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Witness Name: Megan Groves
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60625

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Under the 5th and 14th Amendments of the Constitution, everyone is innocent until proven guilty. Cash bail does not prevent crime or protect the public; it simply separates the rich from the poor. End cash bail and defund CCJ.

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Witness Name: Beverly Graham
Organization (if any): League of Women Voters
City/Town: Oak Park
State: IL
ZIP: 60302

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I am in favor of the Resolution

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Witness Name: Lucy Geglio
Organization (if any): Liberation Library
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60647

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My name is Lucy Gaglio and I am submitting testimony on behalf of Liberation Library, a Chicago-based abolitionist organization that provides books to incarcerated young people in Illinois. This testimony is shared in support of the Justice for Black Lives Resolution 20-2867, and to encourage follow through so that funds are redirected from police and prisons and into anti-carceral community resources.

Liberation Library receives and fulfills over 100 requests for books each month; in the words of one reader, the books help them "jump into a new world where the room your [sic] in disappears and you see a new place/world right before your eyes." Our readers are incarcerated at the five state IDJJ facilities and several jails and detention centers. We provide books for readers up to the age of 25, but know that many are younger than that; for example the average age of those incarcerated at IYC Chicago is sixteen. We serve a highly disproportionate number of Black people (per the 2019 annual IDJJ report, 71% of facility residents were Black, compared to 14.6% of the state population). Some individuals we serve have been writing to us for months or even years. Sometimes our readers request picture books, presumably because the recipients do not have the literacy skills to read age-appropriate texts.

The idea of "safety" is one that is often on my mind as I pack books for readers. I consider the resources dedicated to policing and caging these young people that could instead be invested in true harm-reduction services, such as:

- Free and accessible healthcare, including mental health services
- Reliable, consistent, and affordable housing
- Schools with lower classroom sizes and well-resourced educators, and that have nurses, librarians, and counselors available to students
- Investment in public neighborhood spaces like libraries, parks, and community centers

There is nothing "safe" about locking children in cages. It is past time that our government leaders reassess traditional notions of safety, which so often result in the disproportionate policing and imprisonment of Black people, and invest instead in the resources that actually reduce harm and allow communities to thrive.

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Witness Name: Stefanie Coleman
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60630

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I am in favor of the resolution for Black Lives - Item #20-2867. I support redistributing county funds away from Cook County Jail and toward community initiatives that support mental health, housing, and other human rights.

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Witness Name: Derek Worley
City/Town: Naperville
State: IL
ZIP: 60564

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The doctrine of inalienable rights was written into some of the founding documents of the political and legal system we live under. This doctrine holds that every human being, by virtue of their simply existing as a human being, possesses certain rights over their bodies and natural abilities which no one else may intrude upon or interfere with. The only exception is when someone is intruding on someone else's inalienable rights, the intruder's inalienable rights can be curtailed only until the intruder has been pushed back behind the victim's personal boundary, where they must once again be allowed to exercise their inalienable rights, because any further curtailment of rights would now make the would-be defender the new intruder. Prisons and incarceration are abominations in the eyes of this moral and legal doctrine. People guilty of violent crimes who do not pose an actual, observable threat to the security of others' rights should at most be compelled to pay restitution to their victims, or whatever they come to an agreement to with their victims. Criminal law does nothing to restore the victims of injustice to become whole again. The existence of prisons, essentially warehouses of human beings, poses a threat to the safety and freedom of everyone. There is no valid reason for Cook County Jail, the single biggest detention facility in the entire United States, to have the amount of resources and funding that it does. The best that can be done is to dramatically defund and dismantle it on the way to its eventual abolition and destruction.

For more information on why criminal law is fundamentally erroneous, see "The Irrelevance of Responsibility" by Dr. Roderick T. Long, available for free on the internet.

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Witness Name: Thomas Hagan
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60637

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For the last four years, I have taught writing to people who are incarcerated pretrial at Cook County Jail and worked in a number of IDOC facilities across the state. The stories which I have heard of suffering and separation due to policing and incarceration are heart-wrenching. Instead of receiving critical supportive services, people in conflict with the law are dehumanized and confronted by cages and violence.

I truly believe that mass incarceration is the human rights issues of our era. I believe we will look back upon this crisis in 50 years with embarrassment and shame at our inability to act earlier as 2.3 million human beings sat in cages without access to proper medical care or crucial life services. As I write this message, 5,000 Illinois citizens are caged in Stateville prison with no air conditioning on 23.5-hour lockdown. People with severe mental health disorders are not granted the ability to see the light of day but are instead locked in their cage with no access to proper treatment and almost no ability to communicate with loved ones on the outside. This brutality currently happening 50 miles from your office is not an anomaly. All carceral facilities in the state of Illinois are like Stateville. They are death traps where we send poor people who come in conflict with the law.

If we are to address this issue, then politicians need to stop playing politics with people's lives, and Cook County needs to stop funneling their residents into IDOC facilities. As Ruth Wilson Gilmore writes in *Golden Gulag*, "racism is the state-sanctioned or extralegal production and exploitation of group-differentiated vulnerability to premature death." The carceral state eats black bodies and predestines early death for thousands of Chicago residents. The Justice for Black Lives resolution takes a step towards protecting us from the grave human rights abuse of mass incarceration and building a world which does not rely on reciprocal violence to deal with wrongdoing. Your vote for this resolution would also take a step towards enshrining your name in the legacy of dismantling an aggressively brutal system with little mercy for individual pain and suffering.

Thank you for reading this statement, and I pray that you walk forward with empathy and understanding.

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City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60609

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Please help our communities heal and get the dire resources they need to combat the racial injustice and systemic racism that is perpetuated by being underserved and over policed.

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Witness Name:	Rachel Lyons
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60612

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I support the Justice for Black Lives resolution as a member of the Catholic Church and a woman of faith, as a white person committed to anti-racism, and as a human being who will not allow the continued brutality and deadly harm that the police and the incarceration system of Cook County Jail bring to Black communities in Chicago and beyond. We all know what communities need to thrive: strong schools, healthcare, housing, food access, job opportunities, and mental health resources. We all know. So let's put our money into all of these. Let's move money away from incarceration that does not get at root causes of violence or poverty or unemployment and let's actually fund people and the services we need. You as commissioners can do this. You have power to serve people as dignified human beings. So do it. Support this resolution and Black Lives.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Stefanie Clark
Organization (if any):	N/A
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60640

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Our current carceral system does nothing to ensure the safety of the community. The actual affect has been devastation to the city's black and brown communities. We must divert these resources to systems that actually serve the people.

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Witness Name: Valerie Holze
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60646

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I support black livelihoods in Chicago and as such support this measure to divert money from policing, criminalization, and incarceration and into public services not administered by law enforcement such as health care, mental health, housing, jobs, and restorative justice.

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Witness Name: Hanna Huff
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60608

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I support the resolution, and support diverting money from policing, criminalization, and incarceration and into public services not administered by law enforcement such as health care, mental health, housing, jobs, restorative justice, and more. Let's prevent the conditions that lead to crime. Reacting to crime isn't working.

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Witness Name: Frank Bergh
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60623

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By divesting from the Cook County Jail and investing in the communities most harmed by mass incarceration, the Cook County Board of Commissioners can begin the work of repairing the harms caused by decades of racist "tough on crime" policies. Demonstrate that Black Lives Matter in Cook County by supporting this historic resolution.

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Witness Name: Anastasia Knasiak
City/Town: Brookfield
State: IL
ZIP: 60513

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I have had friends and family with the misfortune to be held at Cook County jail. It is cold comfort to know that being white may have helped them avoid worse indignity and abuse. I register my support for all current and former detainees of Cook County jail. None of us are free until they are.

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Witness Name:	Rev. Allison Farnum
Organization (if any):	Unitarian Universalist Prison Ministry of Illinois
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60605

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I'm the Rev. Allison Farnum, the minister and director of the Unitarian Universalist Prison Ministry of Illinois. I am here to give testimony in support of the Justice for Black Lives resolution, Resolution 20-2867. Our faith honors the inherent worth and dignity of all people and calls us to address injustice. The disproportionate number of Black, Brown and Indigenous people in pretrial detention, and the harm imposed by the Sheriff's Department and Cook County Jail, move us to support this resolution.

Investing in communities requires divesting from the status quo of policing and incarceration. The Cook County Sheriff's full budget for 2020 is \$608 million, a 33% increase from 2013. The Cook County Department of Corrections budget is \$336 million, an increase of 26% since 2013. This funding increased despite the reduction, through hard-won community efforts, in the number of people detained. Neighborhoods need services that create a foundation of health. This investment in services must be made possible by divestment of surveillance policing and pretrial punishment. Supportive services including mental health care, treatment for substance use disorders, and subsidized housing are needed, and must be provided by County Departments and community organizations whose missions align with those services, and not by the Sheriff or the Jail.

The Gospel of Mark cautions us not to pour new wine into old wineskins. Recent uprisings are like "new wine" calling us to say "no" to white supremacy and systemic racism. We must use new wineskins, by investing in community organizations that promote healing and restorative justice. Locking people up breaks our community and family connections and causes more harm.

On behalf of the Unitarian Universalist Prison Ministry of Illinois, I urge the County Board to pass this resolution, divest from policing and incarceration, and entrust funding in the leadership of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color-led organizations that engage in restorative healing.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Sue Foran
City/Town: River Forest
State: IL
ZIP: 60305

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I am in favor of and request your support of this resolution that seeks to place appropriate levels of funding in the hands of organizations that can most effectively handle the social service needs of our communities. We can no longer incarcerate our issues. We need more social workers, mental health professionals, housing, jobs and educational opportunities for our young people in order to thrive and prosper. We do not need more jails or more police. Please support this resolution.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Laura Przybysz
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60608

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I support this item because I have not seen evidence that policing and incarceration benefit the community, but I have seen that giving people housing, jobs, education, and healthcare makes individuals, families, and communities happier and healthier. I want my government to make investment priorities that move our society towards collective liberation and to stop using my dollars and my name to perpetrate violence against oppressed groups.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Rodney C Walker
Organization (if any):	St. Matthew
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60610

Q2

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Q1

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Witness Name: Kevin Liddle
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60622

Q2

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Members of the board, I am writing this statement today in favor of redirecting a significant portion of budget for the Cook County Department of Corrections and Sheriff's office to programs dedicated to healing the wounds that are caused by decades of explicit and implicit governmentally implemented racist segregation and ongoing violence against the black people of Cook County. Ever-rising budgets for policing and incarceration have proven to have a minimal effect on the safety and security of Cook County residents. What has been proven is that the black community has been continuously brutalized and unduly incarcerated, furthering a cycle of oppression that is impossible to escape. Impossible, that is, until we significantly reduce the oppressive forces and increase the restorative forces. That is why I support redirecting Cook County budget money from the Department of Corrections and Sheriff's office to the people who have been oppressed by these offices. Please do the right thing, use the evidence at your disposal, and redirect police and jail funds to the programs listed in the resolution at hand which will help elevate our black citizens out of oppression. Thank you.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Anna Polski
Organization (if any): SURJ Chicago
City/Town: Naperville
State: IL
ZIP: 60540

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Policing was developed to return slaves back to their owners and enforce laws that oppressed marginalized groups. While the 13th amendment freed slaves, it paved the way for the mass incarceration of Black and Brown people to fuel the prison labor industry. The consequences of the "War on Crime" and the "War on Drugs" are the perpetuation of the cycle of poverty and the continual oppression and abuse of people of color. There can be no true equality until the prison industrial complex is dissolved!

