



**COMMISSIONER - 11<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT  
COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

October 25, 2019

Ms. Delrice Adams  
Executive Director  
Justice Advisory Council  
69 W. Washington  
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Director Adams

To assist the Board of Commissioners in consideration of Item #19-5916 (Executive Budget Recommendation FY20) which was referred to the Finance Committee please provide a written response to the following questions regarding the JAC's FY20 budget recommendation.

1. In the JAC's "Operational Highlights" section of the budget, it was stated that the JAC distributed \$2.5 million in grants this past year to community-based programs aimed at reducing recidivism. What criteria is used when deciding who shall receive these grants? Is there data to determine whether or not these programs actually do reduce recidivism?
2. Under "Program Description" of the budget, it is stated that the JAC receives grants from the federal and state governments as well as from private organizations. Could you give some examples of which governmental agencies you work with and which private groups as well?
3. Under the same section you stated that JAC advises those connected with the legislative agenda dealing with public safety. Could you give some examples of actual pieces of legislation upon which the JAC has advised?

These questions were brought forth by the League of Women's Voters and I believe a discussion of these issues will be helpful to Commissioners during this budget process.

Thank you for your prompt response to this inquiry.

Sincerely,

John P. Daley  
Chairman, Finance Committee

cc: Board of Commissioners