ridge
19.	Betsy Shuman-Moore	Northside Community Resources
20.	Erana Jackson Taylor	Chicago
21.	Amy Bartucci	Park Ridge
22.	Eric Sirota	Shriver Center on Poverty Law
23.	Kumar Ramanathan	Chicago
24.	Juan Angel Gutierrez	North Shore Baptist Church
25.	Megan McClung	Moran Center for Youth Advocacy
26.	Paige Worthy	Chicago
27.	John Broome	Chicago
28.	James Mayer	Inverness
29.	Garcia	Chicago
30.	Stephanie Grant	Chicago
31.	Dawn Albanese	Elk Grove Village
32.	Tiffany Jackson	Chicago
33.	David Esposito	Supportive Housing Providers Association
34.	Bonita Richmond	Chicago
35.	Ashlee chaplin	Chicago
36.	Mary Rosenberg	Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago
37.	Sheila Sutton	Housing Action Illinois
38.	Carolina Beverly	Chicago
39.	Gary Arnold	Progress Center
40.	Teresa Groat	Chicago
41.	Wendy Brown	Chicago
42.	James Rudyk, Jr.	Northwest Side Housing Center
43.	Jennifer	Chicago
44.	Clark A. Craig	North Riverside
45.	Jessica Maag	Des Plaines

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| 46. | Marla Bramble | Jewish Council on Urban Affairs |
| 47. | Samuel Carlson | Chicago Coalition for the Homeless |
| 48. | Tamicia Loggers | |
| 49. | Sara Cantor | Greater Good Studio |
| 50. | SseanO'Neill | Franklin Park |

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Salman Vora
City/Town: Westchester
State: IL
ZIP: 60154

Q2

**County Zoning and Building Committee Meeting
12/16/2020 930a**

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What do you want to do?

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Please do not pass any more regulation to building owners. All it will do is make the process to rent much harder. If you restrict things like security deposits you'll make it harder for people with less than stellar credit to find housing since landlords will screen harder to not lose money. Ultimately if you pass too many laws where tenants who don't pay rent get to live in private buildings you'll end up having lots more boarded up buildings because at the end of the day it's a business and if you still have to pay things like property taxes and utilities and no rent money is coming in the owner will walk away and the boarded up building will be another blight on the town.

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Witness Name: Diana Clegg
Organization (if any): 3rd Side Consulting
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60641

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This much-needed legislation lays out common-sense rules of engagement and creates a fair and level playing field for landlords and their tenants in suburban Cook County. It is imperative.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Nikki Orvis
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60626

Q2

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"Equity is one of Cook County's core values, and a strong RTLO is what equity looks like," Michael Rabbitt with Neighbors for Affordable Housing

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Q1

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Witness Name: Kelly O'Keefe
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60647

Q2

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For thirty years, renters living in Chicago, Evanston, and Mount Prospect have benefited from municipal ordinances defining basic tenant-landlord rights and responsibilities. Now, Cook County Commissioners have the opportunity to pass a measure that will protect suburban Cook County renters in additional communities.

In these difficult times, no renter in Cook County should have to face housing insecurity or fear of houselessness because they lack fair protections.

In the absence of this Ordinance, renters are left with no recourse when moving is not financially feasible, and landlords don't have options when maleficence occurs. It is unbelievable that rights, responsibilities, and remedies for landlords and renters do not exist throughout Cook County. We must do better for our fellow residents.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Kristin Berg
City/Town: PARK RIDGE
State: IL
ZIP: 60068

Q2

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This ordinance makes sense. Renters will have the right for due process while not denying owners their right to collect rent and take possession if not paid.

#6

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Kristen Schenk
Organization (if any): SURJ
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60646

Q2

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I agree with these statements.

"Let me be clear: No renter in Cook County should face housing insecurity, arbitrary costs, or undue fear because they lack fair protections," Commissioner Kevin Morrison said. "For decades, Chicago, Evanston, and Mount Prospect have barred landlord retaliation and illegal lock outs with common sense landlord-tenant laws. Now more than ever, we must ensure Cook County renters have the same rights."

"This much-needed legislation lays out common-sense rules of engagement and creates a fair and level playing field for landlords and their tenants in suburban Cook County," Commissioner Scott Britton said.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Miriam Zuk
Organization (if any): Enterprise Community Partners
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60626

Q2

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Dear Commissioners:

I write to you on behalf of Enterprise Community Partners in support of the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562). Enterprise is a national affordable housing and community development nonprofit with offices in 11 cities including here in Chicago. We support affordable, sustainable and equitable housing to advance resident and neighborhood stability that fosters healthy communities of opportunity. We view the procedures and protections for tenants and landlords put forward in the proposed ordinance as basic building blocks of housing stability that is needed to ensure the health and wellbeing of nearly a quarter million of your constituents. Research has shown that ordinances like these reduce involuntary mobility or displacement. This low-to-no cost action will demonstrate your commitment to your residents during these trying times and we strongly urge you to pass it.

The United States is a highly mobile nation, with nearly one in seven people switching homes each year for a diverse array of reasons including moving for job opportunities, growing or shrinking household size and to live near family, among many others. We often distinguish between voluntary moves (e.g., a job opportunity out of town) that have positive outcomes, with involuntary moves (e.g., evictions), which can lead to negative outcomes for residents. Research has demonstrated that frequent and involuntary moves are especially detrimental to children, leading to poor health and educational outcomes and contributing to cycles of poverty . Neighborhoods with high rates of mobility and involuntary displacement also suffer from rising crime and residents lacking a sense of community and satisfaction with their neighborhood.

Long before the pandemic, the negative impacts of involuntary mobility/displacement had been gaining research and policy attention, especially from the seminal work of Matthew Desmond on the impacts of evictions in neighboring Milwaukee . But as we know, evictions are only the tip of the displacement iceberg, and we often see renters being pushed out due to utility cutoffs, deferred maintenance, lockouts, harassment, and price increases, among other factors. During this time of global pandemic, many are beginning to recognize that Housing is Healthcare – without it, people can't shelter in place or quarantine, and housing instability can lead to rising homelessness or doubling up with family and friends, leading to overcrowded, unhealthy living environments and increasing the spread of COVID-19.

Today more than ever we need to enact as many protections as possible to reduce the risk of displacement and increase the stability of our residents. This ordinance will create safeguards against illegal lockouts, protections against leases that eliminate basic renter rights, procedures for withholding rent until building condition problems are addressed, protections from retaliation, and requirement of notice before a landlord enters the unit. Recent research by Cleveland State University professor Megan Hatch showed that basic tenant landlord laws significantly reduce involuntary mobility rates - an outcome that will benefit the health and wellbeing of your residents.

Passing a strong countywide ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords, increasing housing security amidst a precarious rental landscape made even more difficult by the ongoing pandemic. The time to provide basic protections to all residents of Cook County is long overdue. Therefore, Enterprise Community Partners, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

Thank you for time and support of this critical ordinance.

Sincerely,
Miriam Zuk, Ph.D.
Senior Program Director
Enterprise Community Partners

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Q1

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Witness Name: Evan Stahr
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60608

Q2

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Housing is a human right. Protections for renters are among the best ways to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Katie Spoden
Organization (if any): Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County
City/Town: Hillside
State: IL
ZIP: 60162

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I, Katie Spoden, write to you on behalf of the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County in support of the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

More than 245,000 renter households live in Cook County communities without a comprehensive landlord-tenant ordinance. Passing a strong countywide ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords by clarifying their roles and responsibilities to make the rental process easier and fairer to navigate. This will increase housing security amidst a precarious rental landscape made even more difficult by the ongoing pandemic, when it is especially clear that housing is healthcare.

This ordinance will create safeguards against illegal lockouts, protections against leases that eliminate basic renter rights to termination notices, procedures for withholding rent until building condition problems are addressed, protections from retaliation, and requirement of notice before a landlord enters the unit. These provisions are far from novel; renters in Chicago, Evanston and Mount Prospect have benefited from similar ordinances for decades.

Housing is a basic human need, and the provisions in the proposed ordinance will establish a minimum standard of rules and regulations for all residents of Cook County. Both tenants and landlords deserve dignity and protection. We believe the time to provide basic protections to all residents of Cook County is long overdue.

Therefore, the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

Our organization's mission is to end and prevent homelessness. We believe that homelessness is solvable through cross-sector collaboration, data-driven solutions, and removing structural barriers to safe and affordable housing. This ordinance helps to advance our mission to end and prevent homelessness in suburban Cook County.

As part of the continuum of housing interventions we provide across suburban Cook County, we coordinate a Homeless Prevention program through a centralized process. This program provides short-term rental assistance for households that are at imminent risk of becoming homeless and households that are already experiencing homelessness and are in need of short-term assistance to regain stable housing.

We have seen the need for homeless prevention assistance rise dramatically, even with the eviction moratorium in place. We receive calls from more than 2,000 suburban households each month, all are on the brink of losing their homes. We see tensions rising between tenants and landlords under the strain of great economic uncertainty. The Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance will create a level playing field across suburban Cook County that will provide more stability for both tenants and landlords, especially during this time of instability.

Thank you for time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance.

#10

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Jamie Davis Maxfield
Organization (if any): Chicago Legal Clinic
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60606

Q2

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Dear Commissioners:

I, Jamie Davis Maxfield, write to you on behalf of the Greater Chicago Legal Clinic, in support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

More than 245,000 renter households live in Cook County communities without a comprehensive landlord-tenant ordinance. Passing a strong countywide ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords by clarifying their roles and responsibilities to make the rental process easier and fairer to navigate. This will increase housing security amidst a precarious rental landscape made even more difficult by the ongoing pandemic, when it is especially clear that housing is healthcare.

This ordinance will create safeguards against illegal lockouts, protections against leases that eliminate basic renter rights to termination notices, procedures for withholding rent until building condition problems are addressed, protections from retaliation, and requirement of notice before a landlord enters the unit. These provisions are far from novel; renters in Chicago, Evanston and Mount Prospect have benefited from similar ordinances for decades.

Housing is a basic human need, and the provisions in the proposed ordinance will establish a minimum standard of rules and regulations for all residents of Cook County. Both tenants and landlords deserve dignity and protection. I believe the time to provide basic protections to all residents of Cook County is long overdue.

Therefore, Greater Chicago Legal Clinic, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

#11

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Julie Harcum Brennan
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60626

Q2

**County Zoning and Building Committee Meeting
12/16/2020 930a**

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Q4

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I have been a legal aid attorney since 2004. Having represented many tenants in both Chicago and suburban Cook County experiencing eviction, I cannot overstate the importance of a landlord-tenant ordinance in promoting housing security. The Chicago ordinance helps to eliminate many unfair practices that I have seen occurring in suburban Cook County that simply cannot happen in Chicago because of its clear and robust landlord-tenant ordinance.

The proposed Cook County ordinance makes clear the basic rights and responsibilities for both landlords and tenants, putting both parties on an even playing field. Thank you for undertaking this important work on behalf of the residents of Cook County.

#12

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Chris Riehlmann
Organization (if any): Open Communities
City/Town: Evanston
State: IL
ZIP: 60201

Q2

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RLTO ordinances are the best way to keep landlords accountable to their tenants. In areas without RLTO protections, bad landlords can take advantage of vulnerable tenants by charging higher fees, refusing to return security deposits, ignoring maintenance requests and much more. Landlords enjoy much more bargaining power than tenants. RLTO ordinances put more power into the hands of tenants and levels the playing field.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Chris Riehlmann
City/Town: CHICAGO
State: IL
ZIP: 60625

Q2

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Q1

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Witness Name: Elise Carey
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL

Q2

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I strongly support the RTLO. I urge the Cook County Board of Commissioners to pass the ordinance this week.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Jerry Johnson
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60624

Q2

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I strongly support the RTLO and urge the Board to pass it.

