

COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING OF MAY 21, 2020

PUBLIC TESTIMONY SUBMITTALS

RESPONSES 61-80

61. Timothy Jackson	AIDS Foundation of Chicago	Chicago
62. Chris Laurent	Concerned Individual	Chicago
63. Mike Maginn	Concerned Individual	Peoria
64. Tom Weitzel	Riverside Police Department	Riverside
65. Taciana Ash	Concerned Individual	Berwyn
66. Kim L. Hunt	Pride Action Tank	Chicago
67. Rey Cordova	Concerned Individual	Chicago
68. Chris Wade	Concerned Individual	Peoria
69. Karen Schnelle	Concerned Individual	Worth
70. Sara Semelka	Concerned Individual	Oak Park
71. Whitney Allen	Concerned Individual	Forest Park
72. Dr. Nancy Glick	Concerned Individual	Evanston
73. Alexander Tseger	Concerned Individual	Chicago
74. Patty Schwartz	Concerned Individual	Palos Heights
75. Kristi DeLaurentis	South Sub Mayors & Mgrs Assn	E. Hazel Crest
76. Deirdre McGovern	Concerned Individual	Chicago
77. Meghana Menon	Concerned Individual	Chicago
78. John Peller	Concerned Individual	Chicago
79. Rashonda Johnson	Concerned Individual	Orland hills
80. Doris Harmon-Warren	PHIMC	Chicago

#61

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
Started: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 3:54:49 PM
Last Modified: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 3:57:33 PM
Time Spent: 00:02:44
IP Address: 24.148.84.163

Page 1

Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Timothy Jackson
Organization (if any): AIDS Foundation of Chicago
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60606

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.

**County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
5/21/2020 10a**

Q3

Tell us the File ID number (example 17-0000) of the item on which you are registering your position. If you don't know the number, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look it up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar

20-2378

Q4

What do you want to do?

DO NOT ATTEND THE MEETING but REGISTER IN OPPOSITION to 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

My name is Timothy Jackson and I am submitting this comment to oppose the proposed Resolution to Share Addresses for Emergencies (SAFE) with First Responders and share that it does not promote the best health outcomes for our communities.

As it's written, the SAFE with First Responders Resolution would violate the privacy of our community members – and do so with no added benefit to first responders.

First, creating a designation between COVID-19 positive households and others creates a false sense of security for first responders, which could lead to fewer precautions being taken when responding to emergencies. Because there is no way to know if any person has been exposed, contracted, or could transmit COVID-19, the best practice for all first responders and essential workers is to assume any and every person they encounter could be carrying COVID-19, including their colleagues. Universal precautions will make sure first responders are in the best position to protect themselves and the communities they serve.

Second, this policy has the potential to deter people from seeking care. It is clear the SAFE with First Responders Resolution will cause residents to fear that the state will not only store, but will distribute, their private health information. For communities that have experienced HIV stigma and systemic racism – either separately or in conjunction – this resolution will further erode the little trust in existing systems. This Resolution is another step away from trust for the communities who need care the most right now.

Third, and finally, the SAFE with First Responders Resolution has the potential to harm the civil liberties of every Cook County resident. The collection, storage, and sharing of private information, especially private health information, must be done only for significant public health gains, and implemented with the utmost care and in a limited fashion. This Resolution does the opposite. Sharing this information does not benefit the public, and it has the potential to create further disparities in care and in the impact of the pandemic. We have seen the deadly effects of first responders acting out of fear – especially in Black communities. Passing this Resolution invites a new metric of fear and will augment the harm that Black and Latinx communities experience based on racist assumptions and stereotypes.

We know that our first responders are saving lives and strengthening our communities every day. We also know that their work comes with the potential of both harm and healing – to themselves and others. The proposed resolution does not offer them any greater protection, but it does pose great risk to the safety and privacy of every member of our community. It is imperative that this resolution does not move forward. Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in regarding the SAFE with First Responders Resolution.

#62

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
Started: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 3:58:16 PM
Last Modified: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 3:59:47 PM
Time Spent: 00:01:30
IP Address: 75.15.250.93

Page 1

Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Chris Laurent
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60618

Q2

**County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
5/21/2020 10a**

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.

Q3

Tell us the File ID number (example 17-0000) of the item on which you are registering your position. If you don't know the number, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look it up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar

20-2472

Q4

What do you want to do?

DO NOT ATTEND THE MEETING but 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

The Board must be engaged in the governmental process to provide needed oversight and transparency, and taxpayers deserve to have direct representation and participation by their elected county commissioners.

#63

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
Started: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 3:57:58 PM
Last Modified: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:00:23 PM
Time Spent: 00:02:25
IP Address: 162.17.53.33

Page 1

Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Mike Maginn
City/Town:	Peoria
State:	IL
ZIP:	61614

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.

**County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
5/21/2020 10a**

Q3

Tell us the File ID number (example 17-0000) of the item on which you are registering your position. If you don't know the number, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look it up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar

20-2378

Q4

What do you want to do?

DO NOT ATTEND THE MEETING but REGISTER IN OPPOSITION to 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

My name is Mike Maginn, and I am submitting this comment to oppose the proposed Resolution to Share Addresses for Emergencies (SAFE) with First Responders and share that it does not promote the best health outcomes for our communities.

As it's written, the SAFE with First Responders Resolution would violate the privacy of our community members – and do so with no added benefit to first responders.

First, creating a designation between COVID-19 positive households and others creates a false sense of security for first responders, which could lead to fewer precautions being taken when responding to emergencies. Because there is no way to know if any person has been exposed, contracted, or could transmit COVID-19, the best practice for all first responders and essential workers is to assume any and every person they encounter could be carrying COVID-19, including their colleagues. Universal precautions will make sure first responders are in the best position to protect themselves and the communities they serve.

Second, this policy has the potential to deter people from seeking care. It is clear the SAFE with First Responders Resolution will cause residents to fear that the state will not only store, but will distribute, their private health information. For communities that have experienced HIV stigma and systemic racism – either separately or in conjunction – this resolution will further erode the little trust in existing systems. This Resolution is another step away from trust for the communities who need care the most right now.

Third, and finally, the SAFE with First Responders Resolution has the potential to harm the civil liberties of every Cook County resident. The collection, storage, and sharing of private information, especially private health information, must be done only for significant public health gains, and implemented with the utmost care and in a limited fashion. This Resolution does the opposite. Sharing this information does not benefit the public, and it has the potential to create further disparities in care and in the impact of the pandemic. We have seen the deadly effects of first responders acting out of fear – especially in Black communities. Passing this Resolution invites a new metric of fear and will augment the harm that Black and Latinx communities experience based on racist assumptions and stereotypes.

We know that our first responders are saving lives and strengthening our communities every day. We also know that their work comes with the potential of both harm and healing – to themselves and others. The proposed resolution does not offer them any greater protection, but it does pose great risk to the safety and privacy of every member of our community. It is imperative that this resolution does not move forward. Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in regarding the SAFE with First Responders Resolution.

#64

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
Started: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:00:25 PM
Last Modified: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:08:22 PM
Time Spent: 00:07:56
IP Address: 173.9.249.209

Page 1

Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Tom Weitzel
Organization (if any):	Riverside (IL) Police Department
City/Town:	Riverside
State:	IL
ZIP:	60546

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.

**County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
5/21/2020 10a**

Q3

Tell us the File ID number (example 17-0000) of the item on which you are registering your position. If you don't know the number, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look it up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar

20-2378

Q4

What do you want to do?

DO NOT ATTEND THE MEETING but 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

I am writing to you about an urgent issue surrounding public safety in Illinois during this coronavirus outbreak.

I am urging you to immediately amend and/or suspend the HIPAA requirements in order to be notified of a residents' address when they are confirmed to have Covid-19.

As you may know, the Attorney General in Illinois already weighed in on this issue and said that law enforcement is able to receive this information.

I am not asking for any personal information such as names, dates of birth, sex or any other identifiers. All I want released are the addresses where they will be recovering so we can provide a safe environment for our officers and firefighters.

There is an exception to the general rule which states no consent is required if disclosure is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious and immediate threat to the health or safety of a person or the public, and is to a person or persons reasonably able to prevent or lessen the threat, 45CFR.164.512111.

The bottom line is disclosure to first responders will enable them to use personal protective equipment (PPE) to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, so the exception we believe absolutely applies.

I am asking you to take immediate action on your executive order to address this issue for the greater public safety in Illinois. I am only asking for this information to be released during the pandemic. Once the pandemic is deemed to have subsided, the rule could be instituted once again.

Respectfully,

Thomas Weitzel
Chief of Police

#65

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
Started: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:09:04 PM
Last Modified: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:10:44 PM
Time Spent: 00:01:40
IP Address: 73.22.205.126

Page 1

Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Taciana Ash
City/Town: Berwyn
State: IL
ZIP: 60402

Q2

**County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
5/21/2020 10a**

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.

Q3

Tell us the File ID number (example 17-0000) of the item on which you are registering your position. If you don't know the number, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look it up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar

20-2378

Q4

What do you want to do?

DO NOT ATTEND THE MEETING but REGISTER IN OPPOSITION to 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

My name is Taciana, and I am submitting this comment to oppose the proposed Resolution to Share Addresses for Emergencies (SAFE) with First Responders and share that it does not promote the best health outcomes for our communities.

As it's written, the SAFE with First Responders Resolution would violate the privacy of our community members – and do so with no added benefit to first responders.

First, creating a designation between COVID-19 positive households and others creates a false sense of security for first responders, which could lead to fewer precautions being taken when responding to emergencies. Because there is no way to know if any person has been exposed, contracted, or could transmit COVID-19, the best practice for all first responders and essential workers is to assume any and every person they encounter could be carrying COVID-19, including their colleagues. Universal precautions will make sure first responders are in the best position to protect themselves and the communities they serve.

Second, this policy has the potential to deter people from seeking care. It is clear the SAFE with First Responders Resolution will cause residents to fear that the state will not only store, but will distribute, their private health information. For communities that have experienced HIV stigma and systemic racism – either separately or in conjunction – this resolution will further erode the little trust in existing systems. This Resolution is another step away from trust for the communities who need care the most right now.

Third, and finally, the SAFE with First Responders Resolution has the potential to harm the civil liberties of every Cook County resident. The collection, storage, and sharing of private information, especially private health information, must be done only for significant public health gains, and implemented with the utmost care and in a limited fashion. This Resolution does the opposite. Sharing this information does not benefit the public, and it has the potential to create further disparities in care and in the impact of the pandemic. We have seen the deadly effects of first responders acting out of fear – especially in Black communities. Passing this Resolution invites a new metric of fear and will augment the harm that Black and Latinx communities experience based on racist assumptions and stereotypes.

We know that our first responders are saving lives and strengthening our communities every day. We also know that their work comes with the potential of both harm and healing – to themselves and others. The proposed resolution does not offer them any greater protection, but it does pose great risk to the safety and privacy of every member of our community. It is imperative that this resolution does not move forward. Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in regarding the SAFE with First Responders Resolution.

#66

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
Started: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:04:27 PM
Last Modified: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:13:27 PM
Time Spent: 00:09:00
IP Address: 98.226.142.119

Page 1

Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Kim L. Hunt
Organization (if any):	Pride Action Tank
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60606

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.

**County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
5/21/2020 10a**

Q3

Tell us the File ID number (example 17-0000) of the item on which you are registering your position. If you don't know the number, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look it up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar

20-2378

Q4

What do you want to do?

DO NOT ATTEND THE MEETING but REGISTER IN OPPOSITION to 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

My Name is Kim L. Hunt and I am submitting this comment to oppose the proposed Resolution to Share Addresses for Emergencies (SAFE) with First Responders and share that it does not promote the best health outcomes for our communities.

As written, the SAFE with First Responders Resolution would violate the privacy of our community members, and do so with no added benefit to first responders.

While we know that the work of first responders comes with the potential of both harm and healing, the proposed resolution does not offer them any greater protection. Rather, it poses great risk to the safety and privacy of every member of our communities. This resolution must not move forward. On behalf of the Advisory Council and staff of Pride Action Tank, I thank you for the opportunity to express our opposition to the SAFE with First Responders Resolution.

#67

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
Started: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:11:15 PM
Last Modified: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:14:23 PM
Time Spent: 00:03:07
IP Address: 73.110.45.24

Page 1

Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Rey Cordova
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60613

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.

**County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
5/21/2020 10a**

Q3

Tell us the File ID number (example 17-0000) of the item on which you are registering your position. If you don't know the number, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look it up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar

20-2378

Q4

What do you want to do?

DO NOT ATTEND THE MEETING but REGISTER IN OPPOSITION to 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

My name is Rey Cordova, and I am submitting this comment to oppose the proposed Resolution to Share Addresses for Emergencies (SAFE) with First Responders and share that it does not promote the best health outcomes for our communities.

As it's written, the SAFE with First Responders Resolution would violate the privacy of our community members – and do so with no added benefit to first responders.

First, creating a designation between COVID-19 positive households and others creates a false sense of security for first responders, which could lead to fewer precautions being taken when responding to emergencies. Because there is no way to know if any person has been exposed, contracted, or could transmit COVID-19, the best practice for all first responders and essential workers is to assume any and every person they encounter could be carrying COVID-19, including their colleagues. Universal precautions will make sure first responders are in the best position to protect themselves and the communities they serve.

Second, this policy has the potential to deter people from seeking care. It is clear the SAFE with First Responders Resolution will cause residents to fear that the state will not only store, but will distribute, their private health information. For communities that have experienced HIV stigma and systemic racism – either separately or in conjunction – this resolution will further erode the little trust in existing systems. This Resolution is another step away from trust for the communities who need care the most right now.

Third, and finally, the SAFE with First Responders Resolution has the potential to harm the civil liberties of every Cook County resident. The collection, storage, and sharing of private information, especially private health information, must be done only for significant public health gains, and implemented with the utmost care and in a limited fashion. This Resolution does the opposite. Sharing this information does not benefit the public, and it has the potential to create further disparities in care and in the impact of the pandemic. We have seen the deadly effects of first responders acting out of fear – especially in Black communities. Passing this Resolution invites a new metric of fear and will augment the harm that Black and Latinx communities experience based on racist assumptions and stereotypes.

We know that our first responders are saving lives and strengthening our communities every day. We also know that their work comes with the potential of both harm and healing – to themselves and others. The proposed resolution does not offer them any greater protection, but it does pose great risk to the safety and privacy of every member of our community. It is imperative that this resolution does not move forward. Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in regarding the SAFE with First Responders Resolution.

