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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Macaire Grambauer
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60647

Q2

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Commissioner Quezada, I'm a constituent of yours in District 8 and calling on you to vote YES and support #21-0597 to have Cook County read a Land Acknowledgement at monthly Board Meetings, AND #21-0565 to have Indigenous Peoples' Day REPLACE Columbus Day for Cook County. It is long past time we put these small practices into place to acknowledge not only the original stewards of these lands, but our role in their oppression and expulsion.

Thank you for your support! Hopefully we'll see success soon on BOTH these issues!

Q6

Submitting written testimony only

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Q7

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: India Peek Jensen
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60647

Q2

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#21-0597

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Dear Commissioner Quezada,

I'm a constituent of yours in District #8 and am calling on you to vote YES and support #21-0597 to have Cook County read a Land Acknowledgement at monthly Board Meetings, AND #21-0565 to have Indigenous Peoples' Day REPLACE Columbus Day for Cook County. I feel this way because we live on stolen land.

Thank you for your ongoing support! Hopefully we'll see success soon on BOTH these issues!

Sincerely,
India

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Priscilla Read
Organization (if any): Peace&Justice Committee, Episcopal Diocese of Chicago
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60614

Q2

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#21-0597

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I am a constituent of Bridget Degnen in District #12. I urge a YES vote in support of @21-0597 to have Cook Country read a Land Acknowledgement at monthly Board meetings. This would be a first step in recognizing the enormous wrongs done to the Indigenous peoples of North America when settlers seized their land and engaged in ethnic cleansing and genocide.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Abby Greaney
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60660

Q2

Tell us which meeting you wish to be recorded as a witness. If you don't know the meeting or date, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar. Please fill out a separate form for each meeting at which you wish to speak.

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#21-0597 and #21-0565

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Commissioner Gainer, I'm a constituent of yours in District # 10 and calling on you to vote YES and support #21-0597 to have Cook County read a Land Acknowledgement at monthly Board Meetings, AND #21-0565 to have Indigenous Peoples' Day REPLACE Columbus Day for Cook County. I feel this way because for too long we've failed to acknowledge that we live on stolen land. We've failed to show respect to the Indigenous people who were forced from their homes and treated like second class citizens. These small gestures are the least we can do to begin to make amends for the harm done to these folks.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Eric Leonardson
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60626

Q2

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21-0565
21-0597

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Dear Commissioner Josina Morita, I'm a constituent of yours in District #13 and calling on you to vote YES and support #21-0597 to have Cook County read a Land Acknowledgement at monthly Board Meetings, AND #21-0565 to have Indigenous Peoples' Day REPLACE Columbus Day for Cook County. I feel this way because the majority of Americans still suffer from a legacy of European colonialism, slavery and genocide against native people and all life on our land which we call home. Approving and instituting these measures will show that we are ready, with the courage and the ability to make urgently necessary changes, for all of us who inhabit and respect this land, and for those who will inherit this land after we pass on.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Sean Kase
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60647

Q2

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Dear Commissioner Quezada, I'm a constituent of yours in District 8 and calling on you to vote YES in support of #21-0597 to have Cook County read a land acknowledgement at monthly board meetings and #21-0565 to have Indigenous Peoples' Day replace Columbus Day for Cook County. We have started this process with Chicago Public Schools recognizing it, and we need to start the path to recognizing it at the county level so that the momentum spreads to both the city and entire state of Illinois. Thank you!

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Leigh Kelsey
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60646

Q2

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21-0597

Q4

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Greetings, Commissioner Bridget Gainer,

I'm a constituent of yours - District #10.

I call on you to 1) vote YES and support #21-0597 to have Cook County read a Land Acknowledgement at monthly Board Meetings 2) AND #21-0565 to have Indigenous Peoples' Day REPLACE Columbus Day for Cook County.

Let's put the violent history of Columbus behind us by acknowledging and celebrating the people whose land he stole.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Rose Miron
City/Town: Lincolnwood
State: IL
ZIP: 60712

Q2

Tell us which meeting you wish to be recorded as a witness. If you don't know the meeting or date, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar. Please fill out a separate form for each meeting at which you wish to speak.

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21-0565 and 21-0597

Q4

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Hello,

My name is Rose Miron and I am a historian of Indigenous history in the United States and a resident of District 13 in Cook County. I hold a PhD in American Studies, focusing on American Indian and Indigenous history and work as a historian for the Newberry Library. My Commissioner is Josina Morita.

I am writing today to express my support for File #21-0565 and #21-0597 to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day and the reading of a Land Acknowledgement before monthly board meetings.

I will begin with the issue of Columbus Day. Columbus Day commemorations usually portray Christopher Columbus as a heroic and peaceful explorer, but historical sources, including Columbus's own letters and journals, tell a different story. In them, we see Columbus immediately resolve to exploit the new lands he reached and their people. They clearly show him relentlessly searching for gold, establishing military footholds throughout the islands, and killing and enslaving Indigenous people. They also show Columbus describing Indigenous people as "good servants" with "no religion," dehumanizing language that invited the Spanish to follow his model of ruthless exploitation with a clear conscience, which they did beginning with his second voyage. While it may be tempting to think that Columbus's actions were acceptable in the 15th century, even as many of us acknowledge them as wrong today, in fact, they were highly debated at the time, and many criticized his greed and violence. The history of Columbus's life and the violent birth of settler colonialism in the United States that followed his voyages should be taught as a part of US history in all its complexity, but a holiday honoring his legacy does not enable discussions of encounters between Europeans and Native people. That history must be better understood in order to promote equity and cross-cultural understanding. I encourage those who are concerned about the erasure of history to reflect on the information that Columbus Day obscures. In addition to erasing a history of enslavement, rape, mutilation, and murder, existing narratives that accompany Columbus Day typically marginalize or fail to mention Indigenous people entirely and rarely depict settler-colonial violence. Despite the atrocities committed by colonizers, Indigenous communities are still here and thriving. In order for us to build a more equitable future for all who live in Cook County, we must center Native voices and reevaluate how we view, talk, teach, and think about the history of Columbus Day.

On the second issue of reading a Land Acknowledgement, I implore the commissioners to consider the importance of recognizing the historical and ongoing presence of Indigenous peoples as a part of their work. Land acknowledgements call attention to Indigenous peoples' ongoing connections to a place and to the importance of confronting the often violent history that forced them from that land. The history of Indian removal from Cook County is violent, and includes horrific campaigns against Native people such as those that took place in the so-called "Blackhawk War" (1832) and those that resulted from removal such as the Potawatomi Trail of Death (1838). Acknowledgement of these histories is imperative to recognize how the county benefitted from dispossession and settler colonialism as well as how they can work with tribal communities whose land we are situated on to reckon with that difficult history.

Thank you for considering these important proposals.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Shea Leibow
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60640

Q2

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#21-0597 and #21-0565

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Nouha Boundaoui
City/Town:	Bridgeview
State:	IL
ZIP:	60455

Q2

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#21-0597

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Commissioner Miller, I'm a constituent of yours in District #6 and calling on you to vote YES and support #21-0597 to have Cook County read a Land Acknowledgement at monthly Board Meetings, AND #21-0565 to have Indigenous Peoples' Day REPLACE Columbus Day for Cook County. This is the very bare minimum the state of IL can do to honor Indigenous people, the original stewards of this land we occupy today.

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Phone Number

17085431687

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Tammy Georgiou
City/Town:	Palos Hills
State:	IL
ZIP:	60465

Q2

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Rob Hackl-Blumstein
City/Town: Buffalo Grove
State: IL
ZIP: 60089

Q2

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#21-0597, #21-0565

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Commissioner Britton, I'm a constituent of yours in District 14 and calling on you to vote YES and support #21-0597 to have Cook County read a Land Acknowledgement at monthly Board Meetings, AND #21-0565 to have Indigenous Peoples' Day REPLACE Columbus Day for Cook County. As a county and indeed a nation built on land where indigenous peoples have lived for countless generations, all non-native folks owe them respect and a great deal more. While land acknowledgements are only the beginning, they bring this underlying situation to light, a necessary first step to healing our relationship with the land and its people. For the same reasons, indigenous peoples deserve a day of recognition, and Columbus, whose attitudes toward native people are documented to have been especially hateful, does not.

Thank you for your ongoing support! Hopefully we'll see success soon on BOTH these issues!

Sincerely,
Rob Hackl-Blumstein

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Q7

Respondent skipped this question

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#13

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Julia Rademacher-Wedd
Organization (if any): SELF
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60637

Q2

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Q3

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#21-0597 and #21-0565

Q4

What do you want to do?

**REGISTER IN FAVOR of a specific item (You may add
written comments below)**

Q5

Written Statement? You can type or copy/paste any written statement you want included in the meeting record here. If this is not enough space, or you have other attachments for distribution, please email them to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov

Commissioner Lowry, I'm a constituent in District #3 and calling on you to vote YES and support #21-0597 to have Cook County read a Land Acknowledgement at monthly Board Meetings, AND #21-0565 to have Indigenous Peoples' Day REPLACE Columbus Day for Cook County. Growing up in Cook County, we learned in school about Columbus and about a few broadly categorized Indigenous groups, but nothing about how the relationships of indigenous peoples to this land, to one another, and to settlers shape our experience of the place we live. It wasn't until I was a teenager that I learned (outside of school) about the ongoing influence of indigenous neighbors in Cook County. I want the next generation of children and adults to have the opportunity to form a deeper understanding of how colonial processes shape our daily life and institutions. I believe that knowing how we got here will foster a respect for indigenous sovereignty and for our responsibilities to the land and to one another. That starts, but does not end, with land acknowledgement.

Q6

Submitting written testimony only

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Q7

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Email Address

jfrwedd@gmail.com

Phone Number

17736633747

#14

COMPLETE

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Mike Hoffman
City/Town:	Evanston
State:	IL
ZIP:	60201

Q2

Tell us which meeting you wish to be recorded as a witness. If you don't know the meeting or date, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar. Please fill out a separate form for each meeting at which you wish to speak.

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Q3

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#21-0597

Q4

What do you want to do?

**REGISTER IN FAVOR of a specific item (You may add
written comments below)**

Q5

Written Statement? You can type or copy/paste any written statement you want included in the meeting record here. If this is not enough space, or you have other attachments for distribution, please email them to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov

Commissioner Morita,

I'm a constituent of yours in the 13th District and calling on you to vote YES and support #21-0597 to have Cook County read a Land Acknowledgement at monthly Board Meetings, AND #21-0565 to have Indigenous Peoples' Day REPLACE Columbus Day for Cook County. I feel this way because it's important to recognize the fact that we today exist on land stolen from indigenous peoples who predate white colonizers.

Thank you for your ongoing support! Hopefully we'll see success soon on BOTH these issues!

Sincerely,
Mike Hoffman
#IPD4IL

Q6

Submitting written testimony only

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Q7

Respondent skipped this question

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#15

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Holly Hoffman
Organization (if any):	None
City/Town:	Evanston
State:	IL
ZIP:	60201

Q2

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Q3

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#21-0597

Q4

What do you want to do?

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written comments below)**

Q5

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Commissioner Morita,

I'm a constituent of yours in the 13th District and calling on you to vote YES and support #21-0597 to have Cook County read a Land Acknowledgement at monthly Board Meetings, AND #21-0565 to have Indigenous Peoples' Day REPLACE Columbus Day for Cook County. I feel this way because it's important to recognize the fact that we today exist on land stolen from indigenous peoples who predate white colonizers.

Thank you for your ongoing support! Hopefully we'll see success soon on BOTH these issues!

Sincerely,
Holly Hoffman
#IPD4IL

Q6

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Q7

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Heather Bukhari
City/Town:	Des Plaines
State:	IL
ZIP:	60018

Q2

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Q3

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Respondent skipped this question

Q4

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Q5

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Commissioner Morrison, I am a constituent of yours in District 17. I am calling on you to vote YES and support #21-0597 to have Cook County read a Land Acknowledgement at monthly Board Meetings, AND #21-0565 to have Indigenous Peoples' Day REPLACE Columbus Day for Cook County.

It is time for Cook County to join the ranks of municipalities and governments which are honest with themselves about the history of Indigenous peoples on this continent. Making up stories to tell yourself so you can feel better about something scary is an activity for young children - not adults. Continuing to cling to "Columbus Day," and the fabricated narrative with which it is associated, fools no one my age. People of my generation and younger already know the truth, and anyone younger than 45 moved on from the false narrative of "Columbus Day" decades ago. It's time for Cook County government to catch up and to face history and ourselves.

Q6

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Q7

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