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Q1

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Witness Name: Harriet Roberts
Organization (if any): Harmony Community Church
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60623

Q2

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Every support possible needs to be given to the people of North Lawndale. Instead of policing and incarceration, provide the money for job training, mental and physical health services, well-stocked and resourced classrooms with adequate professional staff to support children who are struggling with schoolwork, poverty, abuse and neglect at home. Bringing support and hope to a community decreases the fragmenting of families, violence, drugs and consequent incarceration. Please help.

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Witness Name: Briana Hanny
Organization (if any): Love & Protect
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60612

Q2

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On behalf of Love & Protect, an organization that supports women and gender non-conforming/non-binary people of color who are criminalized or harmed by state and interpersonal violence, we submit this testimony in support of Resolution 20-2867, the Justice for Black Lives resolution. We implore the Cook County Board to pass this resolution and fully implement it by defunding the Cook County Department of Corrections and Sheriff's police, and investing in community-based services that make our communities safer, reduce violence and address harm.

Survivors of intimate partner violence are often charged with criminal offenses and incarcerated for actions taken in defense of their own or their children's lives or physical well-being. Survivors also are charged with crimes committed by their abusers. Survivors face impossible choices in the face of extreme coercive control and life-shattering violence. Police and pretrial detention replicate that violence: they impose complete control over the survivor, separating them from children, family, and friends, and commonly engage in re-traumatizing verbal and physical abuse.

Policing has been an abysmal failure in preventing or addressing the harm of abuse. Abusers' violence could be far better addressed through community services designed to work towards reducing toxic behavior and addressing needs. As Danielle Sered (Until We Reckon) notes, violence is rooted in shame, isolation, past experiences of violence, and not having one's basic needs met. Jailing people who have survived violence does nothing to enhance community safety. Jailing abusers has not made families safer and only exacerbates the violence. Alleviating poverty and investing in services that heal and strengthen communities will do far more to stem violence than policing ever can.

Funding basic needs -- affordable housing, living-wage jobs, child care, medical and mental health care, and quality education -- reduces interpersonal violence. Funding community-based restorative practices that address conflict would reduce violence in the community and end the cycle of intergenerational harm that jailing inflicts on communities of color.

We urgently ask the Board of Commissioners to pass Resolution 20-2867 and to implement it by funding services and initiatives that are life-affirming and not based in coercive control and state violence. Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

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Witness Name: Mary
State: IL
ZIP: 60029

Q2

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I am in support of Item #20-2867 – Justice for Black Lives resolution. This resolution calls to divert county money from policing, criminalization, and incarceration and into public services that are not administered by law enforcement. This is a better investment into the county communities and will overall promote more equity.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Ann Moran
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60625

Q2

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Our city's investment in Cook County Jail has disproportionately hurt Black communities in our city. Our city is stronger when we choose to invest that funding in mental health services, restorative justice programs, housing, health care, and other areas that invest in the community rather than in carceral solutions.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Erica Bentley
Organization (if any):	Showing Up for Racial Justice Chicago
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60618

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I support this resolution and the redistribution of funds currently allocated to CCJ and CPD into community strengthening & opportunity facilitating resources. The time for change is long overdue and we have opportunities to begin to make right what has been wrong since the founding of the USA. Thank you.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Nicole Grigg
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60605

Q2

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I am writing in support of Item #20-2867, the Justice for Black Lives resolution. Cook County must redirect money from failed and racist systems of policing and incarceration that do not keep our communities safe and use those funds for public services not administered by law enforcement that promote community health and safety, especially in Black and Brown communities most impacted by violence and incarceration. Cook County Jail is not able to address the root causes or violence or engage in restorative justice processes. Instead, it perpetrates violence against people of color and low-income people, and against Black people in particular. The majority of people incarcerated in Cook County Jail remain there because they are awaiting trial and cannot afford to pay a money bond. During the pandemic, people incarcerated in the Cook County Jail have been subjected to one of the largest outbreaks in the country, and many have lost their lives. The money used to fund the Cook Country Jail must be redirected to support public services like affordable housing, health care, mental health care, restorative justice programs, job creation, public transit, legal assistance for residents facing foreclosure and eviction, and increasing MWBE opportunity.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Rachel Phan
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60626

Q2

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Dear Cook County Board,

My name is Rachel Phan, I am a resident of Rogers Park. I fully support the defunding of Cook County Jail and diversion of funds to investment into Black and Brown communities. I have carefully read and considered the Proposed Resolution Justice for Black Lives, and strongly agree with it. Cook County jail's budget should not be this large, especially given the fact that there has been a decrease in the number of people incarcerated.

If the goal is less incarceration, why does Cook County Jail funding grow year after year? To aid in the positive progression of less incarceration, and to be proportionally sound in a fiscal sense, money must be divested from Cook County jail as less people are jailed. When the budget exists the budget is used. Logically, when the money is in a certain bucket, it makes sense to use it even if that money could be best used elsewhere. I implore you to evaluate whether this money being hoarded by Cook County Jail could be best used elsewhere. I am an accountant by trade. I realize that it is troublesome to change budgets, headache inducing, and it often creates more "problems". However, I'd like to challenge this trope. If we see these new "problems" that come from defunding and investing elsewhere as opportunities for growth in our communities instead of "problems", we can change our mindsets.

As a resident who is passionate about my community and my neighbors- we need resources. The ones outlined in the proposal are in dire need of funding. These items will encourage healthy lives and healthy communities that do not need policing and therefore incarceration. Let's put money at the source. We can use these funds to build people up and support people at the beginning of their troubles, not at the end where their only option is incarceration.

What is your aim here? I ask, if you truly believe in human rights, please defund Cook County Jail. It is inhumane to be jailed, it should be the last of last resorts. The Cook County Jail budget as it exists now does not reflect this sentiment. Rather, it sends a signal to me and other residents of Chicago that "We choose to put money in the last resort even though the opportunity exists to put money towards earlier interventions that are more compassionate"

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Nicole Cavanaugh
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60660

Q2

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It is of critical importance, and issue of life or death for many, that the Cook County Board advances the resolution to defund the police and the institution of policing, and divert that money into public services not associated with policing. Chicago and Cook Co. can be at the forefront of history in dismantling a deeply racist system of policing and oppression that is the direct descendent of chattel slavery. Listen to the people, we want change and we want it to start with defunding the police and the Justice for Black Lives resolution.

Thank you

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Q1

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Witness Name: Antonio Gutierrez
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60625

Q2

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I support this as it is time for Chicago to address the consistent attacks of police brutality in the black communities in cook county

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Emma Horvath
City/Town:	Wilmette
State:	IL
ZIP:	60091

Q2

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The Cook County Board of Commissioners must defund Cook County Jail in order to fund housing, healthcare, mental health, restorative justice, job creation, and other essential resources in communities. As a Cook County taxpayer, I want my money to go to programs that uplift Black, indigenous, and other marginalized youth in the county. I support an approach that reduces the root causes of crime rather than punishing and criminalizing individuals after the fact. Restorative justice, not prisons. Communities, not cages. Pass the Justice for Black Lives resolution.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Rev. Dr. Patrick Daymond
Organization (if any):	Covenant United Church of Christ
City/Town:	South Holland
State:	IL
ZIP:	60473

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My name is Patrick Daymond. I serve as Pastor of Covenant United Church of Christ, a 4,500 member congregation in South Holland, IL. I write to offer testimony in support of the Justice for Black Lives resolution, also known as Resolution 20-2867, and urge the County Board to pass this resolution and subsequently follow through by moving money out of policing and incarceration and into supportive services that promote community health and safety.

Covenant United Church of Christ is a part of a denomination that since its inception has been on the frontlines of every important justice issue. According to Luke 4, one of the objectives of Jesus's ministry was to set the captives free. We interpret that, not just as a spiritual liberation, but a bodily liberation as well. We believe firmly that our justice system is broken and unduly punishes those who are poor, black and brown.

Therefore, we believe that it is unjust to continue to invest taxpayer dollars into institutions that not only do not work but have proven to make societal realities far worse. The time has come where government, which should have the best interest of its constituency at heart, must reallocate some of millions of dollars currently invested in these institutions into services that better serve the needs of our fellow citizens, especially the black people that I serve who suffer daily under the foothold of oppression and injustice.

Evidence abounds that there is little relationship between the size of police force or the number of people incarcerated— on actual crime. Police forces have grown exponentially over the past few decades as part of the War on Drugs, the Get-Tough Movement and the Broken Windows Policing Practices that followed. Many, many more people have been arrested and sentenced to time in jail or prison, often for low-level crimes and those related to drugs, instead of receiving needed services in the areas of mental health, housing, and job creation. I carry the tremendous burden of having to daily facilitate hope into the lives of people who have for some reason or another gotten caught up in a situation that landed them in Cook County Jail pre-trial and had their lives totally disrupted because of an unfair money bond system that penalizes poor people. Some still haven't recovered. It's hard to preach about grace and second chances when you live in a country and a municipality that seemingly does not.

If this pandemic has revealed anything, it is that we don't need to pump more money in policing and incarceration. We have whole segments of communities who are dying due to structural racism set up to intentionally divest from communities of color to the point that we lack the essential services needed to elevate the social determinants of health such as housing, healthcare and education. In fact, Cook County Jail has been a breeding ground for infection as reports suggest that 1 in 6 Covid-19 cases can be tied to Cook County Jail. The fierce urgency of now mandates a change. If you fail to respond appropriately in this Kairos moment, and lives continue to be senselessly destroyed and lost, then the blood is on your hands.

All for Justice,
Rev. Dr. Patrick L. Daymond

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Witness Name: Jonathan Oppenheimer
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60657

Q2

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Prisons are an ultimately unhelpful, and fully harmful solution to crime. They are oftentimes an unjust punishment for minor crimes and disproportionately house black and brown people, contributing to systemic racism and oppression. Instead of funneling money into prison as a punishment, crime should be halted at its source by offering programs in areas of health care, housing, jobs, and restorative justice. When people's needs are being fulfilled they will not be forced to turn to crime. Divest from prisons and invest in communities.

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Witness Name:	Nathaniel Kier
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60605

Q2

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Given the decrease in the Cook County Jail population, the myriad instances of pretrial incarceration that damages lives, and the disproportionate way in which incarceration in this county has targeted Black, poor communities, I ask that you support this resolution. I want the lives of my neighbors to be improved with money that is currently being used to oppress. There is so much good this money can do. Let it be used to support Black lives in Cook County.

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Witness Name: Alexander Hambly
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60622

Q2

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The system of policing and incarceration in this country has long been used to oppress marginalized people under the false guise of preventing or fixing crime. This resolution has the potential to enact real, material improvement to the communities of Cook County in a way that police and prisons are incapable of. It is also my hope that the passing of this resolution will serve as a catalyst for similar proposals to defund the police nationwide.

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Witness Name: Jeffrey Nils Gardner
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60657

Q2

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I support the resolutions in this resolution in their entirety, and urge you to adopt them.

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City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60612

Q2

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The money we are currently giving to law enforcement officers and Cook County Jail is money that could be better spent on public services that would help keep people OUT of jail, not throw more people in!

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City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60626

Q2

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It is now more important to fund housing and social services than fund the police. Please vote in favor of this resolution.