#68

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
Started: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:14:38 PM
Last Modified: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:17:57 PM
Time Spent: 00:03:18
IP Address: 162.17.53.33

Page 1

Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Chris Wade
City/Town: Peoria
State: IL
ZIP: 61603

Q2

**County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
5/21/2020 10a**

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.

Q3

Tell us the File ID number (example 17-0000) of the item on which you are registering your position. If you don't know the number, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look it up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar

20-2378

Q4

What do you want to do?

DO NOT ATTEND THE MEETING but REGISTER IN OPPOSITION to 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

My name is Chris Wade, and I am a black male living in society today who knows first hand about disease policing and criminalization and I am submitting this comment to oppose the proposed Resolution to Share Addresses for Emergencies (SAFE) with First Responders and share that it does not promote the best health outcomes for our communities.

As it's written, the SAFE with First Responders Resolution would violate the privacy of our community members – and do so with no added benefit to first responders.

First, creating a designation between COVID-19 positive households and others creates a false sense of security for first responders, which could lead to fewer precautions being taken when responding to emergencies. Because there is no way to know if any person has been exposed, contracted, or could transmit COVID-19, the best practice for all first responders and essential workers is to assume any and every person they encounter could be carrying COVID-19, including their colleagues. Universal precautions will make sure first responders are in the best position to protect themselves and the communities they serve.

Second, this policy has the potential to deter people from seeking care. It is clear the SAFE with First Responders Resolution will cause residents to fear that the state will not only store, but will distribute, their private health information. For communities that have experienced HIV stigma and systemic racism – either separately or in conjunction – this resolution will further erode the little trust in existing systems. This Resolution is another step away from trust for the communities who need care the most right now.

Third, and finally, the SAFE with First Responders Resolution has the potential to harm the civil liberties of every Cook County resident. The collection, storage, and sharing of private information, especially private health information, must be done only for significant public health gains, and implemented with the utmost care and in a limited fashion. This Resolution does the opposite. Sharing this information does not benefit the public, and it has the potential to create further disparities in care and in the impact of the pandemic. We have seen the deadly effects of first responders acting out of fear – especially in Black communities. Passing this Resolution invites a new metric of fear and will augment the harm that Black and Latinx communities experience based on racist assumptions and stereotypes.

We know that our first responders are saving lives and strengthening our communities every day. We also know that their work comes with the potential of both harm and healing – to themselves and others. The proposed resolution does not offer them any greater protection, but it does pose great risk to the safety and privacy of every member of our community. It is imperative that this resolution does not move forward. Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in regarding the SAFE with First Responders Resolution.

#69

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
Started: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:14:45 PM
Last Modified: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:18:58 PM
Time Spent: 00:04:12
IP Address: 162.204.252.221

Page 1

Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Karen Schnelle
City/Town: Worth
State: IL
ZIP: 60482

Q2

County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting 5/21/2020 10a

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.

Q3

Tell us the File ID number (example 17-0000) of the item on which you are registering your position. If you don't know the number, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look it up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar

20-2472

Q4

What do you want to do?

DO NOT ATTEND THE MEETING but REGISTER IN OPPOSITION to 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

I absolutely oppose any extension of the disaster proclamation by the County Board. It is unwarranted, unnecessary, exceeds the furthers concept of government overreach, and is far too costly to an already drowning taxpayer base.

You may not continue ignoring the voices of the People of this county. We. Do. Not. Want. Any. Extension.

#70

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
Started: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:17:22 PM
Last Modified: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:19:46 PM
Time Spent: 00:02:23
IP Address: 38.124.52.162

Page 1

Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Sara Semelka
Organization (if any):	n/a
City/Town:	Oak Park
State:	IL
ZIP:	60302

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.

**County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
5/21/2020 10a**

Q3

Tell us the File ID number (example 17-0000) of the item on which you are registering your position. If you don't know the number, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look it up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar

20-2378

Q4

What do you want to do?

**DO NOT ATTEND THE MEETING but REGISTER IN
OPPOSITION to 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

My name is Sara Semelka, and I am submitting this comment to oppose the proposed Resolution to Share Addresses for Emergencies (SAFE) with First Responders and share that it does not promote the best health outcomes for our communities.

As it's written, the SAFE with First Responders Resolution would violate the privacy of our community members – and do so with no added benefit to first responders.

First, creating a designation between COVID-19 positive households and others creates a false sense of security for first responders, which could lead to fewer precautions being taken when responding to emergencies. Because there is no way to know if any person has been exposed, contracted, or could transmit COVID-19, the best practice for all first responders and essential workers is to assume any and every person they encounter could be carrying COVID-19, including their colleagues. Universal precautions will make sure first responders are in the best position to protect themselves and the communities they serve.

Second, this policy has the potential to deter people from seeking care. It is clear the SAFE with First Responders Resolution will cause residents to fear that the state will not only store, but will distribute, their private health information. For communities that have experienced HIV stigma and systemic racism – either separately or in conjunction – this resolution will further erode the little trust in existing systems. This Resolution is another step away from trust for the communities who need care the most right now.