#16

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Dorothy Lewis
City/Town: Oak Forest
State: IL
ZIP: 60452

Q2

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I strongly support the RTLO because it clarifies the responsibilities for both renters & landlords. Cook County Commissioners, please support this bill. Thanks.

#17

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Kimi Doyle
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60601

Q2

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I strongly support the RTLO. I urge the Cook County Board of Commissioners to pass the ordinance this week

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: AmyJo Conroy
City/Town: Park Ridge
State: IL
ZIP: 60068-4819

Q2

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Q4

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I write in support of the Landlord Tenant Ordinance. I live in Park Ridge. Thank you.

#19

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Betsy Shuman-Moore
Organization (if any): Northside Community Resources
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60626

Q2

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We strongly support the Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (RTLO). We urge the Cook County Board of Commissioners to pass it this week.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Erana Jackson Taylor
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60608

Q2

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Cook County RTLO
Personalizing Your Comment or Testimony

Dear Commissioners:

I, Erana Jackson Taylor write to you in support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

More than 245,000 renter households live in Cook County communities without a comprehensive landlord-tenant ordinance. Passing a strong countywide ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords by clarifying their roles and responsibilities to make the rental process easier and fairer to navigate. This will increase housing security amidst a precarious rental landscape made even more difficult by the ongoing pandemic, when it is especially clear that housing is healthcare.

This ordinance will create safeguards against illegal lockouts, protections against leases that eliminate basic renter rights to termination notices, procedures for withholding rent until building condition problems are addressed, protections from retaliation, and requirement of notice before a landlord enters the unit. These provisions are far from novel; renters in Chicago, Evanston and Mount Prospect have benefited from similar ordinances for decades.

Housing is a basic human need, and the provisions in the proposed ordinance will establish a minimum standard of rules and regulations for all residents of Cook County. Both tenants and landlords deserve dignity and protection. I believe the time to provide basic protections to all residents of Cook County is long overdue.

Therefore, Erana Jackson Taylor ,alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

This is particularly urgent for me because I have lived in an apartment for a year without hot water. The Landlord withheld hot water for rent. I just moved in a decent apartment a month ago. If this Ordinance passes it will help people if they get into the same situation. Thank you for time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance.

Sincerely,
Erana Jackson Taylor
7957 S Hermitage
Chicago IL, 60620

#21

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Amy Bartucci
Organization (if any): Self
City/Town: Park Ridge
State: IL
ZIP: 60068-3410

Q2

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Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance
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I am in favor of passing this ordinance. I urge Cook County to make the rental landscape fairer to navigate for everyone.

#22

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Eric Sirota
Organization (if any): Shriver Center on Poverty Law
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60622

Q2

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Dear Commissioners:

I write to you on behalf of the Shriver Center on Poverty Law in support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

Currently, more than 245,000 renter households live in Cook County communities without a comprehensive landlord-tenant ordinance. Passing a strong countywide ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords by clarifying their roles and responsibilities, making the rental process easier and fairer to navigate. This will increase housing security amidst a precarious rental landscape made even more difficult by the ongoing pandemic. In light of the emergency wrought by COVID-19, it is especially clear that housing is healthcare.

The RTLO will provide essential protections for tenants and clear expectations and guidance for landlords. This ordinance will create safeguards against illegal lockouts, protections against leases that eliminate basic renter rights to termination notices, procedures for withholding rent until building condition problems are addressed, protections from retaliation, and requirement of notice before a landlord enters the unit. These provisions are far from novel; renters in Chicago, Evanston and Mount Prospect have benefited from similar ordinances for decades.

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Therefore, the Shriver Center on Poverty Law, alongside our community partners and the tenants of Cook County, firmly supports the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

The Shriver Center on Poverty Law works with community partners to build a future free from racism, poverty, and the interlocking systems designed to keep those inequities alive. We are dedicated to community-driven advocacy, which puts the voices of affected individuals and communities at the forefront of our efforts. Our organization works in communities impacted by segregation, displacement, and disinvestment in the Cook County region. We strongly support the RTLO for many reasons, but especially because this law will help further racial equity in Cook County. Black, indigenous, and people of color are disproportionately impacted by the lack of regulatory floors for tenant-landlord engagement. Further, these already vulnerable populations have been, and will continue to be, disproportionately affected by the pandemic, making the need for the Ordinance that much more urgent. Housing stability is a cornerstone of neighborhood stability, health, opportunity, and racial equity. The RTLO is an essential step forward.

Thank you for time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance.

Sincerely,

Eric Sirota
Director of Housing Justice
Shriver Center on Poverty Law

#23

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Kumar Ramanathan
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60640

Q2

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I am a resident of the Uptown neighborhood of Chicago living in rental housing, writing to urge you to support the Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (RTLO). All tenants Cook County deserve these fundamental protections. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown how vulnerable many tenants in our community are when crises arise. This ordinance would clarify the landlord-tenant relationship and offer many basic safeguards for tenants. We know from the experiences of Chicago, Evanston, and Mount Prospect that such an ordinance works. I urge you to support this ordinance and make the rental process easier and fairer to navigate for everyone.

#24

COMPLETE

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Juan Angel Gutierrez
Organization (if any): North Shore Baptist Church
City/Town: CHICAGO
State: IL
ZIP: 60640

Q2

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I am in favor because the ordinance creates safeguards against illegal lockouts, protections against leases eliminating basic rights to termination notices, and procedures for withholding rent until building problems are addressed. It clarifies the roles and responsibilities for both renters and landlords—making the rental landscape easier and fairer to navigate for everyone.

#25

COMPLETE

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Megan McClung
Organization (if any): Moran Center for Youth Advocacy
City/Town: Evanston
State: IL
ZIP: 60202

Q2

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ALL Cook County tenants should receive the same protections as Chicago, Evanston and Mt. Prospect. I represent families with children in Skokie/Evanston D65 schools and it is unfair that the protections afforded to Evanston families under the ERLTO is not extended to our Skokie families. Level the landlord-tenant playing field - vote YES to pass this ordinance!

#26

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Paige Worthy
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60625

Q2

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Absolutely no renter should fear that they will be cast out of their home as we embark on a difficult winter. We must put renter protections in place until jobs and the economy stabilize in Cook County — and keep them in place afterward to ensure fairer housing in the future.

#27

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: John Broome
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60613

Q2

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Please vote affirmatively.

Our city needs legislation to level the playing field so folks can remain housed.

#28

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: James Mayer
City/Town: Inverness
State: IL
ZIP: 60067

Q2

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In these unusual and for many, difficult times, we need to work to protect and assist those living on the margins. We should not remove all their responsibility, but we need to provide some extra leniency. Thank you.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Garcia
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60647

Q2

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I strongly support the RTLO. I urge the Cook County Board of Commissioners to pass the ordinance this week.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Stephanie Grant
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60623

Q2

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Dawn Albanese
City/Town: Elk Grove Village
State: IL
ZIP: 60007

Q2

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More than 245,000 renter households live in Cook County communities without a comprehensive landlord-tenant ordinance. Passing a strong countywide ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords by clarifying their roles and responsibilities to make the rental process easier and fairer to navigate. This will increase housing security amidst a precarious rental landscape made even more difficult by the ongoing pandemic, when it is especially clear that housing is healthcare.

This ordinance will create safeguards against illegal lockouts, protections against leases that eliminate basic renter rights to termination notices, procedures for withholding rent until building condition problems are addressed, protections from retaliation, and requirement of notice before a landlord enters the unit. These provisions are far from novel; renters in Chicago, Evanston and Mount Prospect have benefited from similar ordinances for decades.

Housing is a basic human need, and the provisions in the proposed ordinance will establish a minimum standard of rules and regulations for all residents of Cook County. Both tenants and landlords deserve dignity and protection. I believe the time to provide basic protections to all residents of Cook County is long overdue.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Tiffany Jackson
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60612

Q2

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I strongly support the RTLO. I urge the Cook County Board of Commissioners to pass the ordinance this week.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: David Esposito
Organization (if any): Supportive Housing Providers Association
City/Town: Springfield
State: IL
ZIP: 62704

Q2

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Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

The Supportive Housing Providers Association of Illinois is a statewide association of supportive housing agencies providing critical services to adults and youth who are formerly homeless and/or at risk of homelessness, individuals with an intellectual or physical disability, children and adults with mental illness, and veterans with PTSD and fighting substance abuse.

This countywide ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords by clarifying their roles and responsibilities to make the rental process easier and fairer to navigate. This ordinance ensures safeguards against illegal lockouts, establishes protections against leases that eliminate basic renter rights to termination notices, creates procedures for withholding rent until building condition problems are addressed, and codifies protections from retaliation. This will increase housing security amidst a precarious rental landscape made even more difficult by the ongoing pandemic, when it is especially clear that housing is healthcare.

Housing is a basic human need, and the provisions in the proposed ordinance will establish a minimum standard of rules and regulations for all residents of Cook County. Both tenants and landlords deserve dignity and protection. We believe the time to provide basic protections to all residents of Cook County is long overdue.

Supportive housing pairs affordable housing with wrap-around, person-centered supportive services to improve quality of life while reducing demands on local first responders and saving state and local taxpayer dollars. We offer case management, advocacy, alcohol and substance abuse counseling, mental health programs, and other critical services. Supportive housing creates housing stability to the most vulnerable constituents of Cook County. The Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance will create a more clear and fair system for all parties in our rental market. It is important to combat homelessness and housing insecurity, especially among the vulnerable populations served by supportive housing.

The Supportive Housing Providers Association alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

Thank you for time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
David Esposito
Executive Director
Supportive Housing Providers Association
6 Lawrence Square
Springfield, Illinois 62704
d.esposito@shpa-IL.org
(217) 321-2476 x2

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Bonita Richmond
City/Town: chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60637

Q2

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I support the RTLO. The Cook County Board of Commissioners should pass the ordinance this week.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Ashlee chaplin
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60652

Q2

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Mary Rosenberg
Organization (if any): Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60654

Q2

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Access Living strongly supports the RTLO. We urge the Cook County Board of Commissioners to pass the ordinance this week.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Sheila Sutton
Organization (if any): Housing Action Illinois
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60603

Q2

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Q4

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The proposed ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords by clarifying their roles and responsibilities, making the rental process easier and fairer to navigate. When everyone understands the rules, it's easier to play by them.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Carolina Beverly
City/Town: CHICAGO
State: IL
ZIP: 60639

Q2

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Message: I/we strongly support the RTLO. I/we urge the Cook County Board of Commissioners to pass the ordinance this week.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Gary Arnold
Organization (if any): Progress Center
City/Town: Blue Island
State: IL
ZIP: 60406

Q2

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Progress Center for Independent Living is a Center for Independent Living that serves people with disabilities in Suburban Cook County. About one in five people with disabilities are disabled. There are hundreds of thousands of people with disabilities in Suburban Cook County. A critical need of many people with disabilities who contact Progress Center is housing. The stock of housing that is affordable and that is accessible to people with disabilities is extremely thin. People often wait years to find quality housing. Sometimes, people are forced in institutions because housing is not available and sometimes people are forced to live with friends or relatives in inaccessible spaces because quality, affordable, accessible housing is not available. With this in mind, it is imperative that renters with disabilities have protections that ensure that are secure in their housing. It is important that protections exist that prevent landlords from retaliating against disabled renters if they make accommodations requests. It is also important that disabled renters, like all renters, be protected from unnecessary fees, or unnecessarily high move in fees. It is important that disabled renters, like all renters, have their security deposits protected and not allow the funds to be used for other purposes. Because housing is such a critical resource, and because housing is so difficult to find for so many disabled people, Progress Center urges all Commissioners of the Cook County Board to vote in support of the Cook County Suburban Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Teresa Groat
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60631

Q2

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Housing insecurity has become an all-important issue in 2020; many are faced with imminent eviction and staggering debt as the pandemic continues. Even before we were faced with this national emergency renters were faced with issues that left them vulnerable to their landlords. I feel this legislation is much needed and will afford some protection.

