



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

New Items Agenda

Wednesday, June 6, 2018, 11:00 AM

COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

**ZONING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JUNE 6, 2018**

18-1356 PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT Zoning ordinance text amendment

18-4055

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE CHICAGO REGIONAL GROWTH CORPORATION (CRGC)

WHEREAS, the Chicago Regional Growth Corporation (CRGC) is a 501c(3) non-profit organization established for the purpose of fostering collaboration and cultivating a regional approach to economic development to generate inclusive growth and prosperity across northeastern Illinois; and

WHEREAS, CRGC's purpose and agenda aligns with recommendations contained in *Partnering for Prosperity, An Economic Action Agenda for Cook County* and *Planning for Progress, Cook County's Consolidated Plan and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, 2015-2019*; and

WHEREAS, CRGC serves Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will Counties and the City of Chicago whose diverse and dynamic economy is at the center of global trade routes and boasts major assets in transportation infrastructure, information technology and manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, said region, which more than 30 Fortune 500 headquarters across seven counties call home, is one of the world's top ten most competitive economies and repeatedly ranks highly in global competitiveness and the pace of foreign investment; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago region is rich in assets, including diverse industries, a highly skilled workforce and essential infrastructure; has the potential to perform better by working collaboratively and collectively across jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS in 2013, to improve coordination, leaders from northeastern Illinois convened a working group to identify opportunities to drive economic development together and developed several successful projects leading to growth, investment and the creation and retention of quality jobs; and

WHEREAS, after working collaboratively and cooperatively together for four years, said leaders deemed that further structure, organization and capacity was required to ensure the sustainability and effectiveness of this initiative and launched the Chicago Regional Growth Corporation (CRGC) in January 2018 with a

founding board of directors; and

WHEREAS, CRGC now provides the organizational infrastructure for the group's ongoing collaboration and will coordinate development opportunities in northeastern Illinois, creating programs, building networks and providing more efficient economic development tools and resources to grow the region's economy, including, but not limited to:

- Leading programs to increase exports by small and medium-sized firms through the successful Metro Chicago Exports grant program, pitch competition and ExporTech™ curriculum.
- Developing new programs to attract foreign investment to the region and build stronger relationships with existing foreign-owned enterprises.
- Convening important industry clusters to discuss common issues and identify new opportunities for growth, such as the Chicago Metro Metals Consortium, which the group launched to strengthen the fabricated metal and machinery sectors.
- Coordinating regional networks to improve essential systems, such as the group's effort to enhance the region's freight transportation system by standardizing truck permitting.
- Advancing these efforts in the region's economically distressed communities to create high- quality, wealth-building jobs for residents in the areas with opportunity for growth; and

WHEREAS, each of the seven counties and the City of Chicago committed financial support in the range of \$15,000 to \$150,000 based broadly on their population size to support the launch of CRGC, with Cook County and the City of Chicago each committing a total of \$150,000; and

WHEREAS, as a founding board member, Cook County desires to fulfill its commitment by agreeing to contribute \$75,000 annually to CRGC for the 2018 and 2019 fiscal years for a total of \$150,000 and recognizes that evidence of Cook County's financial support will assist CRGC in securing additional public and private funding and;

WHEREAS, Cook County, through its Bureau of Economic Development, desires to enter into an agreement with CRGC to participate in and financially support CRGC; and

WHEREAS, Cook County through the Bureau of Economic and CRGC share the common goals of promoting economic development and creating economic opportunities for local residents and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Chief of the Bureau of Economic Development, or his or her designee, to enter into an agreement with CRGC, including payment of \$75,000 for fiscal year 2018 and an additional \$75,000 for fiscal year 2019.

18-4109

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT TO COUNTY CONTACTS REGARDING SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMPLIANCE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 42, Human Relations, Section. 42-40 of the Cook County Code, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 42-40. - County contracts.

(a) *Prohibition.* No person who is a party to a contract with Cook County ("County") shall engage in unlawful discrimination or sexual harassment against any individual in the terms or conditions of employment, credit, public accommodations, housing, or provision of County facilities, services or programs. "Sexual harassment" has such meaning as is ascribed to it in other sections of this article.

(b) *Contract provisions.* The Chief Procurement Officer for the County, and all other department heads, as authorized, shall include a provision in all County contracts that sets forth the County's policies with respect to unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment, as embodied in this article, and that requires every contractor to certify its compliance with these policies and its agreement to abide by such policies as a part of the contractor's contractual obligations. In certifying its compliance with this section, every Contractor shall certify that it has policies, procedures, and training advising employees of the illegality of sexual harassment and the rights and remedies for aggrieved employees. All County contracts shall further provide that if any party to a contract with the County is found to have violated any provision of this article, or furnished false or misleading information in any investigation, hearing, or inquiry held pursuant to this article, that contract may be subject to a declaration of default and termination.

(c) *Exception.* This section applies only to contracts executed after the effective date of the ordinance from which this article is derived.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption