

SPEAKERS FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE FY22 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING 10AM

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
1. Gina Speckman	Suburban Cook County Convention and Visitors Bureaus
2. Jannelle White	Temp Worker-Union Alliance Project (TWUAP)
3. Aloyce Hill	
4. Amanda Pyron	The Network: Advocating Against Domestic Violence
5. Kevin Brown	Safer Foundation
6. Jordan Wildermuth	Nurse-Family Partnership
7. Lee Francis MD MPH	Erie Family Health Center
8. Bria Robinson	Lawrence Hall
9. Shawntina Matthews	Adults Active in Youth Development, Inc.
10. Dr. Leo'nard M. Johnson	Sankofa Safe Child Initiative
11. Aaron Brown	Lawrence Hall
12. Briana Payton	Chicago Community Bond Fund
13. Jose Rico	United Way of Metro Chicago
14. Doug Kenshol	South Suburban PADS
15. Jordan Wildermuth	Nurse-Family Partnership
16. Laura Mendoza	The Resurrection Project
17. Mayra Sarabia	Southwest Organizing Project
18. Patricia Stokes	Yes, Housing Forward
19. Anne Evens	Elevate
20. Jeffery Nesbitt	St. Leonard's Ministries
21. Manuel Flores	SomerCor
23. Torres Hughes	Young Manufacturers Association a Program of Manufacturing Renaissance
24. Araceli Lucio	The Resurrection Project (TRP) RESCHEDULED TO 6:30PM HEARING, NO AUDIO
25. Linda G. Coronado	7th Cook County District Health Task Force
26. Loren Williams	PCs for People
27. Erika Corona-Owens	Berwyn Development Corporation
28. Selene Diaz	Manufacturing Renaissance
29. Erica Staley	
30. Sam Toia	Illinois Restaurants Association
31. Bo Kemp	Southland Development Authority

WRITTEN COMMENT

Irakere Picon- Illinois Business Immigration Coalition:

On behalf of the more than 50 immigrant community organizations, criminal justice reform advocates, and faith leaders representing the Defenders for All Coalition (D4A), we submit this testimony in support of the Public Defender's request for funding for the Immigration Unit for FY22. First and foremost, we thank President Preckwinkle and the County Board for supporting the creation and funding of the Immigration Unit in the previous fiscal year. Thanks to this initial funding, Cook County became the largest County in the country with a dedicated Immigration Unit and we are working to ensure that it serves our immigrant communities as soon and as effectively as possible. It is for this reason that we support the Public Defenders request for funding of the immigration for FY22 and we ask the County Board and President Preckwinkle to support this important work.

Rebecca Shi Illinois Business Immigration Coalition:

Good afternoon, my name is Rebecca Shi and I am the Executive Director of the Illinois Business Immigration Coalition (IBIC). IBIC is a non-for-profit organization that promotes sensible immigration reform, which supports the economic recovery of Illinois, provides Illinois companies with both the high-skilled and low-skilled talent they need, and allows the integration of immigrants into our economy as consumers, workers, entrepreneurs and citizens. On behalf of our business leaders and members, I write this statement in support of the Immigration Unit's request for continued funding for the 2022 fiscal year. At IBIC we are very aware of the snowballing effects that immigration detention and deportation can have not only on immigrant families but also their businesses and employers. When an immigrant is detained or deported, there is a ripple effect that immediately impacts their children, families, and communities but also affects our local businesses and economy. If an immigrant doesn't have access to legal representation, they are more likely to remain detained while they await the conclusion of their case and this means that this person can't be with their family to help them with their household needs, they can't help to provide financially for them, and their employers are also impacted especially in the current labor shortage. That is why we supported the creation of the Immigration Unit and thank President Toni Preckwinkle and the County Board members for their support and funding of the unit in 2021. As we work to help our communities and local economies recover from the impact of COVID-19, it's crucial that we are able to provide a service that helps to prevent the unnecessary detention and deportation of immigrant families to help in the recovery of our State. Thank you for your time and we ask that you continue funding the Cook County Public Defender's Unit in the coming fiscal year. Sincerely,
The Illinois Business Immigration Coalition