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Witness Name:	Susan Grossman
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60657

Q2

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This money will be better spent providing needed services to Black and Brown communities including housing, mental health services, employment and job development than it will be if it is used for policing and incarceration. Please support this resolution.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Sean Pritchard
City/Town:	Evanston
State:	IL
ZIP:	60201

Q2

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I am urging the Board to vote in favor of redirecting money from policing and incarceration to public services in Black and Brown communities not administered by law enforcement - housing, mental health, restorative justice, jobs, and others. It is imperative that a solutions-oriented approach be taken to how communities are supported by the local government.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Nicole Roth
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60640

Q2

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I would like to see money taken out of the Cook County Jail and Cook County Sheriff budgets and put into public services not administered by law enforcement. There has been too much mismanagement of funds by law enforcement with no positive reflection back in to the communities. It is time people who are most qualified to identify and resolve these issues are given the proper resources to solve the problems in this city.

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Witness Name: Maeve Raphelson
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60647

Q2

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Cook County Jail should not be the largest provider of mental health services anywhere. The sheriff budget should be diverted to proactively providing such services in the county, to reduce crime rather than criminalize mental illness and poverty.

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Witness Name:	Phoenix Forbes
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60660

Q2

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Money should be redirected from jails to Black and Latinx communities in Chicago. Historically and currently these communities have suffered from divestment and are due restitution. Bolster these communities rather than incarcerate their residents. More resources will mean less crime and more security for these communities.

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Witness Name: Julia Hickey
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60640

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Cook County needs to redirect money from policing and incarceration to public services in Black and Brown communities not administered by law enforcement - housing, mental health, restorative justice, jobs, and more. This anti-racist action is essential to promoting the safety and well being of BIPOC communities and moving our county in a direction of equity and opportunity for all people.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Molly Sender
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60622

Q2

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It makes absolutely no logical sense to keep inmates in jails at the expense of the taxpayer, reducing their ability to have meaningful rehabilitation, rather than invest in community resources, mental health, and addiction recovery assistance and centers, in order to reduce the need for members of our society to be incarcerated in the first place. PLEASE redirect money from policing and incarceration to public services in Black and Brown communities not administered by law enforcement - housing, mental health, restorative justice, jobs, etc. Build up our society meaningfully, rather than just police it and ruin it.

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Witness Name: Sophie Lipman
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60625

Q2

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Witness Name: **Daniel Edelstein**

Q2

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The root of crime is poverty and the route out of poverty is not more policing. Cook County needs investment in communities and the resources to lead safe, healthy, and prosperous lives.

#46

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Q1

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Witness Name: Rita Crowley
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60640

Q2

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The last thing Cook County needs right now is to continue to put people in jail in the middle of a pandemic. We need to redirect funds away from law enforcement and toward public services and community programs that will actually help keep people safer.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Aaron Messner
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60647

Q2

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For too long we have underfunded vital public services in order to throw money at systems that have undermined our society and hurt those most vulnerable. We've seen the harm that this has caused to our BIPOC neighbors and it's time that we reverse the trend. Reduce funding for policing and incarceration and move those dollars towards housing, mental health, restorative justice, jobs, and other community building programs.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Deanalys Resto
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60640

Q2

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Police originated as slave patrol, and the prison industrial complex is slavery reinvented. We need to abolish these racist institutions, so that the absurd amount of money that funds them can be redistributed to services that actually make our communities safe and healthy; well-funded public schools, housing, mental health, restorative justice, jobs, and more.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	The Rev. Dr. Kim Beckmann
Organization (if any):	ELCA Pastor
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60647

Q2

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I speak in favor of funds taken out of the Cook County Jail and Cook County Sheriff budgets and put into public services not administered by law enforcement. For years I have worked on, and advocated for, various means of reform and training for law enforcement and criminal justice. These involved getting better crisis intervention training for officers, and working for bail/no cash bond reform. At this point it has become apparent to me that public, safety, society, disturbed and mentally ill persons, and the communities I serve as a pastor, are not being served by our current law enforcement and criminal justice systems. These have been fundamentally built on racist, suppressionist and white supremacist principles. Meanwhile, other public services: mental health clinics, social workers and other public services that would enhance the lives of my parishioners have long since been cut to the bone. It is time to rebuild our public services systems, and defund the Cook County Jail and Sheriff's budgets.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Florence L Denton
Organization (if any):	Mrs.
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60649

Q2

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Take a first step toward a more just Cook County budget.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Cameron Vanderwerf
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60637

Q2

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I support a decrease in funding of the Cook County Jail and Cook County Sheriff budgets. I support the increase of funding to public services not administered by law enforcement. These changes will directly aid vital social improvements.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Ben Ishibashi
Organization (if any):	The People's Lobby
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60626

Q2

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Its beyond time that we took back money being wasted on the Cook County jail (whose inmate population has been declining while its budgets continues to balloon) and invested it in real community safety measures, like mental health services, Ceasefire programs, setting up restorative justice programs rooted in Black and Brown communities and investment in schools, housing, jobs and infrastructure that are needed to prevent folks from resorting to crime in the first place. If Cook County truly stands with it's Black residents, the Commissioners need to go far beyond a mere resolution, and commit to both defunding the Cook County Jail by 50% comparable to 2013 levels at the very least and to reinvesting all of those funds in social services and community investments that have been denied to our Black siblings and neighbors for far too long in this county.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Shannon Glass
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60609

Q2

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I am in favor of the Justice for Black Lives resolution because our Cook County communities need affordable housing, an end to food insecurity, accessible and decent healthcare and mental healthcare and good education for everyone much more than we need more law enforcement. If we actually provided those things for our communities, we could stop wasting money on police and jails and have healthy communities instead of continuing a cycle of racist policies that do nothing but harm people inside and outside of jail.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Sasha Solov
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60626

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It is time for money to be reallocated away from prisons and policing and towards our communities. It has been proven time and again that prisons do not rehabilitate people, they just dehumanize them. We need to take money from Cook County Jail and Sheriff and put it toward resources and services that prevent crime in the first place such as community programming, counseling services, housing, and education.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Cheryl Lobello
City/Town: Franklin Park
State: IL
ZIP: 60131

Q2

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Please don't take money away from law enforcement or the cook county jail.

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Witness Name:	Alec Kim
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60647

Q2

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Bettina Johnson
Organization (if any):	Liberation Library
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60618

Q2

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As an organization that sends books to young people who are incarcerated across the state in youth prisons and jails we believe that these places should not exist. We believe that young people and adults deserve to be invested in early and often versus after arrest via incarceration. For as long as people are trapped in these irredeemable violent institutions we will send in material support in the form of books and journals to in our hope to keep the spirits and imaginations up of our community inside places like Cook County Jail. We believe that funding should be shifted away from incarceration, policing and surveillance and reinvested into life affirming community-based and community-accountable programs and institutions. We do NOT believe in alternative forms of incarceration like "e-carceration" aka the GPS ankle monitor or impossible probation terms. In Cook County and the City of Chicago specifically, we believe that communities should be at minimum proportional reinvested in that were disproportionately impacted by policing and incarceration. We believe that the county should invest in research to help surface the place-based reality of overpolicing of certain communities in Chicago -- an example of this type of research can be seen via chicagosmilliondollarblocks.com.

Apologies for any typos.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Carmen Kingsley
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60647

Q2

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I would like to see money taken out of the Cook County Jail and Cook County Sheriff budgets and put into public services not administered by law enforcement. If we better address the mental health and physical health of our communities we will reduce violence.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Madi Delk
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60613

Q2

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Because we know from statistics, history, and first hand accounts that policing is perpetuating an oppressive system against BIPOC that is our modern day version of slavery and white supremacy. Furthermore, we also know that there are better systems we could replace to invest in our BIPOC communities that would serve them better and end the violence caused by police and our government: restorative justice, housing, free community centers, food co-ops because also our black and brown communities are forced to live in food deserts with disproportionately effect their health, councilors TO REPLACE POLICE in schools, etc.

#60

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Ann Hahn-Baiyor
Organization (if any): The People's lobby
City/Town: Naperville
State: IL
ZIP: 60540

Q2

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Jails are overcrowded and lacking in services. The community would be much better served if funding was redirected to essential mental health and rehabilitation services. I have witnessed first hand, as as volunteer, the number of inmates suffering with mental illness or drug addiction. Prison is not the appropriate environment for these folks and, in fact exacerbates their problems. Funding is desperately needed for adequate social services to begin fixing the problem.

#61

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Q1

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Witness Name: Chris Rhudy
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60647

Q2

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It is so obvious that INVESTING in communities via funding public services there is a much better solution than unthinkingly and automatically increasing sheriff and jail budgets. In fact, the latter is part of a system that causes the problems that police and jails are theoretically (but no in reality) supposed to solve

#62

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Q1

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Witness Name: LaShonda Williams
City/Town: Kankakee
State: IL
ZIP: 60902

Q2

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I'm in favor of defunding the police and the jail and prisons. I believe in aggressive rehabilitation.

#63

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Q1

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Witness Name: Amber Ginsburg
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60615

Q2

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I want to see money taken out of the Cook County Jail and Cook County Sheriff budgets and put into public services not administered by law enforcement. Protection is not equal in our city. Chicago should and could be on the cutting edge of reform, removing the tarnished history of brutality and torture within the CPD. We are one of the few major cities NOT looking into reallocation. Additionally, police are called on for issues outside their training, like domestic concerns, school truancy, and mental health issues for which they are not trained and cannot be adequately trained given their mission. We need family support, job access, and mental health care workers. In short we need to invest in communities rather than policing.

#64

COMPLETE

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Q1

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Witness Name: Sarah Beatty
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60202

Q2

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I want to see money taken out of the Cook County Jail and Cook County Sheriff budgets and put into public services not administered by law enforcement. I believe public services understand the needs of the public better, and are better equipped to handle stressful circumstances without the use of violence. I'm tired of hearing and seeing innocent Black lives taken at the hands of police as well as the systemic injustices towards harsher prison and jail sentences on Black folks vs. other races (specifically whites). I, myself a white privileged woman, do not understand the trials of being a minority but I can at least do my part in fixing a broken system. This letter is my part.

#65

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Rachel Fraade
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60640

Q2

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Defund police, defund jails! The money is put to better use in social services.

#66

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Q1

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Witness Name: Laura Slabaugh
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60614

Q2

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As a community-based staff member who works on the northwest side and who lives in Lincoln Park, I see two completely different justice systems every single day in Chicago: one that works for White communities, and one that over-polices/over-criminalizes Black and Latinx communities which are historically and presently left out of funding, resources, and generational wealth-building. Locking people up in cages and punishing people for behavior stemming from poverty, high rates of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), substance use disorders, education, health & food access disparities, and historical segregation/underfunding is not justice. I urge you the Board of Commissioners to reduce funding for the Cook County Jail and police, and re-direct those funds to agencies and groups dedicated to restorative justice & solving root causes of "crime"/poverty: mental health clinics, social workers, community-based nonprofits, public school/youth programs, workforce development programs, housing/financial counseling, etc. Ultimately, residents who live closest to the issues of systemic poverty & racism who know what they need, but we all deserve more options for justice than handcuffs, squad cars, and revolving doors to jail cells.

#67

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Jacqueline Patterson
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60613

Q2

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Cook County needs to redirect money from policing and incarceration to public services in Black and Brown communities not administered by law enforcement - housing, mental health, restorative justice, jobs, and more. President Trump says the only choice he has to lessen violence in Chicago is to send in violent federal agents that abuse and violate marginalized Chicagoans. We have a million choices at our disposal-- we can invest in marginalized communities in a myriad of ways-- but we choose again and again to invest in violent police. Not this time! I urge you to divest from policing and incarceration and invest in marginalized Chicagoans.

