

COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING OF MAY 21, 2020

PUBLIC TESTIMONY SUBMITTALS

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81. Benjamin Sells	Village President, Riverside	Riverside
82. Mayor Rich Reinbold	Village of Richton Park	Richton Park
83. Katie Morin	Concerned Individual	Hanover, MD
84. Ran Flanders	Concerned Individual	Chicago
85. Nadeen Israel	Concerned Individual	Elk Grove Village
86. Robert Kolosh	Village of Thornton	Thornton
87. Kenya Burnett	Legal Council for Health Justice	Chicago
88. Meg McElroy	Concerned Individual	Forest Park
89. Nat Duran	Concerned Individual	Chicago
90. Jackie Thaney	Concerned Individual	Evanston
91. Nathan Muckley	Concerned Individual	Chicago
92. Aisha Davis	AIDS Foundation of Chicago	Chicago
93. Cynthia Tucker	Concerned Individual	Dolton
94. Fred Tsao	IL Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights	Chicago
95. Kathy Q	Concerned Individual	N/A
96. Brian Solem	Concerned Individual	Chicago
97. RoiAnn Phillips	Concerned Individual	Oak Park
98. Jim Pickett	Concerned Individual	Chicago
99. Lindsey Martin	Concerned Individual	Chicago
100. Simon Koehlinger	Concerned Individual	Chicago

#81

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Q1

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Witness Name: Benjamin Sells
Organization (if any): Village President, Riverside
City/Town: RIVERSIDE
State: IL
ZIP: 60546-2211

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Agenda Item 20-2378

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Our police, fire, and paramedics understand better than anyone the risks involved in this crisis and are taking necessary steps to protect themselves. They also know that responding to a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 location requires exceptional levels of personal protection and safety protocols that far exceed masks and gloves. That is why they have uniformly and repeatedly asked for information about these locations as an additional necessary layer of protection and safety.

There is a limited supply of personal protection equipment, a supply that will quickly be depleted if first responders adhere to the full panoply of protection and safety protocols for every service call. Riverside is small – about 9000 people – but our police, fire, and paramedics respond to well over 600 calls per month. Telling first responders to treat every service call as if it is to a COVID-19 positive address ignores the practical and logistical realities on the ground.

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Witness Name:	Mayor Rick Reinbold
Organization (if any):	Village of Richton Park
City/Town:	RICHTON PARK
State:	IL
ZIP:	60471

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Support as it protects our First Responders.
Thank you for your consideration.

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Witness Name: Katie Morin
City/Town: Hanover
State: MD
ZIP: 21076

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State: IL
ZIP: 60660

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Considering the impact of COVID-19 on communities of color, this resolution has the potential to lead to a large amount of discrimination.

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Witness Name: Nadeen Israel
City/Town: Elk Grove Village
State: IL
ZIP: 60007

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Witness Name: Robert Kolosh
Organization (if any): Village of Thornton
City/Town: THORNTON
State: IL
ZIP: 60476

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For the safety of First Responders and their families I believe it is important that they receive notification of addresses of COVID-19 positive cases.

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

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Witness Name: Meg McElroy
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State: IL
ZIP: 60130

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State: IL
ZIP: 60660

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City/Town: Evanston
State: IL
ZIP: 60202

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Witness Name: Nathan Muckley
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60640

Q2

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The SAFE with First Responders Resolution does not reflect the advice of public health professionals and organizations in Illinois, and globally. Releasing this private health information will not keep first responders safe, it will only serve to provide a false sense of security; the danger of COVID-19 has been the rate at which cases are asymptomatic. First responders need to use universal precautions in this time. Releasing this private health information is a gross violation of the right to privacy, and this situation does not call for it. At a time when testing is still so fraught, presenting any more barriers to testing and identification of cases is negligent. This would put both first responders, and Cook County residents in danger -- the exact opposite of what the Commission should be striving towards.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Aisha N. Davis, Esq.
Organization (if any): AIDS Foundation of Chicago
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60606

Q2

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Full statement emailed. Text copied below.

Dear Commissioners Britton, Daley, Miller, S. Morrison, Suffredin, and Arroyo,

The current COVID-19 pandemic has caused a public health emergency and led to a shift in the ways we all live our lives. During the course of the pandemic, our healthcare workers, first responders, and emergency service providers have all worked tirelessly to continue providing the best health outcomes for Cook County residents. However, the proposed Resolution to Share Addresses for Emergencies (SAFE) with First Responders does not promote the best health outcomes for our communities – it actively endangers our most vulnerable and marginalized communities without providing any additional protections to our workforce. For this and the following reasons, we are opposed to the SAFE with First Responders Resolution.

AIDS Foundation Chicago (AFC) is dedicated to ensuring people living with or vulnerable to HIV are able to access competent, comprehensive care and live healthy lives, and that resources and services are provided with equity in mind to combat the longstanding systemic racism that has created disparities in Black and Latinx communities. Equity across systems and in access to resources is integral to all of our work, and is critically important during the COVID-19 pandemic. The SAFE with First Responders Resolution is contrary to our goal of equity.

As a longtime partner in the fight to end the HIV epidemic, AFC is aware of the unique concerns around the sharing of private medical information – especially around diagnoses that carry stigma. For people living with HIV, disclosure of status can affect the ability to obtain or keep employment, find stable and safe housing, or access compassionate healthcare. For our community, privacy is often the only way to avoid the devastating effects of stigma. The SAFE with First Responders Resolution would violate the privacy of our community members – and do so with no added benefit to first responders.