Third, and finally, the SAFE with First Responders Resolution has the potential to harm the civil liberties of every Cook County resident. The collection, storage, and sharing of private information, especially private health information, must be done only for significant public health gains, and implemented with the utmost care and in a limited fashion. This Resolution does the opposite. Sharing this information does not benefit the public, and it has the potential to create further disparities in care and in the impact of the pandemic. We have seen the deadly effects of first responders acting out of fear – especially in Black communities. Passing this Resolution invites a new metric of fear and will augment the harm that Black and Latinx communities experience based on racist assumptions and stereotypes.

We know that our first responders are saving lives and strengthening our communities every day. We also know that their work comes with the potential of both harm and healing – to themselves and others. The proposed resolution does not offer them any greater protection, but it does pose great risk to the safety and privacy of every member of our community. It is imperative that this resolution does not move forward. Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in regarding the SAFE with First Responders Resolution.

#71

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
Started: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:19:05 PM
Last Modified: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:20:18 PM
Time Spent: 00:01:13
IP Address: 67.165.161.15

Page 1

Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Whitney Allen
City/Town: Forest Park
State: IL
ZIP: 60130

Q2

**County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
5/21/2020 10a**

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.

Q3

Tell us the File ID number (example 17-0000) of the item on which you are registering your position. If you don't know the number, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look it up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar

20-2378

Q4

What do you want to do?

**DO NOT ATTEND THE MEETING but REGISTER IN
OPPOSITION to 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

My name is Whitney Allen, and I am submitting this comment to oppose the proposed Resolution to Share Addresses for Emergencies (SAFE) with First Responders and share that it does not promote the best health outcomes for our communities.

As it's written, the SAFE with First Responders Resolution would violate the privacy of our community members – and do so with no added benefit to first responders.

First, creating a designation between COVID-19 positive households and others creates a false sense of security for first responders, which could lead to fewer precautions being taken when responding to emergencies. Because there is no way to know if any person has been exposed, contracted, or could transmit COVID-19, the best practice for all first responders and essential workers is to assume any and every person they encounter could be carrying COVID-19, including their colleagues. Universal precautions will make sure first responders are in the best position to protect themselves and the communities they serve.

Second, this policy has the potential to deter people from seeking care. It is clear the SAFE with First Responders Resolution will cause residents to fear that the state will not only store, but will distribute, their private health information. For communities that have experienced HIV stigma and systemic racism – either separately or in conjunction – this resolution will further erode the little trust in existing systems. This Resolution is another step away from trust for the communities who need care the most right now.

Third, and finally, the SAFE with First Responders Resolution has the potential to harm the civil liberties of every Cook County resident. The collection, storage, and sharing of private information, especially private health information, must be done only for significant public health gains, and implemented with the utmost care and in a limited fashion. This Resolution does the opposite. Sharing this information does not benefit the public, and it has the potential to create further disparities in care and in the impact of the pandemic. We have seen the deadly effects of first responders acting out of fear – especially in Black communities. Passing this Resolution invites a new metric of fear and will augment the harm that Black and Latinx communities experience based on racist assumptions and stereotypes.

We know that our first responders are saving lives and strengthening our communities every day. We also know that their work comes with the potential of both harm and healing – to themselves and others. The proposed resolution does not offer them any greater protection, but it does pose great risk to the safety and privacy of every member of our community. It is imperative that this resolution does not move forward. Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in regarding the SAFE with First Responders Resolution.

#72

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
Started: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:19:25 PM
Last Modified: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:23:39 PM
Time Spent: 00:04:13
IP Address: 67.206.66.11

Page 1

Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Dr. nancy Glick
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.

**County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
5/21/2020 10a**

Q3

Tell us the File ID number (example 17-0000) of the item on which you are registering your position. If you don't know the number, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look it up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar

20-2378

Q4

What do you want to do?

DO NOT ATTEND THE MEETING but REGISTER IN OPPOSITION to 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

My name is Nancy Glick MD, and I am submitting this comment to oppose the proposed Resolution to Share Addresses for Emergencies (SAFE) with First Responders and share that it does not promote the best health outcomes for our communities.

As it's written, the SAFE with First Responders Resolution would violate the privacy of our community members – and do so with no added benefit to first responders.

First, creating a designation between COVID-19 positive households and others creates a false sense of security for first responders, which could lead to fewer precautions being taken when responding to emergencies. Because there is no way to know if any person has been exposed, contracted, or could transmit COVID-19, the best practice for all first responders and essential workers is to assume any and every person they encounter could be carrying COVID-19, including their colleagues. Universal precautions will make sure first responders are in the best position to protect themselves and the communities they serve.

Second, this policy has the potential to deter people from seeking care. It is clear the SAFE with First Responders Resolution will cause residents to fear that the state will not only store, but will distribute, their private health information. For communities that have experienced HIV stigma and systemic racism – either separately or in conjunction – this resolution will further erode the little trust in existing systems. This Resolution is another step away from trust for the communities who need care the most right now.