#68

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Q1

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Witness Name: Andrea Frye
City/Town: CHICAGO
State: IL
ZIP: 60618

Q2

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We should be investing in our communities not the criminal justice system.

#69

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Deana Rutherford
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60660

Q2

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I can't understand why the jail budget keeps going up while the jail population goes down. I want that money spent on housing and health care, not policing and incarceration.

#70

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Kelsey Woods
City/Town:	Westmont
State:	IL
ZIP:	60559

Q2

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I want to see money taken out of the Cook County Jail and Cook County Sheriff budgets and put into public services not administered by law enforcement because our communities are in need. Our schools and health services are underfunded. Our police force is over funded, poorly trained, over militarized, and not a substitute for basic health and human services. The community needs affordable housing and access to jobs that pay a living wage. Our community is in need. Please help.

#71

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Q1

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Witness Name: Anne Marie Loesch
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60640

Q2

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Our community will be better served by spending money on affordable housing, meaningful employment, education, social and mental health services.

#72

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Madeline Roos
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60625

Q2

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Investing in public (non law enforcement) services is good for communities, good for people, good for the city. Please take money from the Cook County Jail and Cook County Sheriff budgets to invest in these services.

#73

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Fred Kinsey
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60647

Q2

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#74

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Q1

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Witness Name: Celeste Ramovic
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60618

Q2

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I want to see money taken out of the Cook County Jail and Cook County Sheriff budgets and put into public services because safe communities are communities with good healthcare, housing, schools, and jobs. Safe communities are not over-policed and under-supported in every other way. We need the operational budget to be balanced so that each neighborhood has strong schools, public housing, and job programs. These are the institutions that we know reduce violence and instead bring about safety and opportunity.

#75

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Claire Tinley
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60647

Q2

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I would like to see money diverted from the Cook County Jail system and the Cook County Sheriff's department and instead used to supplement the budget of Cook County Health and any social services providing support to predominantly Black communities in Cook County.

#76

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Josh Murray
Organization (if any):	32nd Ward United
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60647

Q2

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The neighborhoods destroyed by the carceral system need to be properly funded, and given a chance to shine. Those neighborhoods need: properly funded education, affordable housing, mental health clinics, health clinics, addiction centers, social workers, access to food, and jobs. These communities do not jail. Jail, policing, redlining, and years of new advanced Jim Crow laws have destroyed these communities while funding has been siphoned out. Police and jails do not stop "crime", prosperity and communities stop "crime". Enough is enough defund the system and help these communities build.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Amanda Ruch
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60637

Q2

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I'm in favor of this resolution because it calls on the County to redirect money from policing and incarceration to public services in Black and Brown communities not administered by law enforcement - housing, mental health, restorative justice, jobs, and more. We need more resources directed to these vital community services, which will have the net impact of reducing crime and making communities stronger and healthier.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Alice May
City/Town: Chicago
State: AL
ZIP: 60615

Q2

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It is imperative that we divest from criminal justice and funnel that money into communities. The budget has not changed even as crime rates have gone down. Most nonviolent crimes could be stopped with adequate resources, and it is time to provide those resources to the Black and Brown communities that have been robbed of them for so long.

#79

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Q1

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Witness Name: mike pawula
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60608

Q2

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Please take funds from cook county sheriff and cook county jail and put them into programs not administered by law enforcement. It's time we start helping communities and stop hurting them.

#80

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Rev. Dr. Christophe D. Ringer
Organization (if any):	A Just Harvest
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60626

Q2

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To the Cook County Board Criminal Justice Committee:

My name is Rev. Dr. Christophe D. Ringer and I serve as Board President of A Just Harvest. I am offering testimony in support of Justice for Black Lives Resolution 20-2867. A Just Harvest has for years worked to end hunger while feeding those who are hungry. We feed around 170 people a day who are hungry 365 days a year, even during the pandemic. We also organize against unjust social policies exacerbate poverty and hunger. From our work, we know first-hand that over policing and incarceration of Black and Brown communities perpetuates poverty and food insecurity. Our work to reduce the jail population is rooted in our conviction that we should not punish and criminalize the poverty our society produces. In addition, we are painfully aware of the such policies and budget priorities continue the legacies of racism. Moreover, no one should be in jail solely because they cannot afford bail.

Our community kitchen serves people who are both hungry due to difficult circumstances such as homelessness, job loss, mental health concerns. Others work full time but still cannot cover their basic needs. Our organization believes budgets are moral documents. Redistributing funding from Cook County Jail and the Cook County Sheriff's budget to housing, mental health, job training, restorative justice and anti-violence programs demonstrates that all people in Cook County are valued. We urge you to pass the Justice for Black Lives resolution.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Cindy Eigler
Organization (if any):	Chicago Torture Justice Center
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60621

Q2

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My name is Cindy Eigler, and I am one of the Co-Executive Directors of the Chicago Torture Justice Center. Today I am offering testimony in strong support of the Justice for Black Lives resolution, Resolution 20-2867. I urge the County Board to pass this resolution and begin to immediately start the process to move County dollars out of policing and incarceration and into the resources that allow our communities to thrive.

The Chicago Torture Justice Center (CTJC) was created out of the Reparations Ordinance passed by City Council in 2015. The Ordinance acknowledged the need for repair and healing following decades of police torture under Chicago Police Commander Jon Burge. CTJC is the first and only center of its kind in the country. We seek to address the traumas of police violence and institutionalized racism through access to healing and wellness services, trauma-informed resources, and community connection.

Working day in and day out with survivors of police torture, police violence, and family members whose loved ones have been killed by the police, we attend to both the seen and unseen wounds. The individuals we work with suffer from trauma, depression, and deep levels of anxiety. Many continue to experience nightmares and flashbacks of their encounters with the police, returning them to a desperate state of fighting for their lives. Further, many are re-traumatized at the sight of a police vehicle or officer, causing their blood pressure to rise or to break out in a sweat, leaving them with paralyzing feelings of fear and distrust.

The vast majority of the individuals we work with were not only harmed at the hands of the police, but also experienced incredible harm and loss in the courts, in the jails, and in decades of incarceration. As we witness at the Center, and as corroborated by psychological experts, the trauma experienced as a result of policing and incarceration impacts entire families and seeps into the community.

We at CTJC call for accountability to these multiple systems that serve to control, harm, disappear, and kill Black and brown individuals. We know that 400+ years of racialized violence and killing will not be absolved by the arrests nor the firings of individual police officers, nor will the closure of one prison. We demand accountability that is grounded in a radical call to action. We demand not just apologies for harm done, but repentance and real change that can end and repair harm. We see the violent results of an excessively funded and over-militarized policing system. We demand our communities are provided with the resources and access they need to flourish.

Our budgets are values documents, and the hundreds of millions of dollars of the County budget that currently go to detaining and locking up Black and brown people do not represent our values. If the jail budget had been reduced to reflect the decrease in the number of people locked up since 2013, the County would have \$117 million to fund health care, housing, jobs, restorative justice, and more. That represents what we stand for.

We ask that you immediately pass the Justice for Black Lives Resolution, and ensure that the County's budget reflects the values and priorities of its communities.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Ann Kreitman
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60660

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In order to combat city wide inequities that lead to injustice, impoverished neighborhoods, and crime, we must defund the Cook County Jail and the Chicago Police Department and redirect funding to social services such as mental health clinics, housing, the Brave Space Alliance, and public schools. Over policing neighborhoods that have been systemically underfunded has not solved any problems, its time to make significant change in our city.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Kathryn Montemurro
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60640

Q2

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Take money out of the Cook County Jail and Cook County Sheriff budgets and put into public services not administered by law enforcement.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Annie Pike
Organization (if any):	None
City/Town:	Evanston
State:	IL
ZIP:	60202

Q2

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I am strongly in favor of investing desperately needed resources into our most neglected communities instead of investing in police and cook county jail. We need resources and real opportunities. Incarceration ruins lives and does nothing to stop or prevent crime.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Jen Pagnini
City/Town: Evanston
State: IL
ZIP: 60202

Q2

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I support money being taken away from the Cook County Jail and Sheriff's budgets and given to public services not associated with law enforcement, i.e. community health, job creation/training, etc.

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Witness Name: J

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You can never solve a problem by attacking the symptoms, but ignoring the root causes. Invest in communities, not punishment.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Madison Ramsey
Organization (if any):	N/A
City/Town:	Wilmette
State:	IL
ZIP:	60091

Q2

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The Police Department is over-funded and under-performing. Money must be shifted away from the police department and toward community-centered programs that address housing/homelessness, education, poverty, and insufficient resources and opportunities at the source. Police are not qualified to do and be all of these things — mental health professionals, first responders, community advocates, and law enforcers. Funnel funds away from this underperforming system and start giving it to communities to address these inequities at the source. Help lift communities up to reduce crime in the first place, rather than giving police fancy new facilities and enabling them to foster more distrust in communities that they are already harming under the guise of serving.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Jessica davis
City/Town: Schaumburg
State: IL
ZIP: 60193

Q2

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We need more investment into our communities and anti-violence programs that have worked in a number of cities. We don't need more police. We need more resources

#89

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Q1

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Witness Name: Octavia Crosthwaite
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60613

Q2

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This community needs healing more than punishment. We need to redirect the money into services that help and raise up cook county.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Keith Moens
Organization (if any):	The Peoples Lobby
City/Town:	Arlington Heights
State:	IL
ZIP:	60005

Q2

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Witness Name: Andrew Albert
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60641

Q2

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I want to see money taken out of the Cook County Jail and Cook County Sheriff budgets and put into public services not administered by law enforcement.

The presence of Covid-19 has taught us that separation and isolation are not means to rehabilitating the human spirit.

The basic needs of all communities need to be met. Criminal offenders need increased levels of CARE and SUPPORT not separation and isolation.

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Witness Name: Sara Hindmarch
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60616

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We need a more just Cook County budget, one that recognizes that funding for public services (not administered by law enforcement) creates social and economic benefits for all, and under-served communities in particular. Funding for public services should be our primary way of helping our community, especially in situations that would otherwise lead to police action and/ or incarceration such as homelessness, drug addiction, and mental health crisis. Funding should be diverted from the Cook County Jail and Cook County Sheriff budgets to provide for these services that will, if implemented correctly, lessen the end burden on our County jail and sheriff services.

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Witness Name: Margaret Smith
City/Town: Lake Geneva
State: WI
ZIP: 53147

Q2

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For too long, the United States has allocated space and resources to the incarceration of human lives. For too long, areas that are predominantly home to Black and Brown citizens within Cook County have been starved of resources in favor of the CCJ. I demand that CCJ be defunded in order to properly allocate funds to communities of color, and to citizens who need funding and services—NOT more policing, NOT more incarceration.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Benjamin Kidder
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60647

Q2

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Chicago's approach to crime is not working at all. We need to redirect resources away from arrests and detention and toward resources that prevent crime in the first place. Additionally, during the pandemic the jail has become a cruel and unusual death sentence for many detainees, many of whom have not been convicted of any crime. Empty it out.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	leslie layman
Organization (if any):	self
City/Town:	chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60613

Q2

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Cook county jail funding needs to be rerouted to integral and missing city services such as addiction treatment, early childhood education, and community led healing spaces.