#41

COMPLETE

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Wendy Brown
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60615-3109

Q2

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Q4

What do you want to do?

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I/we strongly support the RTLO. I/we urge the Cook County Board of Commissioners to pass the ordinance this week.

#42

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: James Rudyk, Jr.
Organization (if any): Northwest Side Housing Center
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60639

Q2

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As an organization that serves the north and west sides of Cook county we see first hand hundreds of families who are treated unfairly by their landlord. We believe that this ordinance will support tenants and provide protections to vulnerable populations, particularly undocumented and mixed status families.

#43

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Jennifer
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60624

Q2

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Q4

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What do you want to do?

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I'm in favor for protection of Cook County renters

#44

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Clark A. Craig
City/Town: North Riverside
State: IL
ZIP: 60546

Q2

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Dear Commissioners:

I Clark A. Craig, write to you in support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

More than 245,000 renter households live in Cook County communities without a comprehensive landlord-tenant ordinance. Passing a strong countywide ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords by clarifying their roles and responsibilities to make the rental process easier and fairer to navigate. This will increase housing security amidst a precarious rental landscape made even more difficult by the ongoing pandemic, when it is especially clear that housing is healthcare.

This ordinance will create safeguards against illegal lockouts, protections against leases that eliminate basic renter rights to termination notices, procedures for withholding rent until building condition problems are addressed, protections from retaliation, and requirement of notice before a landlord enters the unit. These provisions are far from novel; renters in Chicago, Evanston and Mount Prospect have benefited from similar ordinances for decades.

Housing is a basic human need, and the provisions in the proposed ordinance will establish a minimum standard of rules and regulations for all residents of Cook County. Both tenants and landlords deserve dignity and protection. I believe the time to provide basic protections to all residents of Cook County is long overdue.

Therefore, I, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

#45

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Jessica Maag
City/Town: Des Plaines
State: IL
ZIP: 60016

Q2

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The Residential Tenant and Landlord Ordinance is Item #20-3562

Q4

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Passing a strong countywide ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords by clarifying their roles and responsibilities to make the rental process easier and fairer to navigate.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Marla Bramble
Organization (if any):	Jewish Council on Urban Affairs
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60640

Q2

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The Jewish Council on Urban Affairs (JCUA) works to combat racism, poverty and antisemitism. We work in communities impacted by segregation, displacement, and disinvestment in the Cook County region. We strongly support this law for many reasons, but especially because this law will help further racial equity in Cook County. Black, indigenous, and people of color are disproportionately impacted by a lack of regulatory floors for tenant landlord engagement. The RTLO will be a positive step for racial justice.

#47

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Samuel Carlson
Organization (if any): Chicago Coalition for the Homeless
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60601

Q2

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Chicago Coalition for the Homeless supports the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

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Housing is a basic human right, and the provisions in the proposed ordinance will establish a minimum standard of rules and regulations for all residents of Cook County. The time to provide basic protections to all residents of Cook County is long overdue. Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, supports the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

Thank you for time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance.

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Q1

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Witness Name: **Tamicia Loggers**

Q2

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I strongly support the RTLO. I urge the Cook County Board of Commissioners to pass the ordinance this week.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Sara Cantor
Organization (if any): Greater Good Studio
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60641

Q2

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The RLTO is critical to having a fair, affordable and renter-friendly city. I have personally benefited from it on more than one occasion as a renter, and now that I'm a landlord I'm still grateful for its guardrails.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: sean oneill
City/Town: Franklin Park
State: IL
ZIP: 60131

Q2

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Enough regulation.

WRITTEN COMMENTS
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51.	Gloria Parker	Chicago
52.	Leslie Corbett Chenoweth	Chicago
53.	Taylor Belew	Legal Council for Health Justice
54.	Carl Wolf	Respond Now
55.	Sue Loellbach	Connections for the Homeless
56.	Rebecca Sumner Burgos	La Casa Norte
57.	Iszy Hirschtritt Licht	Jewish Council on Urban Affairs
58.	Luz Gonzalez	Housing Choice Partners
59.	Kate Miller	Legal Council for Health Justice
60.	Robert Bartholomai	La Grange Park
61.	Mia K Segal	Legal Aid Society
62.	David E Jacobs	National Center for Healthy Housing
63.	Robert Cox	National Association of Realtors, Member
64.	Rita Hiram	Chicago
65.	Lovetta Anderson	Chicago
66.	Catherine Johnson	Housing Choice Partners
67.	Shelmun Dashan	Chicago
68.	Jenna Prochaska	Health Justice Project, Loyola University Chicago School of Law
69.	Dewanna Brewera	Chicago
70.	Antonio Gutierrez	Chicago
71.	M.Garza	Chicago
72.	Yulanda Thomas	Chicago
73.	Cosette Thomas	Chicago
74.	Nan Parson	Action Ridge
75.	Veronica Bey	Chicago
76.	Tineeka Reed	Chicago
77.	Sherelynne Layne	Chicago
78.	Dorothy Lewis	Oak Forest
79.	Tawaina Dyer	Hazel Crest
80.	C M Schroeder	LaGrange
81.	Margaret Garus	La Grange Park
82.	Lynda Schueler	Housing Forward
83.	Becca Greenstein	Chicago
84.	David	Palos
85.	Wesley Epplin	Health & Medicine Policy Research Group
86.	Scott Kibler	Chicago
87.	Susan Armstrong	Housing Action Illinois
88.	Michael Chavarria	
89.	Eric Bostrom	Palos Heights

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| 90. | Rev. Colleen Vahey | Chicago |
| 91. | Javon Harris | BEDS- Plus |
| 92. | Dolores Pino | Chicago |
| 93. | Christine Spiller | Housing Choice Partners |
| 94. | Sis Sylvia L Lewis | Midlothian |
| 95. | Brittany Cohs | Worth |
| 96. | Carol Henton | Cook |
| 97. | Felicia Cooksey | Chicago |
| 98. | Sharon Norwood | Evergreen Park |
| 99. | Tamika Anderson | Chicago |
| 100. | John Warren | North Riverside |

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Q1

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Witness Name: Gloria Parker
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60637

Q2

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Respondent skipped this question

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Just sign up

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Leslie Corbett Chenoweth
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60655

Q2

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Taylor Belew
Organization (if any): Legal Council for Health Justice
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60602

Q2

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Dear Commissioners:

I, Taylor Belew, write to you on behalf of Legal Council for Health Justice (Legal Council) in support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

The Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance will increase housing security amidst a precarious rental landscape made even more difficult by the ongoing pandemic, when it is especially clear that housing is healthcare. Research has long shown that people with chronic illnesses face better outcomes if they had access to stable housing. Housing is therefore a significant determinant of health.

Legal Council is a 30-year-old non-profit public interest law organization that engages in individual and class action litigation, and in policy advocacy to advance access to quality healthcare and protect the legal rights of people facing barriers due to illness or disability. Legal Council coordinates with partner organizations to advocate for systemic changes that improve health outcomes for our client communities, including securing healthy, safe, and affordable housing. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Legal Council offers assistance to renters and homeowners and has a compelling interest in our clients' ability to remain housed during and after the health crisis.

Passing a strong, countywide ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords by clarifying their roles and responsibilities to make the rental process easier and fairer to navigate. Providing tenants with protections against retaliation, lockouts, and unfair lease terms gives security to tenants across Cook County. Clarifying and improving procedures for withholding rent and getting out of leases when defective housing conditions are not fixed helps encourage landlords to improve housing conditions and ensures tenants safer and healthier housing. Housing is a basic human need, and the provisions in the proposed ordinance will establish a minimum standard of rules and regulations for all landlords and tenants in Cook County.

Finally, we all understand that securing basic protections for renters in Cook County will help in improving racial equity and racial health equity in the County. Communities of color, who are disproportionately affected by pervasive systemic racism in housing, are also burdened with higher morbidity and mortality rates for almost all diseases. We can and must address the harms that racism in housing and in health are visiting on our communities. To fail to do so, now, when the evidence could not be more plain, would be a moral failing of historic proportion.

Legal Council for Health Justice, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, strongly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

Thank you for time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance.

Sincerely,
Taylor Belew
Legal Council for Health Justice
17 N. State Street, Suite 900
Chicago, Illinois 60602

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Carl Wolf
Organization (if any): Respond Now
City/Town: Chicago Heights
State: IL
ZIP: 60411

Q2

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My name is Carl Wolf. I am the Executive Director of Respond Now in Chicago Heights. Today I received a phone call from a case worker at another agency. She asked if I knew how to help a family in Blue Island who has had their electricity disconnected. They are renters and are not behind on their rent. The landlord is responsible for the utility bill, but it has not been paid. I suggested that they call a Legal Aid organization.

This is not a "sometimes" occurrence. We get calls to Respond Now all the time about illegal lock-outs and apartments in horrible conditions. It falls upon scrappy social service agencies, like Respond Now, to help these families who have been placed in this unfair predicament. And it costs the community, the tax-payers, county government, and so on because agencies like Respond Now rely on funding from these sources to pick up the pieces when there are unfair lockouts or unlivable conditions. IT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME.

Please vote in favor of the Residential Landlord Tenant Ordinance. Tenants deserve basic protections. That's all this is asking for. Landlords have their recourse for tenants who don't follow rules. Tenants should have proper recourse as well, for those landlords who don't follow rules. Because, again, it happens ALL THE TIME.

Thank you.

#55

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Q1

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Witness Name: Sue Loellbach
Organization (if any): Connections for the Homeless
City/Town: Evanston
State: IL
ZIP: 60201

Q2

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Dear Commissioners:

I write to you on behalf of Connections for the Homeless in support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

While our agency is based in Evanston, which has such an ordinance, we serve people from over 40 municipalities in Cook County, most of which do not have the same protections. We can tell the difference.

The numbers of people contacting us for eviction prevention assistance have doubled since the pandemic began; we have spent twice the amount of prevention money; and the amounts of money that people need in order to remain in their housing has been increasing. At the same time, we are getting more and more legal questions about the very topics covered under this piece of legislation. Tenants do not know what protections they have, and our case managers are overwhelmed. We also live in dread of the day the eviction moratoriums are lifted, knowing that ordinances protecting landlords are different across the municipalities that we serve and that the agencies that specialize in legal assistance will be too busy to take all our referrals.

Housing is a basic human need, and the provisions in the proposed ordinance will establish a minimum standard of rules and regulations for all residents of Cook County. Therefore, I and Connections for the Homeless, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

Thank you for time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance.

Sincerely,

Sue Loellbach, Manager of Advocacy
Connections for the Homeless

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Rebecca Sumner Burgos
Organization (if any): La Casa Norte
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60647

Q2

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I, Rebecca Sumner Burgos, write to you on behalf of La Casa Norte in support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

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Therefore, La Casa Norte, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

La Casa Norte serve youth and families confronting homelessness. We provide access to stable housing and deliver comprehensive services that act as a catalyst to transform lives and communities.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Iszy Hirschtritt Licht
Organization (if any): Jewish Council on Urban Affairs
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60657

Q2

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Dear Commissioners:

My name is Iszy Hirschtritt Licht and I write to you on behalf of the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs in support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

More than 245,000 renter households live in Cook County communities without a comprehensive landlord-tenant ordinance. Passing a strong countywide ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords by clarifying their roles and responsibilities to make the rental process easier and fairer to navigate. This will increase housing security amidst a precarious rental landscape made even more difficult by the ongoing pandemic, when it is especially clear that housing is healthcare.