Third, and finally, the SAFE with First Responders Resolution has the potential to harm the civil liberties of every Cook County resident. The collection, storage, and sharing of private information, especially private health information, must be done only for significant public health gains, and implemented with the utmost care and in a limited fashion. This Resolution does the opposite. Sharing this information does not benefit the public, and it has the potential to create further disparities in care and in the impact of the pandemic. We have seen the deadly effects of first responders acting out of fear – especially in Black communities. Passing this Resolution invites a new metric of fear and will augment the harm that Black and Latinx communities experience based on racist assumptions and stereotypes.

We know that our first responders are saving lives and strengthening our communities every day. We also know that their work comes with the potential of both harm and healing – to themselves and others. The proposed resolution does not offer them any greater protection, but it does pose great risk to the safety and privacy of every member of our community. It is imperative that this resolution does not move forward. Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in regarding the SAFE with First Responders Resolution.

#73

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
Started: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:21:12 PM
Last Modified: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:23:56 PM
Time Spent: 00:02:43
IP Address: 204.14.36.88

Page 1

Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Alexander Tseger
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60605

Q2

**County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
5/21/2020 10a**

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.

Q3

Tell us the File ID number (example 17-0000) of the item on which you are registering your position. If you don't know the number, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look it up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar

20-2472

Q4

What do you want to do?

**DO NOT ATTEND THE MEETING but REGISTER IN
OPPOSITION to 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

The fact that anyone needs to explain to those in charge that this county is already drowning financially... or the drives of people leaving IL altogether because of unilateral powers such as this, is beyond me. I vehemently oppose any continuation of keeping this county and city closed as this gives even less to an already marginal incentive for 30-year olds like me to want to stay and pay my taxes to this county altogether.

#74

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
Started: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:19:08 PM
Last Modified: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:26:49 PM
Time Spent: 00:07:41
IP Address: 168.235.1.4

Page 1

Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Patty Schwartz
City/Town: Palos Heights
State: IL
ZIP: 60463

Q2

**County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
5/21/2020 10a**

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.

Q3

Tell us the File ID number (example 17-0000) of the item on which you are registering your position. If you don't know the number, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look it up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar

20-2472

Q4

What do you want to do?

DO NOT ATTEND THE MEETING but REGISTER IN OPPOSITION to 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

I oppose any further extension of Cook County's Disaster Declaration. The entire Board must be engaged in the governmental process to provide needed oversight and transparency, and as a taxpayer, I deserve to have direct representation and participation by my elected county commissioner.

#75

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
Started: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:13:48 PM
Last Modified: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:27:31 PM
Time Spent: 00:13:43
IP Address: 64.7.100.52

Page 1

Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Kristi DeLaurentiis
Organization (if any): South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association
City/Town: East Hazel Crest
State: IL
ZIP: 60438

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.

**County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
5/21/2020 10a**

Q3

Tell us the File ID number (example 17-0000) of the item on which you are registering your position. If you don't know the number, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look it up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar

Resolution 20-2378

Q4

What do you want to do?

DO NOT ATTEND THE MEETING but 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

On behalf of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association's mayors, representing 27 Cook County communities and some 600,000+ residents, strongly support Resolution 20-2378, the "SHARE ADDRESSES FOR EMERGENCIES (SAFE) WITH FIRST RESPONDERS" Resolution introduced in April. This resolution would allow suburban Cook County first responders to receive notification from the Cook County Department of Public Health of locations where COVID-19 positive or Persons Under Investigation (PUI) may be located. As you well understand, COVID-19 exposure in public safety agencies poses a significant threat to our ability to provide necessary and effective services to our citizens, with the potential to sideline entire crews at a time. We have submitted a letter to members of the County Board expressing our strong support for this resolution and notification to First Responders. Thank you.

#76

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
Started: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:27:11 PM
Last Modified: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:29:19 PM
Time Spent: 00:02:07
IP Address: 50.226.11.218

Page 1

Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Deirdre McGovern
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60601

Q2

**County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
5/21/2020 10a**

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.

Q3

Tell us the File ID number (example 17-0000) of the item on which you are registering your position. If you don't know the number, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look it up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar

20-2378

Q4

What do you want to do?

DO NOT ATTEND THE MEETING but REGISTER IN OPPOSITION to 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

My name is Deirdre McGovern, and I am submitting this comment to oppose the proposed Resolution to Share Addresses for Emergencies (SAFE) with First Responders and share that it does not promote the best health outcomes for our communities. As it's written, the SAFE with First Responders Resolution would violate the privacy of our community members – and do so with no added benefit to first responders.

First, creating a designation between COVID-19 positive households and others creates a false sense of security for first responders, which could lead to fewer precautions being taken when responding to emergencies. Because there is no way to know if any person has been exposed, contracted, or could transmit COVID-19, the best practice for all first responders and essential workers is to assume any and every person they encounter could be carrying COVID-19, including their colleagues. Universal precautions will make sure first responders are in the best position to protect themselves and the communities they serve.