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Witness Name: Hallie Craven
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60647

Q2

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The number of people in Cook County Jail has dropped by more than 50% since 2013. In that time, the budget for the jail has actually increased by 26%. If the jail budget had gone down proportionally to the number of people locked up, we would have \$117 million more for other public services in our County.

The historic decline in the number of people in Cook County Jail should coincide with a similar decrease in the Sheriff's budget. Instead of being reallocated within the Sheriff's budget, these funds must be redirected toward services benefitting Cook County's most marginalized residents. Righting the wrongs of this unjust system must include taking the funds previously used to incarcerate predominantly Black residents and channelling them towards resources that actually strengthen Black communities.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Gaerin Warman-Szvoboda
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60641

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Being incarcerated or having the ones that care for you being incarcerated does nothing but worsen one's life and increases the chances they will have to act outside the law to survive. Using money to incarcerate people is cruel and helps no one that needs it. Now more than ever, when 1/3 of people in the US cannot meet rent, it is imperative this money goes towards helping communities.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Sondra Morin
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60626

Q2

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I support a resolution that calls for Cook County to divert money from policing, criminalization, and incarceration. That money should be invested into public services not administered by law enforcement such as health care, education, mental health, housing, jobs, restorative justice, and more.

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Witness Name:	Phoebe Petersen
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60607

Q2

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Redirect money from policing and incarceration to public services in Black and Brown communities not administered by law enforcement - housing, mental health, restorative justice, jobs, and more. This will better address the roots of crime.

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Witness Name:	Mark Lindzy
Organization (if any):	Indivisible Chicago
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60647

Q2

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I want to see funds taken out of the Cook County Jail & Cook County Sheriff budgets and put into public services not administered by law enforcement, because these services are better trained to deal with our citizen's issues like mental health.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Teresa Henning
Organization (if any):	Moneymasternow
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60690

Q2

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Everything is possible

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Bishop Sally Dyck
Organization (if any):	Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60602

Q2

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My name is Sally Dyck, and I serve as Bishop of the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church, where I represent 370 congregations with a collective total of more than 77,000 members. I am offering testimony in support of Resolution 20-2867, Justice for Black Lives. As a follower of God who proclaims freedom to prisoners and good news to the poor, I urge the Cook County Board of Commissioners to pass this resolution and then to move money out of the budgets of the Cook County Jail and the Cook County Sheriff and into public services not administered by law enforcement like health care, mental health services, restorative justice, housing, and jobs.

The Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church issued a statement last month calling on the members of our denomination to "name the egregious sin of racism and white supremacy and join together to take a stand against the oppression and injustice that is killing persons of color." Here in Cook County, part of how those sins play out is that we spend hundreds of millions of dollars to incarcerate Black people who have not yet had trials and should thus be presumed innocent. Meanwhile, resources for housing, health care, jobs, and so many other necessary public services are incredibly inadequate and without equity. It is outrageous that the Cook County Jail is described as the largest mental health provider in the state; people should not have to end up in jail before they can access mental health services. The Bible says in Matthew 6:21, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." How our County allocates its budget is a decision about where we want our hearts to be. Please take this opportunity to transform our collective heart and our County budget so that we can reject the sin of white supremacy and begin to truly value Black lives.

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Q1

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Witness Name: La'Quita Harris
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60636

Q2

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Police brutality has been, and sadly still is, as brutal and rampant as it was when they were catching and/or lynching slaves. They were the first slaves catchers. Bringing back property (not humans) to the "owner" who paid other colonizers to snatch my ancestors from they homeland to come here to work FOR FREE for THEM cuz they in fact are too lazy (ironic they call us lazy). I'm sick of it!! Since officers were overseers and slave catchers, excessive force and MURDER has been a constant in the black communities. I DONT WANT ANY of my tax dollars going to fund police officers who are birth and raised in racism, don't respect ppl of color, and constantly kill us with NO reprimand. Instead of funding these THUGS with more militarized weaponry, vehicles, gear, and etc that they will use to hunt and oppress brown ppl in communities that are already soaked in negativity due to drugs (planted into the community), lack of healthy foods/food deserts, affordable housing, education, and jobs...we don't need cops coming into the neighborhood to bring more pain and havoc. Put that money into programs that will help these communities begin to move in positive direction. #DefundThePolice

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Theresa Yoon
Organization (if any):	Grassroots Collaborative
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60605

Q2

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Hello, my name is Theresa Yoon, and on behalf of the Grassroots Collaborative I am offering testimony in support of the Justice for Black Lives resolution, Resolution 20-2867, urging the County Board to pass this resolution and then follow through by actually moving money out of policing and incarceration to fund life affirming institutions and services our community needs.

Grassroots Collaborative unites 11 member-based groups of community organizations and labor unions fighting against austerity that denies our people of basic resources like health and education, for corporate accountability and ultimately for the end of racial capitalism. Policing and incarceration is one of the many tools our city, county and country uses to uphold white supremacy and protect the interests of the ultra wealthy by terrorizing and brutalizing Black and brown people.

It is no secret that Cook County Jail locks up pre-trial Black and Brown poor people who cannot afford to pay the money bail set by judges. It is no secret that Cook County Jail disproportionately throws Black and brown people into cages. It is no secret that most "crimes" are those of desperation-- rooted in poverty, lack of real mental healthcare, education and true public health. It is no secret that there is nothing rehabilitative about Cook County Jail and that our carceral system perpetuates vengeance rather than healing.

Together, we say no more. Together we have righteous rage rooted in radical love. Together we fight for a radical reimagining of what public safety looks like, what healing looks like, what our communities will look like when true justice is served.

We firmly believe that the Cook County Jail should be defunded and that money be used to fund life affirming public services such as health care, mental health, housing, good jobs, restorative justice, and more.

Thank you.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Isabel Thompson
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60647

Q2

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As a citizen of Chicago, I do not feel safe. Why are the most "violent" neighborhoods in Chicago also the neighborhoods with the most police presence? Because the CPD creates criminals instead of community safety. If people have their basic needs met and trust their government, they are less likely to commit crimes or acts of violence. This resolution will support Chicagoan's living free and fruitful lives rather than fraught and fearful ones.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Sarah Ross
Organization (if any):	Prison + Neighborhood Arts Project
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60647

Q2

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Please accept this statement on behalf of educators, writers and artists from the Prison + Neighborhood Arts Project. We teach classes and offer a degree program to incarcerated people at Stateville Prison. This resolution is critical to curbing the prison pipeline that sweeps up so many people into state prisons. Where, in the worst place possible, there is finally a small chance at education, health care and a place to put one's head. This is NOT where people should find such things. The prison and jail is ground zero for all the failures in our communities to address racial inequities, inadequate funding for education, lack of needed mental healthcare and addiction services and so much more. Over policing in Chicago and the Cook County Jail is the gateway to a lifetime of compounding violences. We must stop the flow of funds to carceral spaces that are killing so many Black people in our city and forcing others to flee. We MUST invest in our communities and attend to the ones with the least resources with the most support. We MUST do this now. We want to educate our students in the Free world, not in prison. Thank you.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Kate Staiger
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60625

Q2

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Funds currently given to CPS and cook county prison should be re-allocates to help black and brown communities in Chicago

#108

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Q1

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Witness Name: Allison Buchwach
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60647

Q2

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We need more social services investment in black and brown communities instead of continued money toward policing that leads to incarceration and doesn't solve the problem of violence in those communities in a sustained way

#109

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Nikki Orvis
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60626

Q2

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Giving more money to law enforcement agencies has done nothing to decrease Chicago's social issues. It's time to do something different and put money into social services.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Rev. Charles Straight
Organization (if any):	Faith United Methodist Church
City/Town:	Dolton
State:	IL
ZIP:	60419

Q2

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My name is Rev. Charles Straight, I'm the Pastor of the Faith United Methodist Church in Dolton. I'm offering this testimony in support of the Justice for Black Lives resolution, Resolution 20-2867. I am both a concerned citizen and a Christian Pastor, and I've seen first-hand the devastation of over-policing and mass incarceration in black and brown communities. Moving money out of policing and incarceration, routing it to public services that will build up our communities through improved infrastructure jobs, black and brown entrepreneurship, education, affordable housing, mental health services, and youth organizations, along with non-violence training and restorative justice resources can only make Cook County a better place for all the people you represent. This resolution lays the groundwork for starting to make right centuries of institutional racism that has created the current problem of inequity in our County. So, I urge you to take this step to make right that massive wrong. Vote to pass Resolution 20-2867 today.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Rev. David B. Thornton
Organization (if any):	Sixth Grace Presbyterian Church
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60616

Q2

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Good day, I am David B. Thornton, pastor of the Sixth Grace Presbyterian Church, located in the Bronzeville neighborhood, on the South Side of Chicago, where I have been serving for almost six years. I am offering testimony in support of the Justice for Black Lives resolution, Resolution 20-2867, and urging the County Board to pass this resolution and then follow through by actually moving money out of policing and incarceration.

Over the course of the time that I have pastored the church, a number of persons that I nor the church administrator knew, have presented themselves, asking for monies and counseling for expressed needs or situations, many or most of which quickly revealed some degree of a mental health challenge. There have also been those who, being unemployed, have inquired as to what kind of temporary janitorial or landscaping work could they render for monies to provide for themselves or family. One of our young adult members became a part of our congregation after quitting a gang. The real consequences of quitting a gang are such that those that do so, without viable employment and time on their hands, find themselves in a position of idleness and having to act as if they are fugitives on the run, always looking over their shoulders and being aware of their peripheral vision, lest they be threatened and pressured to re-enter the gang, thus a potential set-up for criminal activity and adding to the statistics of jail, prison, and probation roles.

Given the reality of the significant decrease in the population of those incarcerated in the Cook County jail, and the real impact in terms of the workload incumbered by the Sherriff's department, as the result of such significant decreases in the population; it is very reasonable that monies from the current budgets from the Cook County Department of Corrections and the Cook County Sheriff's department be sufficiently diverted from policing and incarceration and placed into budgets for health care, mental health, jobs, and more. The applicable mathematics to demonstrate the percentages of decrease in population relative to the rising numbers reflected in the current budgets; both in the Cook County Sheriff Department and the Cook County Department of Corrections. clearly equals an amount of \$117 million dollars that may be used to fund health care, mental health, jobs, and more. Again, I passionately reiterate, I urge the County Board to pass this resolution and then follow through by actually moving money out of policing and incarceration.