This ordinance will create safeguards against illegal lockouts, protections against leases that eliminate basic renter rights to termination notices, procedures for withholding rent until building condition problems are addressed, protections from retaliation, and requirement of notice before a landlord enters the unit. These provisions are far from novel; renters in Chicago, Evanston and Mount Prospect have benefited from similar ordinances for decades.

Housing is a basic human need, and the provisions in the proposed ordinance will establish a minimum standard of rules and regulations for all residents of Cook County. Both tenants and landlords deserve dignity and protection. We believe the time to provide basic protections to all residents of Cook County is long overdue.

Therefore, I, Iszy Hirschtritt Licht, and the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

I am currently a renter in the City of Chicago who has benefitted from city regulations that define my rights and responsibilities as well as those of my landlord. This law is urgent to me because I believe that my neighbors in suburban Cook County deserve the same rights as landlords and tenants here in Chicago.

Further, our organization, the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, works alongside immigrant communities in Cook County. We support this ordinance because we too often see landlords taking advantage of our neighbors. The RTLO will prevent this kind of abuse by providing strong regulations for all parties involved in the rental market.

Thank you for time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance.

Sincerely,

Iszy Hirschtritt Licht

3221 N Sheffield Ave, Apt 3S Chicago, Illinois 60657

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Luz Gonzalez
Organization (if any):	Housing Choice Partners
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60605

Q2

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Dear Commissioners:

I Luz Gonzalez write to you on behalf of Housing Choice Partners in support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

More than 245,000 renter households live in Cook County communities without a comprehensive landlord-tenant ordinance. Passing a strong countywide ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords by clarifying their roles and responsibilities to make the rental process easier and fairer to navigate. This will increase housing security amidst a precarious rental landscape made even more difficult by the ongoing pandemic, when it is especially clear that housing is healthcare.

This ordinance will create safeguards against illegal lockouts, protections against leases that eliminate basic renter rights to termination notices, procedures for withholding rent until building condition problems are addressed, protections from retaliation, and requirement of notice before a landlord enters the unit. These provisions are far from novel; renters in Chicago, Evanston and Mount Prospect have benefited from similar ordinances for decades.

Housing is a basic human need, and the provisions in the proposed ordinance will establish a minimum standard of rules and regulations for all residents of Cook County. Both tenants and landlords deserve dignity and protection. We believe the time to provide basic protections to all residents of Cook County is long overdue.

Therefore, I Luz Gonzalez, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

** Our organization works in communities impacted by segregation, displacement, and disinvestment in the Cook County region. We strongly support this law for many reasons, but especially because this law will help further racial equity in Cook County.

Thank you for time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance.

Sincerely,
Luz Gonzalez
Administrative Coordinator
Housing Choice Partners
401 S LaSalle St. Ste 1101
Chicago, IL 60605

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Kate Miller
Organization (if any): Legal Council for Health Justice
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60602

Q2

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Dear Commissioners:

I, Kate Miller, write to you on behalf of our clients at the Legal Council for Health Justice (Legal Council) in support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

The Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance will increase housing security amidst a precarious rental landscape made even more difficult by the ongoing pandemic, when it is especially clear that housing is healthcare. I work on the Homeless Outreach Project and I see so many people that are living without a secure place to sleep. Research has long shown that people with chronic illnesses face better outcomes if they had access to stable housing. Housing is therefore a significant determinant of health.

Legal Council is a 30-year-old non-profit public interest law organization that engages in individual and class action litigation, and in policy advocacy to advance access to quality healthcare and protect the legal rights of people facing barriers due to illness or disability. Legal Council coordinates with partner organizations to advocate for systemic changes that improve health outcomes for our client communities, including securing healthy, safe, and affordable housing. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Legal Council offers assistance to renters and homeowners and has a compelling interest in our clients' ability to remain housed during and after the health crisis.

Passing a strong, countywide ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords by clarifying their roles and responsibilities to make the rental process easier and fairer to navigate. Providing tenants with protections against retaliation, lockouts, and unfair lease terms gives security to tenants across Cook County. Clarifying and improving procedures for withholding rent and getting out of leases when defective housing conditions are not fixed helps encourage landlords to improve housing conditions and ensures tenants safer and healthier housing. Housing is a basic human need, and the provisions in the proposed ordinance will establish a minimum standard of rules and regulations for all landlords and tenants in Cook County.

Finally, we all understand that securing basic protections for renters in Cook County will help in improving racial equity and racial health equity in the County. Communities of color, who are disproportionately affected by pervasive systemic racism in housing, are also burdened with higher morbidity and mortality rates for almost all diseases. We can and must address the harms that racism in housing and in health are visiting on our communities. To fail to do so, now, when the evidence could not be more plain, would be a moral failing of historic proportion.

Legal Council for Health Justice, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, strongly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

Thank you for time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance.

Sincerely,
Kate Miller
Legal Council for Health Justice
17 N. State Street, Suite 900
Chicago, Illinois 60602

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Q1

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Witness Name: Robert Bartholomai
City/Town: La Grange Park
State: IL
ZIP: 60526

Q2

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The Residential Tenant and Landlord Ordinance is Item #20-3562

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I am voicing my opinion in opposition of this proposed ordinance. Illinois already has some of the strongest pro-tenant laws in the nation. Further regulation, will result in both increased rents and more rental units being take off the market. The government's interference in these valid, contractually agreed-to arrangements have the effect of removing renters' obligations while imposing new rules on landlords that are simply not required.

There is little incentive for a renter to pay rent when the remedy is a \$10 fine and the landlord can't evict the tenant, either because of an eviction moratorium or because, in Illinois, the process is so costly and time consuming. The board should stop treating renters as victims, when it is often landlords, who have no legal recourse against tenants. It is the landlords that must continue to pay their mortgages while hoping their tenants will pay what they owe.

Someone who rents a home for \$3,000 a month will not be encouraged to comply with his/her rental terms when faced with a \$10 fine. The threat of having to pay damages and attorneys' fees further disincentivizes making more rental property available.

There is a reason Illinois keeps losing residents to other states and this proposed rule is one example. Other states are growing and attract new companies while Cook County is more interested in punishing those small entrepreneurs who try to build a better future for themselves and their families.

I urge you to vote NO on this proposed ordinance.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Mia K Segal
Organization (if any):	Legal Aid Society
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60602

Q2

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Dear Commissioners:

I, Mia K. Segal, write to you the Legal Aid Society, in support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

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Therefore, the Legal Aid Society, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

The Legal Aid Society, founded in 1886, is the oldest provider of legal aid services in Illinois. Among our four distinct practice groups, our Health, Housing & Economic Stability practice group serves hundreds of low income tenants each year in eviction defense, condition and repair issues, illegal lockouts, and security deposit recoupment, among other things. This Cook County ordinance for residential tenants and landlords will provide a common language and set of expectations under which all can operate more efficiently and equitably.

Thank you for time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance.

Sincerely,
Mia K. Segal
Managing Attorney
Health, Housing & Economic Stability
Legal Aid Society
312-986-4138

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Q1

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Witness Name: David E Jacobs
Organization (if any): National Center for Healthy Housing
City/Town: Oak Park
State: IL
ZIP: 60304

Q2

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December 14, 2020

I write to you on behalf of the National Center for Healthy Housing in support of the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562). We have been involved in lead poisoning prevention and healthy homes since 1992. We have worked with jurisdictions across the country in adopting similar laws and look forward to working with the County on this new and important initiative.

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Therefore, the National Center for Healthy Housing, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly supports the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

The National Center for Healthy Housing (NCHH) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation with a mission to transform lives by transforming housing. Through meaningful partnership, practical research, community capacity building, and data-driven advocacy and awareness building, NCHH creates systems and structures that reduce disparities

Sincerely,

David E Jacobs, PhD, CIH
Chief Scientist, National Center for Healthy Housing
Adjunct Associate Professor, University of Illinois Chicago School of Public Health

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Robert Cox
Organization (if any):	National Association of Realtors, Member
City/Town:	Orland Park
State:	IL
ZIP:	60462

Q2

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Respondent skipped this question

Q4

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I oppose all government regulations that take away rights of free market enterprise, the rights of the landlords, or the rights of the tenants. Government regulation is wrong to impose on anybody. Let people be free, for the people and by the people....we do not need nannies to interfere with anything. All you are doing is taking away someone's rights and giving their recourse to somebody else. Tyranny is always supposedly for the good of humanity. Stop the damn laws. If a tenant is mad...leave. If a landlord is hurt...get a new tenant. Government should stay out of it. Licenses are just taking our rights and selling them back to us. ENOUGH!

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Rita Hiram
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60646

Q2

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Please protect renter's rights.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Catherine Johnson
Organization (if any): Housing Choice Partners
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60605

Q2

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Dear Commissioners:

Housing Choice Partners is in support of the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562). This endorsement is rooted in 25 years of experience providing direct services to renters in suburban Cook County, and watching countless clients fall victim to "bad apple" landlords taking advantage of families who cannot afford to lose their housing. The protections offered by the RTLO, should it pass, are crucial to creating a fair rental housing market for all.

More than 245,000 renter households live in Cook County communities without a comprehensive landlord-tenant ordinance. Passing a strong countywide ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords by clarifying their roles and responsibilities to make the rental process easier and fairer to navigate. This will increase housing security amidst a precarious rental landscape made even more difficult by the ongoing pandemic, when it is especially clear that housing is healthcare.

This ordinance will create safeguards against illegal lockouts, protections against leases that eliminate basic renter rights to termination notices, procedures for withholding rent until building condition problems are addressed, protections from retaliation, and requirement of notice before a landlord enters the unit. These provisions are far from novel; renters in Chicago, Evanston and Mount Prospect have benefited from similar ordinances for decades.

Housing is a basic human need, and the provisions in the proposed ordinance will establish a minimum standard of rules and regulations for all residents of Cook County. Both tenants and landlords deserve dignity and protection. Housing Choice Partners believe the time to provide basic protections to all residents of Cook County is long overdue.

Therefore, Housing Choice Partners, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

Housing Choice Partners is a private non-profit organization created in 1995 to promote racial and economic diversity in housing. Housing Choice Partners works to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty through empowering low-income families with housing vouchers to make expanded housing choices where they may be able to root their families for long-term stability.

Thank you for your time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance.

Sincerely,

Catherine Johnson
Deputy Executive Director

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Lovetta Anderson
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60612

Q2

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Q4

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Renters need fair laws.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Shelmun Dashan
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60642

Q2

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I was a legal aid attorney who represented low-income tenants from Chicago and other parts of Cook County in eviction cases a few years ago. Aside from the incredible difference it made to my low-income clients whether they had Chicago RLTO protections or not, I have helped numerous of my middle class friends whose landlords would not make repairs, or wouldn't return security deposits, or who threatened retaliatory actions against them, or would attempt to make unannounced entry to the rented unit. In every instance, because of the RLTO and the consequences the landlord would face, they landlords always ended up doing what they were supposed to do in the first place and my friends were able to go on with their lives and continue paying rent instead of trying to break their lease or going to court.

One important reason to adopt this law is that it gives landlords who might want to cut corners a good reason not to. Without clear rights and consequences, tenants are left at the complete mercy of their landlords and often it's not better for either party. A wronged tenant who feels they have no recourse may choose not to renew their lease creating turnover where maybe a landlord who - to avoid having the tenant withhold rent to make repairs - just makes the repairs and maintains a better relationship with the tenant. Additionally, it provides clear rights and responsibilities which can help lower the temperature and stop disputes from needless escalation.

Yes, this ordinance gives tenants more substantive rights, but one of the very important things it does is provide much better incentives for landlords to do what they are supposed to do anyway.

If you don't think it is good policy for landlords to refuse to make needed repairs, or refuse to return security deposits (that many people need to pay to their next landlord), or to retaliate against a tenant for making a valid complaint, then you should support this ordinance which provides the needed incentive for landlords to avoid doing those things.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Jenna Prochaska
Organization (if any): Health Justice Project, Loyola University Chicago School of Law
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60611

Q2

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Please refer to document attached to 12/14/2020 email.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Dewanna Brewera
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60644

Q2

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I/ We strongly support the RTLO. I/We urge the Cook County Board of Commissioners to pass the ordinance this week.

#70

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Antonio Gutierrez
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60625

Q2

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Yulanda Thomas
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60617

Q2

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I strongly support RTLO I urge the Cook County Board of Commissioner's to pass the ordnance this week.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: M.Garza
City/Town: Chgo
State: IL
ZIP: 60613

Q2

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What do you want to do?

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Strongly support the RLTO...I am personally involved with a security deposit dispute in court with my old landlord.. If this ordinance is not passed, tenants have little hope of being treated "fairly" when it comes to taking taking landords to court! Especially landlords(Plewa & Plewa inc.) like mine, that have lawyers on their payroll!

That are "friendly" w certain judges! He owns 20-25 buildings!

Average 15-20 apts.! You feel intimidated... most of his tenants are illegal immigrants(Poland an Mexico)...I just feel they get away with to much!! It's NOT fair to tenants!! Just imagine if there were no RTLO!?! Or No tenant rights??

#73

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Cosette Thomas
Organization (if any): (optional)
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60615

Q2

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I Strongly support the RTLO. I urge the Cook County Board Of Commissioners to pass the ordinance this week.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Nan Parson
Organization (if any): Action Ridge
City/Town: Park RIDGE
State: IL
ZIP: 60068

Q2

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Respondent skipped this question

Q4

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I support the Suburban Cook Co renters' protection legislation.

#75

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Veronica Bey
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60659

Q2

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RTLO in favor of them

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Tineeka Reed
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60615

Q2

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I strongly support the RTLO. I urge the Cook County Board of Commissioners to pass the ordinance this week.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Sherelynne Layne
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60653

Q2

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Dorothy Lewis
City/Town: Oak Forest
State: IL
ZIP: 60452

Q2

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Please note: This form was submitted earlier but accidentally excluded the written testimony. Please see below.

I am writing today to provide testimony as a resident of Oak Forest, IL and to urge you to vote "yes" to pass the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

One consistent thought I've had when hearing horror stories from my fellow renters is a feeling of helplessness. These are two very personal reasons for supporting passage of the RTLO ordinance. The first reason is that this ordinance will provide long-overdue and essential protection for Cook County tenants who find themselves the victims of unscrupulous landlords.

My second reason is that this feeling of helplessness we tenants experience when being exploited by landlords will finally be validated & mitigated. Thank you for taking the time to hear my statement. Please pass the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance as it is now.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Dorothy Lewis

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: TAWAINA Dyer
City/Town: Hazel Crest
State: IL
ZIP: 60429

Q2

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I am in favor of tenant/landlord zoning ordinance

#80

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: C M Schroeder
City/Town: LaGrange
State: IL
ZIP: 60525

Q2

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Not enough input from small landlords. Once you have literally walked in our shoes, then a meaningful discussion can commence

#81

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Margaret Garus
City/Town: La Grange Park
State: IL
ZIP: 60526

Q2

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These times are not a good time to pass any more limitations on Landlords.

Landlords are already burdened with most financial problems.

Memorandum on evictions. Tenants don't have to pay rent but landlords still have to pay the mortgage.

If something is to change please look into helping landlords deal with issues.

As a landlord I am looking to move my business to another state; as Illinois, Chicago, and cook county become burdensome for Landlords.

What happened to free markets. If I don't like a landlord or the property I am free to move anytime. I don't understand tenants that are staying in the properties that they do not like.

However, as a landlord to get the tenant out your only option is the cook county court. And we all know how long an eviction takes.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Lynda Schueler
Organization (if any): Housing Forward
City/Town: Maywood
State: IL
ZIP: 60153-3241

Q2

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Dear Commissioners:

I'm writing to you on behalf of Housing Forward, an organization in support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

Dear Commissioners:

County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

More than 245,000 renter households live in Cook County communities without a comprehensive landlord-tenant ordinance. Passing a strong countywide ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords by clarifying their roles and responsibilities to make the rental process easier and fairer to navigate. This will increase housing security amidst a precarious rental landscape made even more difficult by the ongoing pandemic, when it is especially clear that housing is healthcare.

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Therefore, Housing Forward, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

Housing Forward is an agency serving the needs of individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in 27 communities in west suburban Cook County. There is an urgent need right now to give renters protections so they don't lose their housing.

Thank you for time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance.

Sincerely,

Lynda Schueler
Executive Director
Housing Forward
1851 S. 9th Ave.,
Maywood, IL 60153

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Witness Name: Becca Greenstein
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL

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Please move the RTLO to a full vote and pass protections for tenants and landlords.

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Witness Name: David
City/Town: Palos
State: IL

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Please note that I am not using my full name or full address of fear of retaliation that I experienced in the past.

Hello,

My name is David and I live in Palos. I ask you to support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

I want to tell you about my experience as a renter. The day I viewed the apartment that I live in, the landlord took me around the unit and made a point to show me all of the appliances, and to especially point out the air conditioner wall unit. As we entered the kitchen, I opened the refrigerator and noticed it was not cold. He told me he would have someone look at it. I thought this meant he was going to have it fixed and that it was his responsibility.

The apartment had what I needed and we signed the lease. He never had anyone look at the refrigerator before I moved in. I mentioned it to him again while living there; he said check the temperature control and when I checked it, it was on the coldest setting. I brought it up to him again, told him I had to throw a lot of good food away. He told me his wife throws away food all of the time. It was clear that he was not going to fix the refrigerator or any other problems in the unit.

When summer came and the heat reached inside temperatures of over 95 degrees, I thought of when I toured the unit and the AC unit was pointed out. I was sorely disappointed that the air conditioner did not work either.

I wanted to check the lease, but I could not find my copy and he refused to give me a copy. I eventually tracked down a copy and found out the appliances were not covered. The landlord was not responsible, but when he showed me the apartment, he had led me to believe the appliances were provided and covered. Now I am on my own to fix everything!

The landlord also tries to change the terms whenever he wants. For example, when I moved in, I had a '94 Ford Thunderbird I was cleaning up. I had it parked right outside the apartment in the parking lot like the rest of the tenants without any issues. After I got rid of the Thunderbird, I got a truck and before parking it out of the way in the back parking lot, I asked the landlord about parking, he said "you cannot park trucks here." I said, "There are two trucks parked in the back right now, a pickup and a van," he said "give me \$150 per month." He does this all the time, he sets new terms on the spot. I know he does not charge any of the tenants for parking.

Please pass the Cook County Tenant Landlord Ordinance to make being a suburban renter fair.

Thank you!
David

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Q1

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Witness Name: Wesley Eplin
Organization (if any): Health & Medicine Policy Research Group
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60642

Q2

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From a public health and health equity perspective, Health & Medicine Policy Research Group supports passage of the Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

Health & Medicine urges all Cook County Commissioners to support this ordinance to protect tenants and promote the health and wellbeing of the public.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Scott Kibler
Organization (if any): self
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60643

Q2

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Dear Commissioners:

I Scott Kibler write to you in support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

More than 245,000 renter households live in Cook County communities without a comprehensive landlord-tenant ordinance. Passing a strong countywide ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords by clarifying their roles and responsibilities to make the rental process easier and fairer to navigate. This will increase housing security amidst a precarious rental landscape made even more difficult by the ongoing pandemic, when it is especially clear that housing is healthcare.

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Therefore, I Scott Kibler, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

Thank you for time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance.

Sincerely,
Scott Kibler
10841 S. Longwood Dr.
Chicago, IL 60643

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Witness Name: Susan Armstrong
Organization (if any): Housing Action Illinois
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60657

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Our organization works with tenants from all walks of life in the Cook County region. We strongly support this bill on behalf of the families currently navigating rental interactions without basic regulations, creating an environment ripe for confusion and abuse. The RTLO will create a more clear and fair system for all parties in our rental market.

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Witness Name: Michael Chavarria
ZIP: 60643

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I am writing to ask that the Cook County Board of Commissioners give to suburban renters at least the level of protections that Chicago renters have had for 30+ years. I ask you to do this by passing the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance this week.

Most landlords, I would say, are good business owners, who pride themselves on providing quality housing, but not all. And there is no reason why this county should continue to tolerate those bad landlords. I have spent my career working in Fair Housing and much of that time was spent in the suburbs of Cook County, where I happened to have been raised. In both my personal and professional lives I have heard countless stories of terrible rental conditions. From landlords that "pop" into the unit without notice or reason, while a tenant is getting out of the shower or sleeping. Heaters that go unfixed for years, so a family has to heat the unit with an oven because they can't afford a space heater and know the gas can't get shut off in the winter. I remember a suburban renter who was elderly, recently blind, and living alone who had a landlord cut her electricity off because she would not pay his rent increase despite a signed lease agreement that prevented him from making any increases. These are just a few brief examples I have hundreds more. And please do understand, that when people call with these types of issues, if there wasn't a federal or state law being violated, then there was nothing I or anyone could do to help because while they were being treated in a way we would all agree no person should be treated, no one had yet given them the right to be treated fairly. Now is the time to fix all of that.

Please pass the RTLO.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Eric Bostrom
City/Town: Palos Heights
State: IL
ZIP: 60463

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Parts of this ordinance are far too vague. There are encouragements for tenants to act in certain ways but there is no accountability if they do not act properly. And there is no remedy for the landlord if the tenant does act this way.

Conversely, there are specific accountability measures and remedies if landlords do not act properly.

These inequities must be addressed before this ordinance is enacted.

Please form a committee of landlords and tenants to work through this ordinance to come to a fair and balanced approach so we are all equally accountable and have a path forward when either party steps outside the rules.

Thank you.

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Witness Name:	Rev. Colleen Vahey
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60644

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I strongly support the RTLO. I urge the Cook County Board of Commissioners to pass the ordinance this week.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Javon Harris
Organization (if any): BEDS- Plus
City/Town: La Grange
State: IL
ZIP: 60525

Q2

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Q1

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Witness Name: Dolores Pino
Organization (if any): self
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60625

Q2

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Both tenants and landlords deserve dignity and protection.

The time to provide basic protections to all residents of Cook County is long overdue.

I am a renter in the City of Chicago who has benefitted from city regulations that define my rights and responsibilities as well as those of my landlord.

This law is urgent to me because I believe that my neighbors in suburban Cook County deserve the same rights as landlords and tenants here in Chicago.

Thank you.

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Witness Name: Christine Spiller
Organization (if any): Housing Choice Partners
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60612

Q2

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Sis Sylvia L Lewis
City/Town: Midlothian
State: IL
ZIP: 60445

Q2

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Brittany Cohs
City/Town: Worth
State: IL
ZIP: 60482

Q2

**County Zoning and Building Committee Meeting
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Q5

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I am writing to support the proposed Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance. This is important to me and my family because we faced the consequences of not having an RTLO to protect our rights as renters in Cook County. In 2018, after renting a condo for 5 years in Crestwood, IL, my family sought to follow our dreams of becoming homeowners. During our time as renters we had an overall good relationship with our landlord, seemingly one of mutual trust and respect. We were shocked when, after moving out, we received a letter stating we would not receive our security deposit of \$1,200 back.

