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Q1

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

Q2

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

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

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

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

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I am opposed to this legislation.

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

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

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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

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

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

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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.

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

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

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

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

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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.

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

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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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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

#114

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

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

Q2

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

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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,

#115

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Q1

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Witness Name: Philip DeVon
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.

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 or I] believe the time to provide basic protections to all residents of Cook County is long overdue.

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

#116

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Q1

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

Q2

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I/we strongly support RTLO pass ordinances this week

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Support RTLO

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Q1

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

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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

Please provide some basic information

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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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.

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

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Q1

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

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

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

Q2

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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)

#122

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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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Q1

Please provide some basic information

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

Q2

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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.

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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

#124

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

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.

#125

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

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

Q2

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12/16/2020 930a**

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Q4

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Limits as proposed do not work.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

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

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: 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.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

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

Q2

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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).

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.

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 from 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

Q2

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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.

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, 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

#131

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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.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

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

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: 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.

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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.

#135

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Q1

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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

Q2

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

#1

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

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.

#2

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

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

Q2

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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.

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