Humbly submitted,

David B. Thornton
Pastor, Sixth Grace Presbyterian Church
600 E. 35th Street
Chicago, IL 60616

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Q1

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Witness Name: Laura Stempel
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 69742

Q2

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Pastor Daniel Tallon Ruen
City/Town:	Evanston
State:	IL
ZIP:	60202

Q2

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To whom it may concern,

My name Pastor Daniel Tallon Ruen, an ordained minister of the Metro Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and a member of the Illinois Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. I live in Evanston, Illinois, at 812 Reba Place. I am an active and engaged thirteen-year resident of our state. I offer testimony in support of the Justice for Black Lives resolution, Resolution 20-2867. As a Christian Pastor and concerned citizen I urge the County Board to pass this piece of legislation. I likewise urge you to move money out of policing and incarceration and route it to public services that build up our communities: improved infrastructure jobs, black and brown entrepreneurship support, education, affordable housing, mental health services, youth organizations, along with non-violence training and restorative justice initiatives. In my years working to address systemic racism and poverty I've witnessed a one-way, punitive funding train of incarceration, destroying dozens of black and brown lives in Illinois. Craig, a former African-American attendee of my church and a participant in various justice activities, was in and out of the criminal justice system for both drug possession and problems with domestic abuse. I visited Craig in Pinckneyville Prison, seeing the despair and resignation of a human being who knew our society cared little for his positive transformation. Craig had no violent offenses other than his domestic abuse charge, but even that issue (which was not serious enough to give him a jail sentence) could have been dealt with by programs like 'Alternatives to Violence,' (www.ywca-ens.org/violence-prevention/alternatives-to-violence) with the support of our local YWCA, where women advocates, wishing to address the scourge of domestic violence, realized abusers are more likely to be transformed through non-violence and de-escalation training, not jail sentences. Why? Because recently incarcerated offenders return home with the roots of their abuse unaddressed. If anything, they return with more anger, more violence, and are therefore that much more likely to re-offend. If we had the political will to allocate funds to drug rehabilitation, affordable housing, infrastructure jobs, and visionary programs like Alternatives to Violence, we could not only save our taxpayers millions of dollars, we could save more human beings and their families from the scourge of mass incarceration and domestic violence. Craig's life could have been different. Craig's partner's life could have been different. If you choose to be on the right side of history in this moment, listening to the voices of millions around the world, crying out for fundamental change, the lives of thousands of others can be different. I thank you for your time and attention, and again urge you to pass the Justice for Black Lives resolution, Resolution 20-2867.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Daniel Tallon Ruen
Evanston, Illinois

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Q1

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Witness Name: Anneliese Gries
State: IL
ZIP: 60014

Q2

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Let's support mental health! I'd be dead if it wasn't for my therapist.

#115

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Q1

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Witness Name: Matthew Strong
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60612

Q2

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We have successfully reduced the number of people incarcerated at Cook Country jail, but the budget keeps growing year after year. We should halt the growth in the budget and instead spend that money on public services that aren't routed through law enforcement.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III
Organization (if any):	Trinity United Church of Christ
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60628

Q2

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He taught the truth and did not lie. He walked with me in peace and uprightness. He kept many out of the ditch, kept them on the road.
Malachi 2:6

To the Honorable Cook County Board:

This testimony is in support of the Justice for Black Lives resolution - Resolution 20-2867.

Over the past few years, we have witnessed a unique collaboration between our county officials – State’s Attorney, Public Defender’s Office, the Judicial Branch, and the Executive Branch – as the recognition of “innocent until proven guilty” has been promoted through various justice-oriented organizations in and around Chicago, including Trinity United Church of Christ. This unimaginable coalition has resulted in our Cook County Jail population being reduced in half over that time – and yet budgets for the jail and the Cook County Sheriff’s department have continued to increase. This is appalling!

The reality is, our challenge is not simply to reduce our jail population, but it is to reduce the number of people who find themselves in trouble with the law in the first place. This means providing the resources for programs that are proactive and programs that support people before they are driven to crime as a source of survival. Programs that deliver healthcare, mental health services, housing, jobs, and entrepreneurial training. And, we need a fully-funded restorative justice infrastructure to connect our young men and women to age and situationally appropriate resources. If the jail budget had gone down by the same percentage as the number of people locked up since 2013, the county would have \$117 million to fund programs that would actually make our communities safer.

This is the time, and the halls of our Cook County Board is the place. On behalf the Trinity UCC congregation, we ask that you recognize “the truth” we are providing. That you walk with us “in peace and uprightness” and that you extend your hearts, because it is within your power to “keep many out of the ditch, keeping them on the road” to becoming successful, contributing members of our communities.

God bless you and yours,

Asking you to imagine . . .

Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III, Senior Pastor
Trinity United Church of Christ

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Suzanne Shepard
Organization (if any):	The People's Lobby
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60067

Q2

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The redirection of funds away from police terrorism and towards indispensable services in Black communities such as housing, mental health, restorative justice, jobs, and more, is a necessary first step in addressing and dismantling Chicago's legacy of white supremacy. My family and I demand that the Cook County Board of Commissioners display some conscience in taking this rudimentary, material step.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Sinclair Willman
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60647

Q2

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Cook County must redirect money from the failed and racist systems of policing, criminalization, and incarceration that have not kept this city's communities safe. This money should instead be invested in public services not administered by law enforcement that promote community health and safety equitably across the County, but especially in Black and Brown communities most impacted by violence and incarceration. Thank you.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Amy louvier
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL

Q2

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I support diverting money from policing, criminalization, and incarceration into public services not administered by law enforcement, such as health care, mental health, housing, jobs, and restorative justice.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Nels Wadycki
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60618

Q2

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We need to change the systems that put people of color and low-income backgrounds at a disadvantage from the start of their lives.

#121

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Charlotte Jones
Organization (if any):	The Peoples Lobby
City/Town:	Elmhurst
State:	IL
ZIP:	60126-2430

Q2

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We need to take funds for the jail and sheriff budgets and use for public services that are not administered by law enforcement.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Richard L Giovanoni
Organization (if any):	retired
City/Town:	Morton Grove
State:	IL
ZIP:	60053-2261

Q2

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As someone who has lived in both suburban and urban communities in my 68 plus years of life, I know that there is a big gap in the social and educational services one receives in Mount Prospect where I lived during high school and Chicago's Englewood where I lived for nearly three years in the mid-1980s. Subsequently, I lived in the Bronx, NY and Camden, NJ for about 13 years each. I inherited money in recent years from my late parents which allows me to live in a Morton Grove condo. But almost all of my former inner city neighbors and friends are not going to be that fortunate.

Billions of dollars and resources spent all these years on excessive policing and incarceration have really not bridged these huge gaps in economic, educational social resources the average white person has access to compared to many people of color. So we are just recycling the same failed approaches of the past to try to protect the status quo which has a distinct amount of institutional racism built into it.

Redirecting resources to communities in real need is the only sane approach to make Cook County a better and ultimately a safer place for all its residents.

#123

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Megan Selby
Organization (if any):	Black & Pink Chicago
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60626

Q2

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What a poor reflection of our values that we spend some much on criminalizing, brutalizing, and incarcerating people. I want my tax dollars spent on supporting people, educating people, providing healthcare, housing, and food to all people. Defund the police. Defund Cook County Jail. Invest in health care, mental health, housing, jobs, restorative justice, food access on the South and West sides predominantly!

#124

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Anjali Misra
Organization (if any):	Asian Americans Advancing Justice
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60660

Q2

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My name is Anjali Misra, and I'm a volunteer with Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Chicago. I'm a Chicago resident residing in the Edgewater neighborhood, offering testimony in support of the Justice for Black Lives resolution, Resolution 20-2867. Specifically, I am calling upon the Cook County Board to not only pass this resolution, but also remove funding from policing and incarceration.

We demand funds to be redirected away from violent institutions and invested into true public safety. This includes increased funding toward health care, mental health services, housing, jobs, restorative justice initiatives, and public education. Additionally, these supportive services that promote true community health and safety such as mental health care, treatment for substance use disorder, and housing should be provided by the county departments that specialize in those areas – Cook County Health, the Housing Authority of Cook County, and community-based organizations funded through the Justice Advisory Council. These interventions should not be provided by the Cook County Sheriff, which has expertise in policing and incarceration, not supportive services. Mental health care should be provided outside of the jail, not inside of it.

As a volunteer for a collective community advocacy organization, I have witnessed and believe in the positive, transformative power of coalitions like ours. We have seen time and again how carceral institutions fail to keep people safe and instead, overwhelmingly exacerbate harm in our already resource-deprived communities, while the Sheriff and Jail consume more and more of our resources. But beyond these harmful systems, we recognize the existence of alternatives that would not only allow our family and friends to survive racist and classist conditions, but empower community members to live healthily and thrive.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Demian Kogan
Organization (if any):	Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60604

Q2

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Statement of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights in Support of the Justice for Black Lives Resolution

The Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR) wholeheartedly endorses the Justice for Black Lives Resolution, and applauds Commissioner Brandon Johnson and the other co-sponsors for bringing it forward. As our entire nation grapple with the ongoing impact of centuries of anti-Black racism, colonialism, and White Supremacy, and the wake of a global pandemic that has disproportionately infected and killed communities of color, ICIRR believes that our county needs to examine how this legacy has shaped our policies and institutions and harmed our communities. We support the "divest/invest" framework detailed in the resolution, scrutinizing and reducing funding for policing and incarceration and shifting funds to services that meet urgent needs in our community (including housing, health care, mental health, and job creation) and that create greater equity, de-escalate violence, and reimagine how to make our communities safer and stronger. ICIRR looks forward to working with the county board, other county offices, and other allies to implement this resolution and move toward a more equitable county and society.

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Q1

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Witness Name: elizabeth tumiel
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60625

Q2

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I support this resolution, which calls for Cook County to divert money from policing, criminalization, and incarceration and into public services not administered by law enforcement, such as health care, education, mental health, housing, jobs, and restorative justice

#127

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Delaney Coe
Organization (if any):	SOUL
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60637

Q2

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As a social worker who has studied and worked in the criminal justice system, I know with my entire being that police and prisons do not prevent harm and do not protect people, and in particular, Black people. What I do know works is funding necessities like food, housing, and clean water, and giving people opportunities through mental health care, education and well paying, fulfilling work. This has been proven time and again through lived experience, research, and the policies and outcomes in other nations and cultures. Please follow the evidence and your humanity to defund CCJ and CPD and invest in our communities for a better Chicago.

#128

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Brook Celeste Lillard
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60647

Q2

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Chicago's history of criminalizing Blackness, of secretly torturing people who have been detained, of keeping people in jail simply for lack of funds to pay bail are among the few shameful factors that have us in the segregated city where we now live. Black people are dying at alarming rates from COVID and it has highlighted the deep racism of this place. It is time to take this resolution as one small but meaningful step in correcting these wrongs. This city will be safer if we institute the support for housing, restorative justice, education, health care, mental health and other supportive services in place of the punitive services which simply reinforce the pre-existing racism. This city is at a boiling point. Change is happening. Vote for this resolution now or you will have to face louder and louder voices pushing you to do so as time goes on.

#129

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Willette Benford
Organization (if any):	Live Free Chicago
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60653

Q2

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Hello my name is Willette Benford,

I am the Decarceration Organizer for Live Free Chicago. I am here offering testimony in support of the Justice for Black Lives, Resolution #20-2867 and urging the Cook County Board of Commissioners to pass this Resolution. I support this resolution because it is a resolution that seeks to restore resources back where they belong, and that is within our communities. Cook County jail is a place to primarily house individuals pretrial, the cost to house one individual pretrial, could be used to support healing and restoration for families and communities. I am a formerly incarcerated individual, and I can tell you from my own experience that nothing inside of Cook County Jail contributed to my success. I can testify that channeling those resources into lives, could prevent future incarceration and transform communities. An Excerpt from chicagosmilliondollarblocks.com stated that "Over the course of 5 years, \$3,882,778 was spent on incarcerating people from just one block. Just one block, nearly \$4 million dollars was spent on punishment. And guess where the \$4 million came from? OUR TAX DOLLARS. Do you think that level of investment made that one block feel safer? Did it provide vital resources to residents of that block? Housing, jobs, healthy food access, etc? What would your block do if it was handed a \$4 million-dollar check? I tell you what our blocks would do, we would invest in our communities. Using those costs towards resources such as housing, education, employment, counseling, and many supportive services that are necessary to overcome barriers that prevent people of color and low-income from becoming free in our communities would speak volumes. Each community has a unique demographic that needs monetary, professional and relational sources to address their needs. The Cook County Sheriff has expertise in policing and incarceration not supportive services, and majority on individuals are in need of social services not incarceration. Investing in individuals and communities is a win-win situation. If these services were offered on the front end, we could appropriately meet the needs of individuals, and reduce the warehousing of individuals awaiting court on the backend. Since 2013, the population of the Cook County jail has decreased by more than half, yet the jails budget has increased by more than a quarter. Creating real community health and safety will require funding public services such as health care, mental health, housing, jobs, restorative justice, and more. Individuals closest to the problem are closets to the solution, and I'm requesting this Board, and your leadership, to partner with us in achieving this vision by reallocating funding from pain, isolation, and hopelessness, to investing in services that heal restore, and build communities and families. You can make this vision a reality by passing this resolution and letting the residents of Cook County know with your emphatic yes, that you are committed to rebuilding lives, and not to destroying lives, families and communities. Thank you.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Kayleigh Gauthier
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60608

Q2

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We need to reduce funding for jails and police, and invest that funding into community mental health, schools, housing, covid relief, and restorative justice.