Second, this policy has the potential to deter people from seeking care. It is clear the SAFE with First Responders Resolution will cause residents to fear that the state will not only store, but will distribute, their private health information. For communities that have experienced HIV stigma and systemic racism – either separately or in conjunction – this resolution will further erode the little trust in existing systems. This Resolution is another step away from trust for the communities who need care the most right now.

Third, and finally, the SAFE with First Responders Resolution has the potential to harm the civil liberties of every Cook County resident. The collection, storage, and sharing of private information, especially private health information, must be done only for significant public health gains, and implemented with the utmost care and in a limited fashion. This Resolution does the opposite. Sharing this information does not benefit the public, and it has the potential to create further disparities in care and in the impact of the pandemic. We have seen the deadly effects of first responders acting out of fear – especially in Black communities. Passing this Resolution invites a new metric of fear and will augment the harm that Black and Latinx communities experience based on racist assumptions and stereotypes.

We know that our first responders are saving lives and strengthening our communities every day. We also know that their work comes with the potential of both harm and healing – to themselves and others. The proposed resolution does not offer them any greater protection, but it does pose great risk to the safety and privacy of every member of our community. It is imperative that this resolution does not move forward. Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in regarding the SAFE with First Responders Resolution.

#77

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
Started: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:21:54 PM
Last Modified: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:29:50 PM
Time Spent: 00:07:56
IP Address: 162.234.11.43

Page 1

Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Meghana Menon
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60660

Q2

**County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
5/21/2020 10a**

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.

Q3

Tell us the File ID number (example 17-0000) of the item on which you are registering your position. If you don't know the number, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look it up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar

20-2378

Q4

What do you want to do?

DO NOT ATTEND THE MEETING but REGISTER IN OPPOSITION to 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

My name is Meghana Menon, and I am submitting this comment to oppose the proposed Resolution to Share Addresses for Emergencies (SAFE) with First Responders and share that it does not promote the best health outcomes for our communities. As it's written, the SAFE with First Responders Resolution would violate the privacy of our community members – and do so with no added benefit to first responders.

First, creating a designation between COVID-19 positive households and others creates a false sense of security for first responders, which could lead to fewer precautions being taken when responding to emergencies. Because there is no way to know if any person has been exposed, contracted, or could transmit COVID-19, the best practice for all first responders and essential workers is to assume any and every person they encounter could be carrying COVID-19, including their colleagues. Universal precautions will make sure first responders are in the best position to protect themselves and the communities they serve.

Second, this policy has the potential to deter people from seeking care. It is clear the SAFE with First Responders Resolution will cause residents to fear that the state will not only store, but will distribute, their private health information. For communities that have experienced HIV stigma and systemic racism – either separately or in conjunction – this resolution will further erode the little trust in existing systems. This Resolution is another step away from trust for the communities who need care the most right now.

Third, and finally, the SAFE with First Responders Resolution has the potential to harm the civil liberties of every Cook County resident. The collection, storage, and sharing of private information, especially private health information, must be done only for significant public health gains, and implemented with the utmost care and in a limited fashion. This Resolution does the opposite. Sharing this information does not benefit the public, and it has the potential to create further disparities in care and in the impact of the pandemic. We have seen the deadly effects of first responders acting out of fear – especially in Black communities. Passing this Resolution invites a new metric of fear and will augment the harm that Black and Latinx communities experience based on racist assumptions and stereotypes.

We know that our first responders are saving lives and strengthening our communities every day. We also know that their work comes with the potential of both harm and healing – to themselves and others. The proposed resolution does not offer them any greater protection, but it does pose great risk to the safety and privacy of every member of our community. It is imperative that this resolution does not move forward. Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in regarding the SAFE with First Responders Resolution.

#78

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
Started: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:24:57 PM
Last Modified: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:29:52 PM
Time Spent: 00:04:55
IP Address: 38.124.52.167

Page 1

Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: John Peller
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60640

Q2

**County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
5/21/2020 10a**

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.

Q3

Tell us the File ID number (example 17-0000) of the item on which you are registering your position. If you don't know the number, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look it up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar

20-2378

Q4

What do you want to do?

DO NOT ATTEND THE MEETING but REGISTER IN OPPOSITION to 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

I am John Peller and I live on the North Side of Chicago. I strongly oppose the SAFE ordinance. This ordinance creates a false sense of security for first responders. There is no way to know if someone has been exposed to COVID and doesn't have symptoms, so many residents don't know they are infected. Testing is still not as widely available as needed, so it's hard for people to even find out. There is not likely to be any significant public health benefit, but the government will have a registry of people with a health condition. This raises serious privacy concerns about inappropriate access by government workers who don't have adequate training. I urge the commissioners to oppose this ordinance. Thank you, John Peller

#79

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
Started: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:27:06 PM
Last Modified: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:30:25 PM
Time Spent: 00:03:19
IP Address: 76.16.184.95

Page 1

Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Rashonda Johnson
City/Town: Orland Hills
State: IL
ZIP: 60487

Q2

**County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
5/21/2020 10a**

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.