We were baffled, we treated this dwelling as if it was our own. My husband is an engineer downtown and is very handy, so in saying this we were able to fix many things on our own in the condo unit. We would go above and beyond and take time to let our landlords know about any new water spots, deterioration of the ceilings, or WE would schedule maintenance for the unit on our own. We spent the last 3 days of our lease, bleaching, carpet cleaning, painting, wiping down and washing walls. To be honest many of our friends and family were surprised at just how much work we were putting into making our old unit in the best shape possible.

We put so much work into our rental because first, we felt obligated to do so as good renters, and secondly because the security deposit of \$1,200 was critical to us purchasing our new home. At that time, \$1,200 felt like 1 million dollars! But instead of getting our security deposit back as hoped, we were slapped with a \$12,000.00 bill! They sent an itemized list of everything in the condo they felt needed repair, it was basically a gut rehab! We then contacted our real estate lawyer, who although acknowledged the charges seemed very far fetched, they advised us not to fight for our security deposit because the attorneys fees alone would make the cause a wash for us.

In the end, we walked away without our security deposit, robbed of the time and energy we put into making our rental condo almost better than when we began to rent. We were told this happens often, renters in Cook County are simply not guaranteed their security deposit back. In this time of a pandemic people need help and should not fall victim to being taken advantage of. I think of people on social security, or single parents trying to work full time, and do e-learning with their children, on top of finding stable child care, or anyone right now looking for a job and just staying a float. In this time, I believe in reasonable conditions that security deposits should be returned, and a suitable, responsible security deposit should be given. I'm not sure we're asking for much just everyone to be treated equally, fairly, and respectfully. We have a duty to each other, especially now to help one another and lift each other up.

This is why we need the Cook County RTLO, please vote yes!

Thank you,

Brittany Markley

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Q1

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Witness Name: Carol Henton
City/Town: Cook
State: IL
ZIP: 60620

Q2

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Felicia Cooksey
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60619

Q2

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Sharon Norwood
City/Town: Evergreen Park
State: IL
ZIP: 60805

Q2

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Good Morning Commissioners, I am submitting my statement in full favor of the RTLO. Tenant's deserve protection from predatory Landlord's. I know because I lived in A Nightmare for 11 years Begging for help, following all the rules and I still got illegally evicted. As Commissioners you have A Moral Obligation to your constituents. This Ordinance is Long Overdue and were in the middle of A Pandemic. People have lost their jobs and can't put food on the table for their children so the last thing we need to worry about is our housing stability. Please put yourselves in our shoes and take into consideration that people don't just stop paying rent and now more than ever an established Ordinance needs to be in place for the Suburban area of Cook County. Thankyou

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Q1

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Witness Name: Tamika Anderson
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60637

Q2

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Q1

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Witness Name: John Warren
City/Town: North Riverside
State: IL
ZIP: 60546

Q2

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Thanks so much for the opportunity to make my voice heard. Although I disagree with many of the proposed changes, I wanted to start by acknowledging the intent of the ordinance to protect renters and to provide affordable, safe housing. This proposed legislation is undoubtedly being made with the best of intentions, but the legislation will do the opposite of what was intended.

By making security deposit requirements onerous, and removing move in fees the proposed RLTO will hurt landlords. As a landlord who has been stiffed, cleaned up filth, cock roaches and bed bugs brought in by previous tenants, and generally dealt with poor tenant behavior, I can tell you that security deposits and move in fees are there to protect the landlord AND the other tenants in the community. With the proposed changes to the law on security deposits, landlords will be forced to take a poison pill. We can operate with no security deposit and take the risk, or we can forgo the deposit and hope the tenant keeps the peace and leaves the unit in sanitary condition. I can tell you from experience that landlords and existing tenant communities will suffer, while the handful of bad tenants will win.

In addition, the burdensome legislation takes away the ability to impose a fair late fee. \$10 for a late fee is a laughably small amount, and it will do nothing to encourage timely and responsible payment by tenants of their rent. Rent pays taxes and local utilities, and with missed rent will eventually come delinquency from landlords on taxes and utilities. This in turn hurts property values, which affects Cook County as a whole.

The proposed legislation also imposes a myriad of other nuisances to landlords such as requirements to store tenant's abandoned furniture and belongings, disclosure of utilities for the past 12 month's that a landlord may not even have access to, and other changes related to evictions. My final question for the committee is why in the world would this proposed legislation be brought forth now when landlords, property managers and housing providers have been hammered by the pandemic. We have not been able to evict ANY tenants for the past nine months, and the court system has already shown that evictions will not be an effective tool again for many months to come.

If the RLTO is designed to help encourage affordable, safe, clean housing in Cook county, it is doomed to failure. I implore the committee to take the time to get in touch with property managers, housing organizations, realtors and other stakeholders so we can work together to create a better solution to the issues that we have on hand.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Wilfred Hegg
City/Town: Palatine
State: IL
ZIP: 60067

Q2

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“Hello, my name is Wilfred Hegg, and I am one of your constituents. I’m calling to express my strong support for the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

I care about this provision because because as a volunteer at the 501c3 organization, Connections of Illinois, I see people who work hard and are doing all they can to have a safe place to live for themselves and family members. They need to be protected from unfair practices. Most landlords are fair and should not be affected by this change, if implemented, but it will protect tenants from the few that take unfair advantage of tenants. I believe we need these protections for all Cook County residents as soon as possible. Please support our community by supporting this ordinance.”

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Q1

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Witness Name: Sam Antreasian
City/Town: Oak Park
State: IL
ZIP: 60301

Q2

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I am writing you this morning, imploring that you dig deeper into the potential adverse impacts the proposed RTLO bill will have on Cook County's apartment buildings. The proposed ordinance calls for several things which would further disincentive Housing Providers (note the use of the term "Housing Provider" instead of the more traditional "Landlord") from investment in the buildings' current operations.

This year, Housing Providers have felt the shock of COVID-19 with the fear that their tenants would be unable to satisfy their rent obligations with loss of jobs due to health and safety concerns surrounding the pandemic. This, coupled with rising property taxes, water bills, and increased construction/labor costs to perform routine maintenance or renovations, has left a formerly profitable and attractive investment opportunity in a state of razor thin margins. The vast majority of Housing Providers are smaller "Mom & Pop" type landlords, with only 1 or 2 smaller apartment buildings. These people use the returns from their investments to supplement their normal 9 to 5 jobs and help provide for things like their kids' college tuition, retirement, etc. When the returns are higher than usual, most Housing Providers use this extra cash flow to reinvest in the property itself, making capital expenditures like new windows, new roofs, new heating systems, etc. These capital expenditures are significant and typically cannot be funded without a sizeable enough return or stockpile of cash reserves built up over the course of a few years.

With the newly proposed ordinance, Cook County is further hampering the Housing Providers' ability to run their buildings in a financially sustainable way, especially in a time of such uncertainty. This ordinance was rolled out and rushed to the floor, assumably because of the current ensuing pandemic. However, you need to realize that this ordinance has seemingly nothing to do with the pandemic itself. In fact, this ordinance would have longstanding, more permanent consequences of further disinvestment in the community. Many people who would have normally jumped at the opportunity to invest in apartment buildings, will now pause and reconsider other investments, or investments in other communities outside of Cook County that don't impose such restrictions.

The ordinance calls for "strict liability", which if I understand correctly, means that a Housing Provider has absolutely no opportunity to contest any potential charges brought upon them. In situations that become more complex, and a small technicality renders the Housing Provider "guilty" of something they may have had no intention of doing, that Housing Provider has no way of contesting or trying to remedy the situation. Instead, the judge is prevented from using his or her discretion and must mandate the routine penalty. In this scenario, someone who has been accused of murder has more of an opportunity to defend themselves in the justice system than someone who is simply trying to operate their business and makes an honest, often harmless, mistake.

If you are in support of the ordinance, I hope you delve deeper and reconsider its potentially negative and longstanding impacts.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Robert Medinger
City/Town: Palos Park
State: IL
ZIP: 60464

Q2

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I am opposed to this legislation.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Anne Campbell
Organization (if any): Connections Of Illinois
City/Town: Palatine
State: IL
ZIP: 60067

Q2

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Hello, my name is Anne Campbell and I strongly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance. As a case manager for Connections of Illinois, I believe our county needs this provision because I see tenants of all economic levels struggle with rental issues because of the lack of clarity in regulations. Often, they are taken advantage of because they don't know how to navigate the system. This especially impacts communities of color and those without resources to pursue how the systems works. Clarity will help both tenants and landlords. Please support our community by supporting this ordinance.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Teri Ross
Organization (if any): Illinois Legal Aid Online
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60603

Q2

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Dear Commissioners:

I write to you [on behalf of Illinois Legal Aid Online (ILAO), and the people we serve, in support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

More than 245,000 renter households live in Cook County communities without a comprehensive landlord-tenant ordinance. Passing a strong countywide ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords by clarifying their roles and responsibilities to make the rental process easier and fairer to navigate. This will increase housing security amidst a precarious rental landscape made even more difficult by the ongoing pandemic, when it is especially clear that housing is healthcare.

This ordinance will create safeguards against illegal lockouts, protections against leases that eliminate basic renter rights to termination notices, procedures for withholding rent until building condition problems are addressed, protections from retaliation, and requirement of notice before a landlord enters the unit. These provisions are far from novel; renters in Chicago, Evanston and Mount Prospect have benefited from similar ordinances for decades.

The provisions in the proposed ordinance will establish a minimum standard of rules and regulations for all residents of Cook County. Both tenants and landlords deserve dignity and protection. We believe the time to provide basic protections to all residents of Cook County is long overdue.

Therefore, Illinois Legal Aid Online (ILAO), alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

As the largest provider of online self-help legal services in Illinois, ILAO has helped nearly 300,000 people in Cook County in the last three months, including 25,000 with landlord / tenant issues such as eviction and habitability.

Thank you for your service to Cook County and for considering our support.

Sincerely,
Teri Ross, Executive Director
Illinois Legal Aid Online
120 S. LaSalle Street Suite 900
Chicago, IL 60603

#106

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Nabi Yisrael
Organization (if any): Access Living
City/Town: chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60615

Q2

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As a human being and as a member of Access Living, I/we strongly support the RTLO and I/we urge the Cook County Board of Commissioners to pass the ordinance this week.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Savannah Hawkins
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60614

Q2

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Terry Nelson
Organization (if any):	Manufactured Home Owners Association of Illinois
City/Town:	Des Plaines
State:	IL
ZIP:	60016

Q2

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Manufactured Home Communities allow for affordable home ownership for thousands of families that are low income families and seniors on fixed incomes. Owning a home and all built up assets that sit on another person's land comes with a unique situation of a landlord and tenant relationship.

Details may vary but the stories have a common thread. If you are evicted you loose your home. Homeowners in this housing market, despite old stigmas, can not just move a home to another community. The cost to move is can be thousands of dollars and many landlords/development companies will not take older pre-owned homes. If a lot in the community is open, they want to put in a new home to sale.

If a family is evicted what happens to the home and their built up assets? Many homeowners have loans on the home. If the home is not sold they will need to turn over the title of the home to the landlord who now has a home to sale. Or the landlord offers pennies on the dollar for the home.

The needed safeguards in this ordinance will bring protections needed for families that reside in manufactured home communities that are not in place now. Protections that will help thousands of families to sleep better at night and keep them in the homes they purchased.

Our organization, The Manufactured Home Owners Association of Illinois, work with families every day, and have seen first hand the protections needed by this ordinance. We have witnessed out of state development companies gobble up Illinois communities who do not care how their decision making negatively impacts Illinois citizens.

Your yes vote will bring the needed tools to protect the homeowners in these communities. Protections that are long over due.