#131

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Caroline Kelly
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60615

Q2

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Our city needs more mental health, health and early childhood education funding. Every person in Chicago should have the opportunity to access free or low-cost counseling, primary care, and free high-quality education. Please keep children at the forefront of your mind when making all decisions, and especially please consider the number of children who experience childhood trauma that requires education, health and mental health services to ensure they have a fair chance at a healthy, happy life.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Katy Cesarotti
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60622

Q2

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Even though the number of incarcerated people in Cook County has dropped by more than 50% since 2013, the Cook County sheriff's budget has only continued to increase. Meanwhile, 50% of renters in the county can't afford their housing, Black and brown communities continue to be underserved by public transportation, and black people continue to suffer disproportionately from Covid-19.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Matt Borus
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60615

Q2

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The current moment makes the Justice for Black Lives resolution essential. At a time of shrinking tax revenues and an unprecedented health crisis, Cook County must stop pouring revenue into the jail and sheriff's office. These funds are far more deeply needed for health care, housing, and more.

I would also urge Commissioners to note that early in the pandemic, despite its funding and Sheriff Dart's claims to be a "humanitarian," Cook County jail was nationally notorious as a covid hotspot. The suffering that took place there--combined with that which took place there before the pandemic--are painful reminders of why Cook County should reconsider its role in warehousing people who have not been convicted of any crime. Let's not throw even more money into the jail. There are alternatives to large-scale pretrial incarceration, and one step to pursuing them is to adopt this resolution.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Marvin Wickware
Organization (if any):	Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60615

Q2

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Q4

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Esteemed Commissioners,

My name is Marvin Wickware. I write to you as a member of the faculty of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and a resident of Cook County. I offer testimony in support of the Justice for Black Lives resolution, Resolution 20-2867, encouraging you to pass this resolution.

Here on the South Side, in particular, our communities cry out for their elected leaders to respond to their needs. They cry out for jobs that pay a living wage, for accessible healthcare (including mental healthcare), for affordable and secure housing, for reliable transportation, and for safety. At best, policing and incarceration can address only the last of these needs, and yet the people of our communities cry out most loudly of all to be saved from the systems of policing and incarceration that tear their communities apart.

As Christian theological educators, my colleagues and I find that our faith calls us to respond to those cries. We stand with faith communities and theological schools throughout the county when we amplify the cries of our communities, that those cries might impact public policy. Beyond passing this resolution, then, I urge you to promote safety in our county by passing a budget that moves money out of policing and incarceration, and expands the County government's essential funding for housing, anti-violence programs, and restorative justice.

On a final, personal note, I name that I also write to you as the son of a black man who served for 26 years as an Indiana State Trooper. I witnessed firsthand the kind of compassionate, protective presence that a police officer could have in his community. I am also clear, however, that when my father was at his best as a police officer, caring for the vulnerable and offering compassion to those he encountered, it was despite the policing apparatus that surrounded him, not because of it. Our county is full of fiercely protective, compassionate souls and it is my hope that we will work to give them more opportunities to care for our communities that do not involve tearing our communities apart through policing and incarceration.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Emma Tai
Organization (if any):	United Working Families
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60618

Q2

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My name is Emma Tai and I am the Executive Director of United Working Families, a political organization representing 100,000 members across the state of Illinois.

This testimony is in support of the Justice for Black Lives resolution, Resolution 20-2867. I urge the County Board to pass this resolution and then follow through by actually moving money out of policing and incarceration.

United Working Families supports taking money out of the Cook County Jail and the Cook County Sheriff's budget and putting that money into public services such as health care, mental health, restorative justice, housing, and job creation.

Policing and incarceration do not address the root causes of violence. Creating real community health and safety will require funding public services such as health care, mental health, housing, jobs, restorative justice, and more. These services should be provided in the communities where people live--not in the jail, which is what happens all too often.

The Cook County Jail is mostly used to lock people up who have not yet had their trials. These detainees are "innocent until proven guilty," but are kept in cages because they cannot afford to pay the money bails set by judges. We should be doing everything possible to reduce the number of people in jail by increasing the number of people who are able to live peaceful, healthy, and abundant lives. This means spending less on cages, and more on the vital services that all people need to thrive.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Willette Benford
Organization (if any):	Live Free Chicago
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60653

Q2

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Hello my name is Willette Benford,

I am the Decarceration Organizer for Live Free Chicago. I am here offering testimony in support of the Justice for Black Lives, Resolution #20-2867 and urging the Cook County Board of Commissioners to pass this Resolution. Live Free Chicago supports this resolution because it is a resolution that seeks to restore resources back where they belong, and that is within our communities of color that have been hardest hit by poverty and racial injustices. Cook County jail is a place to primarily house individuals pretrial. The cost to house one individual pretrial could be used in support of a family. By channeling those resources into lives you could prevent future incarceration. An Excerpt from chicagosmilliondollarblocks.com stated that "Over the course of 5 years, \$3,882,778 was spent on incarcerating people from just one block. Just one block, nearly \$4 million dollars was spent on punishment. And guess where the \$4 million came from? OUR TAX DOLLARS. Do you think that level of investment made that one block feel safer? Did it provide vital resources to residents of that block? Housing, jobs, healthy food access, etc? What would your block do if it was handed a \$4 million dollar check? I tell you what our blocks would do, we would invest in our communities. Using those costs towards resources such as housing, education, employment, counseling, and many supportive services that are necessary to overcome barriers that prevent people of color and low-income from becoming free in our communities would speak volumes. Our tax dollars should be spent investing in supportive services that promote community health and safety such as mental health, substance use disorders, housing and job creation located within our own communities and provided by County departments that are specifically designed to address those issues with expertise. Each community has a unique demographic that needs monetary, professional and relational sources to address their needs. The Cook County Sheriff has expertise in policing and incarceration not supportive services. I am a formerly incarcerated individual having spent time in Cook County and I can tell you that nothing inside of Cook County contributed to my success. No, it came from individuals that believed in me and took a chance on me because they saw my worth and helped me recognize it for myself. These individuals are those in our communities and they know us and have an inside view and information on how to help us. Investing in those individuals and communities is a win-win situation. If these services were offered on the front end there would be less need for incarceration and the warehousing of individuals awaiting court on the backend. Since 2013 the population of the Cook County jail has decreased by more than half yet the jails budget has increased by more than a quarter. Just imagine for a moment what it would look like if we invested the resources that we have poured into a place that confines our communities and rerouted them into a place to call home? Our City would be a model for restorative justice and one that is at the forefront of healing centuries of oppression and disregard for a class and color of people that is long overdue. Creating real community health and safety will require funding public services such as health care, mental health, housing, jobs, restorative justice, and more. We as a community organization and representative of our people look to this Board today and your leadership to partner with us in achieving this. How, by passing this resolution and letting the City of Chicago and County of Cook know with your emphatic yes, that you are committed to rebuilding lives here in Cook County, not destroying lives, families and communities. Thank you.

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Witness Name: jan susler
City/Town: chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60647

Q2

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I want to see money taken out of the Cook County Jail and Cook County Sheriff budgets and put into public services not administered by law enforcement, services for Black and Brown communities such as housing, mental health, restorative justice, jobs, etc. Thank you.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Emma Sims
Organization (if any):	The People's Lobby
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60616

Q2

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My name is Emma Sims and I am a resident of Chicago of almost 10 years. I am writing as an individual in full support of the Justice for Black Lives resolution, Resolution 20-2867, and strongly encourage the County Board to vote in favor of this proposal. I support divesting money from the Cook County Jail and from policing in general and support instead using this money to re-invest in underserved Black and Brown communities. Our budget should reflect our values - if you value the people of Chicago, invest in them. If you value our Black and Brown communities, invest in them - invest in quality healthcare, mental healthcare, education, living wages, jobs and affordable housing. Cages do not help our communities or keep people safe - they perpetuate a cycle of violence and harm them. We need money invested in restorative justice, harm reduction, and in Black and Brown communities as a whole so that all Chicagoans, of all races, in all zip codes, may thrive.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Carly McCabe
Organization (if any): BLM Accomplices
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60642

Q2

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The County should redirect money from violent systems, policing and incarceration, to life-affirming public services in Black and Brown communities not administered by law enforcement: housing, mental health, restorative justice, jobs, and community based organizations.

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Q1

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Witness Name: **Alexandrea Wilson**
City/Town: **Chicago**
State: **IL**
ZIP: **60644**

Q2

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I would like to see money taken out of the Cook County Jail and Cook County Sheriff budgets and put into public services not administered by law enforcement - housing, restorative justice, mental health, and more. This would create worthwhile long term investments in our most marginalized communities. These communities deserve to be provided with the same resources as our most affluent anything else is a violation of access and human rights.

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Q1

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Witness Name: James Pappas
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60659

Q2

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services in Black and Brown communities should not administered by law enforcement - housing, mental health, restorative justice, jobs, are examples of what trained professionals should be doing - not law enforcement.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Hayley Rozman
ZIP: 60642

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Putting people in jail doesn't not help society. Getting mental health, restorative justice, and housing is a much more effective use of the funds and long term help of these individuals!

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Q1

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Witness Name: Erica Bland-Durosinmi
City/Town: Homewood
State: IL
ZIP: 60430

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I believe that we should invest in social programs that build up our communities on the front end. To better be positioned to make sure our citizens don't end up in jail. We can do more to make sure there are jobs, mental health services, housing and quality schools

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Sara Mathers
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	61455

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Black Lives Matter. Defund the Police.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Michael Rabbitt
Organization (if any):	NWS Coalition Against Racism & Hate
City/Town:	CHICAGO
State:	IL
ZIP:	60646

Q2

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Michael Rabbitt of Neighbors for Affordable Housing & NWS Coalition Against Racism & Hate

Our budgets reflect our values and a government's priorities. It is time for Cook County to reexamine its priorities and invest in the people and communities who have been marginalized and disadvantaged. The Cook County Board must invest in real community resources like housing, health care, mental health services, living wage jobs, public transportation, and restorative justice.

All of these areas are terribly underfunded. Long-term structural and transformation change is required, but in the short term, we can still take bold action to move in this direction.

Public safety isn't about throwing more people in jail, it's about everyone having a safe and secure home. It's about building and sustaining healthy communities. It requires a commitment to dismantle systemic racism and repair the harm its done to black and brown people and communities throughout Cook County.