First, creating a designation between COVID-19 positive households and others creates a false sense of security for first responders, which could lead to fewer precautions being taken when responding to emergencies. The novelty of COVID-19 has meant that we are all constantly learning new information about the effects of this virus on the human body. Among that knowledge is the fact that not every person carrying the virus and contagious to others exhibits symptoms. Because there is no way to know if any person has been exposed, contracted, or could transmit COVID-19, the best practice for all essential workers, including first responders, is to assume that any and every person they encounter could be a COVID-19 carrier, including their colleagues. These universal precautions will make sure first responders are in the best position to protect themselves and the communities they serve.

Second, this policy has the potential to deter people from seeking care. We know the creation of HIV criminalization laws has created apprehension around being tested. It is clear the SAFE with First Responders Resolution will have a similar effect. Residents will fear the state will not only store, but will distribute, their private health information beyond the Department of Public Health. For communities that have experienced HIV stigma and systemic racism – either separately or in conjunction – community trust in state agencies is already low, and this resolution will further erode this trust at a time where our entire community will benefit from everyone seeking the care they need.

History has shown us that people are less likely to be tested when they are uncertain how the state will use their information. For Black, Latinx, and Indigenous communities, history has also shown that health and trust are seldom able to exist without tension and violation of trust. Unsurprisingly, and particularly damning, the highest rates of positive tests and deaths in the COVID-19 pandemic have been in Black, Latinx, and Indigenous communities. For people living with HIV, who must constantly fight the assumption that their lives are less valuable or viable, this resolution will create more fear of being overlooked for care. This Resolution is another step away from trust for the communities who need the care the most right now.

Third, and finally, the SAFE with First Responders Resolution has the potential to harm the civil liberties of every Cook County resident. The level of disclosure required to implement this Resolution does not build community trust. The collection, storage, and sharing of private information, especially private health information, must be done only for significant public health gains, and implemented with the utmost care and in a limited fashion. This Resolution does the opposite.

Allowing public health information about COVID-19 test results to be shared with law enforcement, firefighters, medical providers, dispatchers, and others – goes far beyond the bounds of the Cook County Department of Public Health. Sharing this information does not benefit the public, and it has the potential to create further disparities in care and impact of the pandemic. We have seen the deadly effects of first responders acting out of fear – especially in Black communities. Passing this Resolution invites a new metric of fear and

will augment the harm Black and Latinx communities experience based on racist assumptions and stereotypes.

We know our first responders are saving lives and strengthening our communities every day. We also know their work comes with the potential of both harm and healing – to themselves and others. The proposed resolution does not offer them any greater protection, but it does pose greater risk to the safety and privacy of every member of our community. It is imperative that this resolution does not move forward.

We appreciate the opportunity to weigh in regarding the SAFE with First Responders Resolution and are happy to answer any questions you have. Please feel free to contact me at adavis@aidschicago.org or 202-257-4334.

Sincerely,

Aisha N. Davis, Esq.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Cynthia Tucker
City/Town: Dolton
State: IL
ZIP: 60419

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Q1

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Witness Name: Fred Tsao
Organization (if any): Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60604

Q2

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ICIRR opposed this resolution because it will deter immigrants, who may be concerned about release of testing results, from seeking testing and from calling first responders. Immigrants may in particular fear that disclosure of sensitive information like COVID test results will lead to stigmatization, discrimination, and potentially to arrest, deportation, and long-term separation from our families.

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Witness Name: **kathy Q**

Q2

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You have no right to keep the stay at home order continuing. If this passes you will have a revolution in Illinois. People are not happy. people are losing everything they own. You have to take into consideration the after affects of shutting down the county.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Brian Solem
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60630

Q2

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Q1

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Witness Name: RoiAnn R. Phillips
City/Town: Oak Park
State: IL
ZIP: 60304

Q2

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Jim Pickett
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60640

Q2

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I am opposed to the reporting of addresses of folks with COVID-19 to first responders. This is counter to public health practice, does not help ppl stay safe, and it is a deterrent to screening and contact tracing. A terrible idea.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Simone Koehlinger
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60626

Q2

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Lindsey Martin
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60640

Q2

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First, creating a designation between COVID-19 positive households and others creates a false sense of security for first responders, which could lead to fewer precautions being taken when responding to emergencies. Because there is no way to know if any person has been exposed, contracted, or could transmit COVID-19, the best practice for all first responders and essential workers is to assume any and every person they encounter could be carrying COVID-19, including their colleagues. Universal precautions will make sure first responders are in the best position to protect themselves and the communities they serve.

Second, this policy has the potential to deter people from seeking care. It is clear the SAFE with First Responders Resolution will cause residents to fear that the state will not only store, but will distribute, their private health information. For communities that have experienced HIV stigma and systemic racism – either separately or in conjunction – this resolution will further erode the little trust in existing systems. This Resolution is another step away from trust for the communities who need care the most right now.

Third, and finally, the SAFE with First Responders Resolution has the potential to harm the civil liberties of every Cook County resident. The collection, storage, and sharing of private information, especially private health information, must be done only for significant public health gains, and implemented with the utmost care and in a limited fashion. This Resolution does the opposite. Sharing this information does not benefit the public, and it has the potential to create further disparities in care and in the impact of the pandemic. We have seen the deadly effects of first responders acting out of fear – especially in Black communities. Passing this Resolution invites a new metric of fear and will augment the harm that Black and Latinx communities experience based on racist assumptions and stereotypes.

We know that our first responders are saving lives and strengthening our communities every day. We also know that their work comes with the potential of both harm and healing – to themselves and others. The proposed resolution does not offer them any greater protection, but it does pose great risk to the safety and privacy of every member of our community. It is imperative that this resolution does not move forward. Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in regarding the SAFE with First Responders Resolution.