Thank your for the time and hopefully for the support of this ordinance. Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Terry Nelson
President
Manufactured Home Owners Association of Illinois (MHOAI)
1330 E. Rand Road #135
Des Plaines, IL 60016
847-220-2692

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Carolyn Clark
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60636

Q2

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I Carolyn Clark, strongly support the RTLO (Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance). I urge our Cook County Board of Commissioners to pass the ordinance this week in support of renters. Thank You, Carolyn C

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Stephanie Schmitz Bechteler
Organization (if any):	Chicago Urban League
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60653

Q2

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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for hearing testimony for the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (RTLO) today. At the League, we've been having conversations about COVID-19 and its impact on Black families and communities since before the initial State stay-at-home order. We could see the writing on the wall: this virus was not only going to incur a horrible toll on health in Black communities, but it was going to wreak havoc on housing and residence. We often find ourselves saying, "This always mattered, but now it matters more than ever." This is the backdrop with which you will be making decisions on this important ordinance.

In our work with clients, we hear of the challenges they face in their interactions with landlords. There is a lack of understanding regarding the appropriate steps and remedies when issues arise in the unit, or when the tenant/landlord relationship is not going well. We also have worked with many smaller landlords - the "mom and pop" small building landlords - that desire to do well by their tenants and communities but seek protections as well. Everyone benefits from a clearer, more equitable housing system that makes this process easier to navigate for both sides. In an uncertain time, providing additional certainty around the roles and responsibilities of both parties is a critical part of the rebuilding process that will happen in the upcoming months and years.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Nicole Schult
Organization (if any):	Uptown People's Law Center
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60640

Q2

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Dear Commissioners:

I, Nicole Schult, write to you as the Legal Director of Uptown People's Law Center in support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

More than 245,000 renter households live in Cook County communities without a comprehensive landlord-tenant ordinance. Passing a strong countywide ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords by clarifying their roles and responsibilities to make the rental process easier and fairer to navigate. This will increase housing security amidst a precarious rental landscape made even more difficult by the ongoing pandemic, when it is especially clear that housing is healthcare.

This ordinance will create safeguards against illegal lockouts, protections against leases that eliminate basic renter rights to termination notices, procedures for withholding rent until building condition problems are addressed, protections from retaliation, and requirement of notice before a landlord enters the unit. These provisions are far from novel; renters in Chicago, Evanston and Mount Prospect have benefited from similar ordinances for decades.

Housing is a basic human need, and the provisions in the proposed ordinance will establish a minimum standard of rules and regulations for all residents of Cook County. Both tenants and landlords deserve dignity and protection. We believe the time to provide basic protections to all residents of Cook County is long overdue.

Uptown People's Law Center has been protecting the rights of tenants in Chicago, particularly in the Uptown neighborhood since 1978. We have observed incredible changes in our community over the past 40 years, but the fact remains that having the rights and responsibilities of tenants and landlords is a key component to ensuring safe and stable housing. We have worked with tenants from all walks of life in the Cook County region. We strongly support this bill on behalf of the families currently navigating rental interactions without basic regulations, creating an environment ripe for confusion and abuse. The RTLO will create a more clear and fair system for all parties in our rental market.

Therefore, Uptown People's Law Center, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

Thank you for time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance.

Sincerely,

Nicole Schult
Legal Director
Uptown People's Law Center
4413 N Sheridan
Chicago, IL 60640

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Q1

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Witness Name: Aron Bornstein
Organization (if any): Jam Homes LLC
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60642

Q2

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I am a landlord who leases 1 single family home in Norridge that will be directly affected by the proposed RTLO. This is the WRONG time to be adding a lot of new rules and requirements on housing providers. Most of the provisions in this proposal have nothing to do with the current pandemic. Now is not the time to drop all of this on small Landlords such as myself when we are struggling with non-payment of rents and lower payments from tenants.

Further, the terms are so unfair -- a tenant only needs to pay a \$10 late fee?? My mortgage company charges a \$115 late fee. How is that fair? Could you please cap mortgage company fees too? Similarly, the ordinance requires me to give a tenant 90 days notice of non-renewal, while the tenant can decide not to renew at any time? So, if I have a problem tenant, he gets to live in my unit for 90 days rent free-- because they stop paying rent once I non-renew them. Again, so unfair.

Please do not pass this proposal at this time. It can be revisited and negotiated some time when landlords aren't dying from the pandemic.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Marien Casillas Pabellon
Organization (if any):	PASO - West Suburban Action Project
City/Town:	Melrose Park
State:	IL
ZIP:	60160

Q2

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December 15th, 2020

From:

Marien Casillas Pabellon

Executive Director

PASO – West Suburban Action Project

3415 W. North Ave – Suite D

Melrose Park, IL 60160

To: Board of Commissioners

Dear Board of Commissioners,

My name is Marien Casillas Pabellon and I am the executive director of PASO. We are an organization that works to build power with the immigrant community in the West Suburbs for the last 15 years. Every day we receive community members seeking for support in addressing issues with their landlords. It is very difficult for tenants and organizations like ours to provide said support in a vacuum. The lack of guidelines that govern the landlord-tenant relationship places an extra burden on tenants to protect themselves from unreasonable move-in fees, refusal from landlords to return security deposits, threats and illegal lock-out to mentioned some of them.

For the last 2 weeks, PASO has been supporting two tenants to gain access to their own apartment to retrieve their belongings. The tenants are siblings and one of them is a person with disabilities. They rented on 337 Belle Dr Northlake, IL, they moved in on December 1st and after paying \$500 for first month's rent and \$250 for half of the deposit (the landlady and the tenants agreed to pay the remainder for the security deposit by the end of the week). The landlady kicked his sister out because she was ill, and she didn't want anyone ill at her home. Later, they were locked out of the apartment. The tenants had medications, legal documents and the rest of their belongings.

When one of the tenants contacted us at PASO we tried to reach out to the landlady, she picked up the phone and hung up on us. At that point the landlady has not given a lease agreement, no given receipt of payment (even though it was requested), refused to return deposit and rent, kicked out a tenant with disabilities, locked out a tenant, kept all of their belongings and threaten tenants with calling immigration.

We made 3 police reports and police officers responded to the address and tried to gain access. We reached out to the Sargent as well and he tried to help. The police of Northlake mentioned that they have been called by 4 different tenants this year alone. Their hands

are tied, there is no legal framework for them to do more. We could not get access because the landlady placed a lock on the back entrance (where the entrance to the apartment is located) and she has locked the deadbolt and never gave the keys to the tenants.

As an organization, we showed up to the address 3 times as well. The tenant went to the address multiple times as well. The last time that we showed up was December 10th, 2020. We went as a group and together we were able to gain access to the living quarters after many exchanges and after mobilizing the community to demand that this landlady returned the belongings of the tenants at least. We continue to look for ways to support tenants in recovering their rent and deposit back, since they only lived 4 days in the apartment.

Not having an ordinance is exhausting police departments resources, forces tenants to miss days of work, increases homelessness and harms our communities in general.

We ask you to pass the A-20-3562 and provide communities with needed support.

Regards,

Marien Casillas Pabellon

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Witness Name: Andrew Pach
City/Town: Palos Park
State: IL
ZIP: 60464

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Adding any more restrictions to rental properties would make it almost impossible to be a landlord. Property taxes and covid hardships are taking a toll. We have no one fighting in our corner for our rights as landlords. Some of the proposals are not even practical. We landlords have it hard enough with covid affecting our tenants and trying to help them and still pay our property taxes and mortgages. Please make the correct decision and vote no on this proposal or face the harsh reality of higher rents, unpaid property taxes and foreclosures,

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Organization (if any): Metropolitan Tenants Organization
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60616

Q2

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Dear Commissioners:

I write to you [on behalf of Metropolitan Tenants Organization in support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

More than 245,000 renter households live in Cook County communities without a comprehensive landlord-tenant ordinance. Passing a strong countywide ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords by clarifying their roles and responsibilities to make the rental process easier and fairer to navigate. This will increase housing security amidst a precarious rental landscape made even more difficult by the ongoing pandemic, when it is especially clear that housing is healthcare.

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Therefore, the Metropolitan Tenants Organization, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

MTO serve tens of thousands of tenants each year, many of whom live in the county, but live without the protections afforded to Chicagoans.

Thank you for time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance.

Sincerely,
Philip DeVon
Eviction Prevention Specialist
Metropolitan Tenants Organization
1727 S Indiana Ave, G3
Chicago, IL 60616

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Witness Name: Quatisa
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60638

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I/we strongly support RTLO pass ordinances this week

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Q1

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Witness Name: Ernest C Pirtle
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60640

Q2

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As a small landlord, I am seeking an exemption from the Ordinance for owners of single-family homes and condominium units that are rented out. Many such owners are small investors who are providing affordable rental housing. This exemption would allow small owners to operate without being burdened with the complex regulations in this proposal. We are asking that small landlords with less resources be removed from this RTLO.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Jennifer Jones
City/Town: chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60640

Q2

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I Jennifer Jones, write to you in support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

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Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Jones

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Q1

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Witness Name: Sherryl Gilbert
Organization (if any): Housing Choice Partners
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60615

Q2

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Sarah Cohen
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60657

Q2

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Q1

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Witness Name: Robert Nowak
Organization (if any): Realtor/Property Manager
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60634

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Commissioners,

It is imperative that the other commissioners vote NO to the cook county RLTO.

I have watched the entire Zoom press conference featuring Scott Britton & Kevin Morrison. There is absolutely no need for additional burdensome legislation when the law already provides remedies for lockouts and other forms of constructive eviction. This is just an attempt to make cook county more expensive for renters by increasing costs to owners. Cook County already has some of the highest property taxes in the country.

Tenants are moving from Chicago to the suburbs because the city is too expensive. They are tired of the tax on bottled water. They are tired of the tax on grocery bags. They are tired of seeing boarded up and closing stores on Michigan avenue. They are tired of the chaos in the city. I see the proposed RLTO as an attempt to bring the failed policies of Chicago to the suburbs, which is unacceptable.

Landlords are tired of 'professional tenants' taking advantage of the system. Landlords are tired of not getting paid rent because of the moratorium on evictions. Tired of the slow eviction process, and tenants that leave thousands of dollars of damage with little recourse. Tenants that bring roaches to a clean apartment and don't have the proper sanitation to eliminate the problem.

The proposed RLTO has a cap on security deposits and move-in fees. There are valid reason why an owner may need to ask for additional security deposit or move-in fees. For tenants with poor credit, instead of rejecting the applicant either side can suggest a higher security deposit for the higher risk. Furthermore, tenants usually skip paying the last month of rent leaving the property owner with absolutely no security deposit for damages. Because of this, landlords need to ask for a two month security deposit. Move-In fees cover the wear and tear on the doors, elevators, and hallways of buildings during a move. The market for rentals should dictate security deposits and move-in fees.

What is considered a reasonable and related move-in fee per the proposed RTLO? Will asking for the rent be considered retaliation? The proposed RLTO just complicates things further.

In the entire 56 minutes and 25 seconds of video presented by the commissioners, I could not find a reason that cook county needs a RLTO. The reasoning presented was Chicago has a RLTO so cook county needs one too? That is the poorest reasoning I have ever heard of since everyone is moving out of Chicago.

Tenant #1 says she lived in Chicago under the RLTO and has since moved and still has dinner with her old landlord? So, the RLTO made her friends with her landlady? Really?

Tenant #2 ran a daycare business in her rental which was likely a violation of her lease. She claims the judge ruled against her and she was evicted. She was obviously evicted for a valid reason as decided by the court. Is it the commissioners position to have property owners foot the bill for non-paying tenants and tenants in violation of their lease?

These tenants are the best example of why we don't need a RLTO in cook county.