And it won't happen with more policing and more incarceration. The path forward requires increased investments in housing, health care, jobs, and transportation...this is how we help the over 5 million residents of Cook County residents thrive.

I urge this committee to use redirect budget allocations for the Cook County Jail and Cook County Sheriff into these public services not administered by law enforcement.

Amid national and local discussions to shift money away from systems of policing and incarceration in favor of social services and community investment, this resolution is not only timely, but overdue. It's time to support Justice for Black Lives.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Heather Phillips
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60625

Q2

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I support this resolution to defund the police and invest that money in our people and communities.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Connor Camburn
Organization (if any):	none
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60616

Q2

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Hello,

My name is Connor Camburn. I ask that you please support the "Justice for Black Lives" resolution. As a Chicago native, I would like to see the cycle of violence and poverty I have seen in underserved and impoverished neighborhoods change for the better. I want funds from the Cook county jail's budget and from the CPD budget as a whole redirected into underserved Black, Brown and low income communities. I would like to see money re-directed into affordable housing, education, food justice, green spaces in Black and Brown communities, and healthcare.

Thank you, and I hope you support this proposed resolution.

Sincerely,

Connor Camburn

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Leah Fluecke
Organization (if any):	TPL
City/Town:	Oak Park
State:	IL
ZIP:	60304

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I taken out of the Cook County Jail and Cook County Sheriff budgets and put into public services not administered by law enforcement.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Felipe Tendick-Matesanz
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60630

Q2

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Incarceration is inhumane. The methodology of punitive practice, limits the ability for human society to flourish. The act and use of punitive incarceration to ensure and encourage freedom is and has failed. It instead targets and surpresses freedom, removing community vibrancy and individual vitality. I write this as a public health scientist and resident of Jefferson Park in Chicago. In my field of practice and in my lived experience, I am convinced there are better ways to ensure and encourage freedom. This resolution a way and I am in favor.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Matthew Rubin
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60607

Q2

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This would help us get to the root of the issue and solve problems before they start.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Joy Bunton
Organization (if any): BWOP Chicago
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60649

Q2

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I Support Defunding the Jail and Investing in Black Communities!

#152

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Sophia Hopp
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60618

Q2

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Respondent skipped this question

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I support the defunding of Cook County Jail and the investment in Black communities. The money funneled into Cook County Jail should be put toward social services, such as health care, homelessness prevention, education, mental health services. We want to keep our communities safe and healthy, Cook County Jail does the opposite.

#153

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Tiffany Swann-Covington
Organization (if any):	The People's Lobby
City/Town:	Lisle
State:	IL
ZIP:	60532

Q2

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Cook County Jail and Cook County Sheriff budgets should be decreased by at least 15% and put into public services not administered by law enforcement. Public services, i.e. mental health, social services, and the like do not need nor should they be administered by law enforcement.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	M. Catherine Buntin
City/Town:	Evanston
State:	IL
ZIP:	60091

Q2

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Budgets reflect our values! It is long overdue to fund the needs of healthy communities rather than more law enforcement. We must correct our mistakes of the past. You must take this responsibility and provide the leadership necessary .

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Deidra Jackson
Organization (if any):	The People's Lobby
City/Town:	Oak Park
State:	IL
ZIP:	60302

Q2

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My name is Deidra Jackson and I am a long-time resident of Oak Park, IL. I'm offering testimony in support of the Justice for Black Lives resolution 20-2867, urging the County Board to follow through with this resolution to reallocate policing funds aligned to crucial services that invest in the community's welfare. The testimony that I will provide is of my brother Derrick, who like me has been an Oak Park resident for his entire life. At the age of 19, Derrick had a nervous break down, later diagnosed as schizoaffective disorder. In his mind, he was God. This incident led him to climb into a friend's window requesting that they have sex as they needed to produce the next Messiah. His friend quickly recognizing that he wasn't himself, spoke with her parents and they sought out to seek help. The only service known to call in times like this was the Oak Park Police Department. The police arrived. In this episode, Derrick believing he was God and thought he was to fight Satan's army, began battling with five police officers. The police assumed he must have been on drugs and handled the situation accordingly—Derrick was maced, arrested and taken to the Cook County jail. This set up a two year legal battle. The family whose house he climbed in did not press charges but the Oak Park police department brought charges against him for reasons never explained to his family. He was eventually found 'not guilty' due to reason of insanity – however his legal and criminal struggles were just beginning for this young black male who otherwise had no record of wrong doing in his past. He was mandated to register for the rest of his natural life. Railroaded for life. There's more devastation to his story that I'd gladly share in exchange for help for him to recover a piece of dignity. Right now, my ask is to have funds be redirected to support people like Derrick with mental health challenges in our community versus criminalizing them for their entire life.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Allison Sokolowski
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60640

Q2

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Chicago's Black and Brown communities deserve better safety and equity through increased public services as cited in the Justice for Black Lives resolution (ie: housing, health care, mental health, etc). I stand behind the statement of harms perpetuated by our local criminal justice system as cited in this resolution and believe that our communities deserve better.

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Witness Name:	Nicole Vaughn
Organization (if any):	Action Now Institute
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60621

Q2

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My name is Nicole Vaughn, a lifelong Englewood resident, mother of two beautiful daughters and taxpayer. I'm writing on behalf of Action Now Institute and as a directly impacted individual. Action Now Institute has always had a hard focus on the African American community in Cook County. Action Now Institute works for racial, social and economic justice. This is why the topic of diverting funds that's used to over police and incarcerate our people is important. We support Justice for Black Lives resolution, Resolution 20-2867. I urge each and everyone of you who sit on this board to pass this resolution. It's important that we consider a new system that will move from one of punitive justice to restorative justice. The data has proven that prisons don't work in fact it actually causes more harm than good. I'm reminded of the time I spent in prison and there were absolutely no rehabilitation measures in place. As I reflect on what led to my incarceration I can tell you that the lack of resources in my community was the primary source. I do take full responsibility for my actions that landed me in prison. However, I often wonder what my outcome would've been if there were mentorship programs, if I had assistance with paying for college, landed a livable wage job and was able to secure a small business loan from a bank in my community etc. The fact of the matter is over policing and filling up prisons is a waste of taxpayers dollars. We have an opportunity now to be creative in our thinking. This is the time to invest in our people to create a system that works for not just a few but for all.

Thank you,
Nicole Vaughn
Action Now Institute, Organizing Director
773-619-7247

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Q1

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Witness Name: Kascha
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60640

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The way we currently distribute our resources prioritizes an ineffective and dehumanizing response to crime. I am advocating for a proactive and sustainable approach to preventing the circumstances under which folks are driven to such measures. Men in uniform with guns does not equate to safety or security - particularly when their implicit (or explicit) bias disproportionately effects our Black neighbors.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Jessica Maag
City/Town: Des Plaines
State: IL
ZIP: 60016

Q2

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Defund Cook County Jail and the Cook County Sheriff. Invest in black communities- mental health, education, housing, health care.

#160

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Gail Schechter
City/Town: Skokie
State: IL
ZIP: 60076-1505

Q2

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As a scholar and practioner of nonviolent conflict resolution, I know that the best way to stop crime is to prevent it. And the best way to prevent it is to provide young people with schooling, including vocational school options, and jobs. Thank you.

#161

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Q1

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Witness Name: Andy Daglas
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60614

Q2

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I support the call for divestment of funds from ineffective policing and incarceration, and meaningful investment in the public goods and services that genuinely promote safety, well-being, and prosperity -- including physical and mental health care, education, housing, arts, green space, and environmental protection and sustainability.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Rachel Miller
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60640

Q2

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Cook County spends \$600+mill/year on racist systems of policing and incarceration. By redirecting funds from the Cook County Sheriff and Jail and directing them to public services not administered by law enforcement, we can affect meaningful change in Black and brown communities. Investing in housing, mental health, restorative justice, and jobs will drive down "crime" rates exponentially. Study after study has shown allocating more funds toward jails and policing do nothing to drive down crime rates. Please, invest in communities and the needs of those communities, not systems of oppression and violence. Thank you.

#163

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Bria Dolnick
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60626

Q2

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I am writing in support of the Justice for Black Lives resolution. I think that redirecting some Cook County Jail funding to alternative means of ensuring public safety (funding for mental health, health care, housing, and restorative justice) is a critical step in repairing harm that law enforcement and systemic racism has caused black and brown communities in Cook County. The jail population has decreased by 50 percent since 2013, and this is an opportunity to trim its budget and to think carefully about other, non-punitive ways, that the money can be used to make these communities safer. I realize that there are tremendous financial challenges that the Board is reckoning with, and I would argue that this makes passing this resolution of critical importance. We can use this resolution to help formalize priorities for the city as we make difficult financial decisions.

#164

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Conor Ekstrom
Organization (if any):	Local 476
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60622

Q2

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It is imperative for restorative justice in the city of Chicago that funds currently allocated towards police budgets be funneled instead towards public services that benefit marginalized communities and increase basic standards of living.

#165

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Q1

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Witness Name: Molly Markow
City/Town: Chciago
State: IL
ZIP: 60626

Q2

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I am registering in favor of 20-2867 Justice for Black Lives Resolution. I am deeply in favor of redirecting funds away from policing and into community services. This is long overdue and exceedingly urgent.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Sabra Chandiwalla
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60640

Q2

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As a city, we spend \$600+ million/year more on policing and incarcerating our public, than we do on services that provide resources to our community. It's time we shift our focus back to helping our community, rather than locking them up and forgetting about them. Let's make lives, not continue to destroy them!

#167

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Mari Castaldi
Organization (if any):	Chicago Jobs Council
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60602

Q2

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My name is Mari Castaldi. I'm the Director of Policy & Advocacy at the Chicago Jobs Council, an organization committed to supporting workforce development and quality jobs to move people out of poverty. We strongly support Resolution 20-2867: Justice for Black Lives. Money must be diverted from the Cook County Sheriff's Office to fund critical social services, including workforce development.

In the past decade, funding for the Cook County Jail and Sheriff's Office has risen significantly even as the jail's population has declined by 50% since 2013. Simultaneously, funding for services like housing, healthcare, and job training have gone down in real terms. At present, as our County faces an unprecedented unemployment crisis, we lack the workforce development services to meet even a fraction of the need. The surge in unemployment has disproportionately impacted the same populations subject to over-policing: communities of color and low-income people.

The criminal legal system, and in particular pretrial detention, perpetuate racialized economic inequality by targeting marginalized groups. Incarcerating people as await trial frequently causes job loss and rapidly destabilization of accused people and their family. As an organization focused on jobs, we have seen firsthand the structural barriers to employment created by policing and incarceration.

Furthermore, decades of disinvestment in communities of color have created systemic barriers stifling local economic growth and prosperity. Past policy has helped maintain the very poverty that keeps people in jail because they can't afford bail. People are thus unjustly punished for being poor, and frequently, Black. This is not considering someone "innocent until proven guilty." It is judgement based on skin color and financial resources.

Real public safety is built through the presence of life-affirming services and investments in over-policed and underprotected communities. Social services including workforce training and job creation will make communities safer, not police and jails. In light of current budget challenges and widespread economic instability, we must ensure that people's basic needs are met as our top priority. This means divesting from the Cook County Sheriff and investing in housing, food security, healthcare, and jobs.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Jeremy N. Rosen
Organization (if any):	Shriver Center on Poverty Law
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60603

Q2

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Q1

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Witness Name: Mary Zerkel
Organization (if any): American Friends Service Committee - