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**Q1** Please provide some basic information

**Witness Name:** Mark Armstrong  
**Organization (if any):** Chicago Urban Fine Arts Commonwealth  
**City/Town:** Chicago  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60643

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18-6056, 18-6145

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**State:** IL  
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Workers Cooperatives Ordinance, Proposed Designation of Economic Zones Throughout Cook County

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**Q1** Please provide some basic information

**Witness Name:** Peter Creticos  
**Organization (if any):** Peter A. Creticos, LTD  
**City/Town:** Oak Park  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60302

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## Q1 Please provide some basic information

**Witness Name:** Renee Hatcher  
**Organization (if any):** John Marshall Law School, Business Enterprise Law Clinic  
**City/Town:** Chicago  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60604

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18-6145

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**Q1** Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	<b>Stacey Sutton</b>
Organization (if any):	<b>University of Illinois at Chicago</b>
City/Town:	<b>Chicago</b>
State:	<b>IL</b>
ZIP:	<b>60607</b>

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I want to thank Chairman Garcia and the County Business and Economic Development Committee for the opportunity to speak in favor of the resolution supporting worker cooperatives. My name is Dr. Stacey Sutton. I am an Assistant Professor of Urban Planning and Policy at UIC where I conduct research on municipal support for worker cooperatives and the cooperative ecosystem, and the impact of worker cooperative on local economic development in cities and counties across the country. Since 2012, more than 25 cities, counties and states have passed resolutions, ordinances, budget initiatives or enacted policies designed to create enabling environments for developing and sustaining worker-owned cooperatives. Main Street Employee Ownership Act of 2018, the most far reaching pro-employee ownership legislation in decades, directs the Small Business Administration (SBA) to make the 7(a) loan program more readily available to worker-owned cooperatives (and employee stock ownership plans), which often have trouble accessing capital through regular banks.

Worker cooperatives are economic enterprises that are collectively owned and democratically self-managed by workers that have operated in the U.S. since the mid-19th century. Their numbers tend to rise during periods of economic insecurity. In the post-financial crisis of 2008, we have seen increasing popular and political momentum surrounding their development. According to the Democracy at Work Institute, much of the momentum is occurring in low-income and disinvested communities. Nearly a third of the worker cooperatives operating today were established since 2010, more than 60% of new worker-owners are people of color and over 66% are women. Since worker cooperatives can operate in any industry or sector, and they are a viable means for creating dignified working conditions and building community wealth by employing low-skilled workers in good jobs and developing individual capacity for self-management, governance and business ownership, this Resolution Supporting Worker Cooperatives in Cook County #18-6145 promotes an equitable and inclusive economy.

As a researcher, I have had the opportunity to support the development this resolution with the Cook County Social Innovation Commission. I want to thank Commissioner Garcia, his staff and members of the commission including Wendy Raymer and Marc Lane for their leadership and support. The Cook County resolution is a significant step forward in building public awareness about worker cooperatives, supporting a more robust cooperative ecosystem in the county, and ultimately, improving the capacity of worker-owned enterprises to start and thrive in the region.

By adopting the PROPOSED RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF WORKER COOPERATIVES, Cook County is demonstrating its leadership and adopting best practice among growing economies across the county. We congratulate Cook County on taking this important step, building on years of work to improve economic inclusiveness for Chicago's residents.

Stacey Sutton

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**Witness Name:** George Blakemore  
**State:** IL

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**Q1** Please provide some basic information

**Witness Name:** Kareem Butler  
**Organization (if any):** Chicago Urban League  
**City/Town:** Chicago  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60616

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18-6056

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**Q1** Please provide some basic information

**Witness Name:** Xochitl Espinosa  
**Organization (if any):** The Co-op Ed Center  
**City/Town:** Oak Park  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60301

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18-6145

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Dear Cook County Business and Economic Development Committee and Board of Commissioners,

Please support the proposed resolution for worker cooperatives in Cook County (18-6145). This resolution is a crucial step to deal with economic inequality and community disinvestment, particularly in underserved communities.

The worker owner cooperative model has a lot to offer to low-income communities, especially when people can launch a business or set up a company that does not require a big up-front investment. Using the power of numbers, people can gain better access to good food, housing, jobs, education, health and services. They can share the responsibility and work of running a business and create better opportunities for themselves and their communities.

This is a proven business model that creates dignified jobs, generates ownership and wealth, and promotes community and local economic development.

According to The U.S. Federation of Worker Cooperatives (USFWC), there are 300–400 worker cooperatives and democratic workplaces in the United States currently employing 2,500–3,500 worker-owners. Total business assets of these entities are believed to be \$130 million. About 31 percent of worker cooperatives have been operating for more than twenty years; 55 percent were started in 2000 or later in cities such as San Francisco Bay Area, Boston, Portland (Oregon), Philadelphia, Madison, Minneapolis, Seattle and New York City. It is time to add Chicago and Cook County to the list.

Your vote is crucial to the success and sustainability of collective entrepreneurship that can bring back dignified jobs and tackle economic inequality.

Sincerely,  
Xochitl Espinosa  
Executive Director, The Co-op Ed Center  
Cook County Social Innovation Commissioner

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**Q1** Please provide some basic information

**Witness Name:** Camille Kerr  
**Organization (if any):** The Staffing Cooperative  
**City/Town:** Chicago  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60615

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I am a supporter of the proposed resolution to support worker cooperatives in Cook County (18-6145). This resolution is a necessary step to create opportunities and resources for worker cooperatives, especially in underserved communities. Worker cooperatives create dignified living wage jobs, generate community wealth, and advance sustainable local economic development.

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# #10

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## Q1 Please provide some basic information

**Witness Name:** Rodger Cooley  
**Organization (if any):** Chicago Food Policy Action Council  
**City/Town:** Chicago  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60602

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Statement supporting Cook County Worker Cooperatives Support Resolution #18-6145

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

To: Cook County Committee on Business and Economic Development

I am Rodger Cooley, Executive Director of the Chicago Food Policy Action Council, and we advocate for policies to improve access to and the production and processing of healthy, local, sustainable, humane, and fair foods for all Chicago residents. We support the passage of the Worker Cooperative Support Resolution #18-6145 and are asking the Business and Economic Development Committee to vote "yes" for the resolution.

The Resolution will direct support to enable worker cooperatives to thrive and make valuable contributions to the economy of the County. Worker cooperatives are an effective way to address inequality and worker exploitation while serving as a crucial component to build towards an equitable food system. We at Chicago Food Policy Action Council believe it is important for Cook County to assist business and management models, such as worker cooperatives, organized around the values of mutual support, democracy, and concern for community.

This resolution builds off of and complements the Good Food Purchasing Program resolution the Board of Commissioners passed in May of 2018 which also was developed by the Social Innovation Commission. The Cook County Good Food Taskforce created by that resolution is tasked with supporting food related businesses such as worker cooperatives to build capacity to become vendors for county institutions. It is exciting to see the Board continue to take leadership in building economic equity across the communities.

Thank you for your support for this resolution.

Sincerely,

Rodger Cooley  
Executive Director  
Chicago Food Policy Action Council  
773-354-2091, [rcooley@chicagofoodpolicy.com](mailto:rcooley@chicagofoodpolicy.com)

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