Q3

Tell us the File ID number (example 17-0000) of the item on which you are registering your position. If you don't know the number, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look it up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar

20-2378

Q4

What do you want to do?

DO NOT ATTEND THE MEETING but REGISTER IN OPPOSITION to 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

My name is Rashonda, and I am submitting this comment to oppose the proposed Resolution to Share Addresses for Emergencies (SAFE) with First Responders and share that it does not promote the best health outcomes for our communities.

As it's written, the SAFE with First Responders Resolution would violate the privacy of our community members – and do so with no added benefit to first responders.

First, creating a designation between COVID-19 positive households and others creates a false sense of security for first responders, which could lead to fewer precautions being taken when responding to emergencies. Because there is no way to know if any person has been exposed, contracted, or could transmit COVID-19, the best practice for all first responders and essential workers is to assume any and every person they encounter could be carrying COVID-19, including their colleagues. Universal precautions will make sure first responders are in the best position to protect themselves and the communities they serve.

Second, this policy has the potential to deter people from seeking care. It is clear the SAFE with First Responders Resolution will cause residents to fear that the state will not only store, but will distribute, their private health information. For communities that have experienced HIV stigma and systemic racism – either separately or in conjunction – this resolution will further erode the little trust in existing systems. This Resolution is another step away from trust for the communities who need care the most right now.

Third, and finally, the SAFE with First Responders Resolution has the potential to harm the civil liberties of every Cook County resident. The collection, storage, and sharing of private information, especially private health information, must be done only for significant public health gains, and implemented with the utmost care and in a limited fashion. This Resolution does the opposite. Sharing this information does not benefit the public, and it has the potential to create further disparities in care and in the impact of the pandemic. We have seen the deadly effects of first responders acting out of fear – especially in Black communities. Passing this Resolution invites a new metric of fear and will augment the harm that Black and Latinx communities experience based on racist assumptions and stereotypes.

We know that our first responders are saving lives and strengthening our communities every day. We also know that their work comes with the potential of both harm and healing – to themselves and others. The proposed resolution does not offer them any greater protection, but it does pose great risk to the safety and privacy of every member of our community. It is imperative that this resolution does not move forward. Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in regarding the SAFE with First Responders Resolution.

#80

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
Started: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:27:30 PM
Last Modified: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 4:30:26 PM
Time Spent: 00:02:55
IP Address: 73.168.234.236

Page 1

Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Doris Harmon-Warren
Organization (if any): PHIMC
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60601

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.

**County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
5/21/2020 10a**

Q3

Tell us the File ID number (example 17-0000) of the item on which you are registering your position. If you don't know the number, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look it up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar

20-2378

Q4

What do you want to do?

DO NOT ATTEND THE MEETING but REGISTER IN OPPOSITION to 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

My name is Doris Harmon-Warren, and I am submitting this comment to oppose the proposed Resolution to Share Addresses for Emergencies (SAFE) with First Responders and share that it does not promote the best health outcomes for our communities.

As it's written, the SAFE with First Responders Resolution would violate the privacy of our community members – and do so with no added benefit to first responders.

First, creating a designation between COVID-19 positive households and others creates a false sense of security for first responders, which could lead to fewer precautions being taken when responding to emergencies. Because there is no way to know if any person has been exposed, contracted, or could transmit COVID-19, the best practice for all first responders and essential workers is to assume any and every person they encounter could be carrying COVID-19, including their colleagues. Universal precautions will make sure first responders are in the best position to protect themselves and the communities they serve.

Second, this policy has the potential to deter people from seeking care. It is clear the SAFE with First Responders Resolution will cause residents to fear that the state will not only store, but will distribute, their private health information. For communities that have experienced HIV stigma and systemic racism – either separately or in conjunction – this resolution will further erode the little trust in existing systems. This Resolution is another step away from trust for the communities who need care the most right now.

Third, and finally, the SAFE with First Responders Resolution has the potential to harm the civil liberties of every Cook County resident. The collection, storage, and sharing of private information, especially private health information, must be done only for significant public health gains, and implemented with the utmost care and in a limited fashion. This Resolution does the opposite. Sharing this information does not benefit the public, and it has the potential to create further disparities in care and in the impact of the pandemic. We have seen the deadly effects of first responders acting out of fear – especially in Black communities. Passing this Resolution invites a new metric of fear and will augment the harm that Black and Latinx communities experience based on racist assumptions and stereotypes.

We know that our first responders are saving lives and strengthening our communities every day. We also know that their work comes with the potential of both harm and healing – to themselves and others. The proposed resolution does not offer them any greater protection, but it does pose great risk to the safety and privacy of every member of our community. It is imperative that this resolution does not move forward. Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in regarding the SAFE with First Responders Resolution.