The proposed RLTO is unfair to owners by using the term "shall be financially liable" instead of "may be financially liable" Professional tenants have many tricks up their sleeves and it should be up to a judge as to who is financially liable. Landlords routinely get the short end of the stick with the cost of eviction on top of lost rent and damage. The RLTO further increases owners costs which will be passed on to future tenants. The protections given to tenants are already addressed by the law. The county cannot increase property taxes and then complain that rents are too high or deposits are too much. The county should not be in the property management business.

Let's do what's right for the county and the state before everyone moves out of Illinois and into a state that is more business friendly.

Please OPPOSE the RLTO ordinance.

Robert Nowak

Realtor- 18 years

Landlord- 18 years- (suburban cook county)

President- 190 Unit condo association in Arlington Heights (50% Rental)

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Sally Robinson
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60612

Q2

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For the last several years, across the country, a movement that recognizes the fundamental tenant rights to safe, stable and affordable housing has been bringing about much needed reforms. More than ever, Illinoisans are renting. In order for our communities to thrive, the large contingent of renters within them need basic assurances that their homes are protected from undue interference, sudden disruption, and denigration due to failure to maintain. This brings rights Chicagoans have long enjoyed into the rest of Cook County. Thank you, Commissioners, for your support of this ordinance.

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Witness Name: Justin Williams
Organization (if any): Metropolitan Planning Council
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60603

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Dear Commissioners:

I, Ahmadou Dramé, write to you on behalf of the Metropolitan Planning Council in support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562). As an organization committed to policies that address the historic and ongoing effects of segregation, displacement, and disinvestment in the Cook County region, we strongly support this law. The RTLO will be a positive step for racial justice, as Black, indigenous, and people of color are disproportionately impacted by a lack of regulatory floors for tenant landlord engagement.

More than 245,000 renter households live in Cook County communities without a comprehensive landlord-tenant ordinance. Passing a strong countywide ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords by clarifying their roles and responsibilities to make the rental process easier and fairer to navigate. This will increase housing security amidst a precarious rental landscape made even more difficult by the ongoing pandemic, when it is especially clear that housing is healthcare.

This ordinance will create safeguards against illegal lockouts, protections against leases that eliminate basic renter rights to termination notices, procedures for withholding rent until building condition problems are addressed, protections from retaliation, and requirement of notice before a landlord enters the unit. These provisions are far from novel; renters in Chicago, Evanston and Mount Prospect have benefited from similar ordinances for decades.

Housing is a basic human need, and the provisions in the proposed ordinance will establish a minimum standard of rules and regulations for all residents of Cook County. Both tenants and landlords deserve dignity and protection. We believe the time to provide basic protections to all residents of Cook County is long overdue.

Therefore, the Metropolitan Planning Council, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

Thank you for time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance.

Sincerely,
Ahmadou Dramé
Housing and Community Development Manager
Metropolitan Planning Council
140 S. Dearborn Ste 1400
Chicago, IL 60603

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Q1

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Witness Name: Betsy Lassar
Organization (if any): BPI
City/Town: Chicago,
State: IL
ZIP: 60602

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BPI is a public interest law and policy center that has worked for more than 50 years to address compelling issues of social justice and quality of life in the Chicago region. We write to urge the Zoning and Building Committee to pass the RTLO. By providing needed protections to suburban Cook County renters, the proposed ordinance is an important instrument for racial equity and housing justice. By defining the legal obligations of both tenants and landlords, the proposed ordinance provides clarity and understanding that will serve both parties well.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Pete Garus
City/Town: Schiller Park
State: IL
ZIP: 60171

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Limits as proposed do not work.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Maurya Delaney
City/Town: Evanston
State: IL
ZIP: 60202

Q2

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Q1

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Witness Name: Caroline Manley
Organization (if any): Center for Disability & Edler Law
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60606

Q2

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The Center for Disability & Elder Law provides free legal assistance to low-income seniors and people with disabilities throughout Cook County. CDEL supports the RTLO because we believe that strong housing protections create stronger communities and positively impact health outcomes. Seniors and people with disabilities struggle to find affordable housing and need adequate time to find alternative housing if their lease will not be renewed. This ordinance is a positive step for the County.

#128

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Suzanne Griffel
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60640

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Dear Commissioners:

I, Suzanne Griffel, a Cook County resident and housing activist, write to you in support of the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

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Thank you for time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance.

Sincerely,

(Rabbi) Suzanne Griffel

#129

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: James Merrion
City/Town: Indian Head Park
State: IL
ZIP: 60525

Q2

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Cook county has enough landlord regulations already, and such things as no penalties for tenants who break a lease, no attorney fees for the repetitive dealing with "deadbeats and poachers," and so on

Cook county taxes are already hurting landlords, and most landlords I know have been getting short-paid to help out tenants any way. Over regulations which are as one sided (pro-tenant) as this are just another log on the fire for those thinking that they should leave Cook county as it is no longer a good place to own property.

A tenant could actually just decide, merely out of vindictiveness, to withhold the monthly rent and run the landlord through the ringer in the courts, only to pay at the last moment while their landlord pays an attorney thousands of dollars to chase the tenant.

This will also diminish the value of these apartments, and cause more abandoned and blighted buildings particulatry in lower-income neighborhoods and with affordable housing issue #1 for most Cities, this type of legislation makes it even more difficult to provide decent housing to working families. YOU will be adding to the exodus form Illinois with this and finding the landlords not having enough money to properly maintain their buildings now that they have lost value due to this pro-tenant regulation which encourages dishonest tenants to work a willing system to screw the landlords...a good recipe for blight!

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Q1

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Witness Name: Britta Larson
Organization (if any): Center on Halsted
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60613

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Dear Commissioners:

I write to you on behalf of Center on Halsted, in support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

More than 245,000 renter households live in Cook County communities without a comprehensive landlord-tenant ordinance. Passing a strong countywide ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords by clarifying their roles and responsibilities to make the rental process easier and fairer to navigate. This will increase housing security amidst a precarious rental landscape made even more difficult by the ongoing pandemic, when it is especially clear that housing is healthcare.

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Therefore, Center on Halsted, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

Center on Halsted is the Midwest's largest and most comprehensive community center dedicated to serving the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender population of Chicagoland. LGBT people are more likely to be lower income than their heterosexual and cis-gender peers, are more likely to be estranged from their biological families, and are more likely to struggle with mental health issues and substance use than their heterosexual and cis-gender peers. These reasons, among others, mean that LGBT people are at higher risk for housing instability. It is estimated that LGBT youth are 120% more likely to experience homelessness than their heterosexual and cis-gender peers. This ordinance will provide much needed support to foster housing stability to a population facing higher risks of housing instability and homelessness.

Thank you for time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance.

Sincerely,
Britta Larson
Senior Services Director
Center on Halsted
3656 N. Halsted St.
Chicago, IL 60613

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: David Zoltan
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60626

Q2

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In the wake of hundreds of thousands of expected evictions across the state during this pandemic once the eviction moratorium expires, it is all the more important that we are doing everything possible to ensure tenants' rights and keeping people in their homes. Housing is a human right, and it must not be interrupted without exceptional cause. These rights are the bare minimum of what is needed, and they have worked for decades in the city. It's time to include citizens across the county in these protections.

#132

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Q1

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Witness Name: Brittanie
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60637

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I strongly support the RTLO. I urge the Cook County Board of Commissioners to pass the ordinance this week.

#133

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Q1

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Witness Name: John Petruszak
Organization (if any): South Suburban Housing Center
City/Town: Homewood
State: IL
ZIP: 60430

Q2

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South Suburban Housing Center (SSHC) is the regional fair housing and HUD-approved counseling agency serving the south and southwest suburbs of Chicago. I am writing you on behalf of our agency to ask for your support of the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (RTLO, Item #20-3562), introduced by Commissioners Scott Britton and Kevin Morrison. Our organization provides legal support to people experiencing discrimination and other forms of mistreatment in the housing realm. Currently, there is no comprehensive tenant-landlord ordinance covering our Cook County service area. Passing a strong countywide ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords by clarifying their roles and responsibilities to make the rental process easier and fairer to navigate. We are also experiencing an influx of calls from renters in distressed housing situations because of COVID-19 income disruptions. These tenants require additional protections to allow them to sustain their housing threatened by pandemic circumstances beyond their control. The proposed ordinance will:

- Prohibit lease terms that waive the basic tenant right to notices, require renters to “confess judgment” without a trial, or allow landlords to charge exorbitant interest rates on late payment of rent
 - Improve on procedures for renters to withhold rent until building condition problems are addressed
 - Create a course of action to enforce renters’ rights not to be locked out and provide guidance on when landlord entry is permitted
 - Require security deposits to be maintained separately and returned to renters, prohibit excessive security deposits, prevent landlords from renaming security deposits “move-in fees” so as to keep them, and set up penalties when security deposits are not returned
- This law will also help further racial equity in Cook County. Black, indigenous, and people of color are disproportionately impacted by a lack of regulatory protections for tenant landlord engagement. The RTLO will be a positive step for racial justice, as well as strengthen our agency’s work towards achieving a unitary housing market that eliminates discrimination and fosters stable, long-term diverse communities.

Thank you for time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance.

#134

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Q1

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Witness Name: Peter Toepfer
Organization (if any): Center for Housing and Health
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60606

Q2

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The RLTO is critical to protect renters during the ongoing pandemic. We urge you to support it.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: JOHN NUGENT
City/Town: ORLAND PARK
State: IL
ZIP: 60462

Q2

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As a group these new ordinances propose excessive burdens & notice upon landlords. Rights of tenants especially post Covid, can restrict owner from having income or possession of their property when duly have a right to have possession or rightful income. These will cause excessive financial harm on property owners. It will also further cause disinvestment in rental properties especially single family homes & smaller 2-4 unit buildings

#136

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Zakiyyah S. Muhammad
Organization (if any): MTO
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60616

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I am in full support of the passing of the Residential Tenant Landlord ordinance in Cook County.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Pamela Harris
City/Town:	Wheeling
State:	IL
ZIP:	60090

Q2

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protect suburban Cook County renters in additional communities.

The Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance:

Prohibits lease terms that waive notices, require renters to “confess judgment” without a trial, or allow landlords to charge exorbitant interest rates on late payment of rent.

Improves procedures for renters to withhold rent until building condition problems are addressed.

Creates a cause of action to enforce renters’ rights not to be locked out of their homes and provides guidance for when entry is permitted.

Overall, the proposed ordinance clarifies the roles and responsibilities for both renters and landlords—making the rental landscape easier and fairer to navigate for everyone.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Nicole Thomas
Organization (if any):	@properties
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60618

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Mr Morrison,

As a Realtor and property owner, I'm asking that you vote against the proposed changes to RLTO.

Right now I have tenants in my properties that haven't paid a dime of rent in 8 months.

I just have to sit on my hands and watch the bills come in that I am unable to pay. Most are collecting unemployment but refuse to even pay partial rent, but the eviction ban leaves me with no recourse. That is why it amazes me that the county would allow for more restrictions on landlords when we can barely make our maintenance, utility and mortgage payments. If late fees are capped at \$10, a large percentage of renters will simply stop paying on time. \$10 is an insufficient penalty. It's ludicrous to even propose this.

As for move in fees, since landlords are faced with stiff penalties for not giving tenants .01% interest, literally pennies, landlords no can no longer accept the liability of taking deposits. My suggestion is that if you want to eliminate move in fees, take away the big penalties for not giving a tenant pennies in interest. I would rather take deposits than move in fees.

Also, my two flat owners are not Realtors or lawyers. There shouldn't be large penalties for incorrect paperwork for small owners. Can you please help us out and vote against these changes. We don't need a waive of foreclosures.

Nicole Thomas

@properties
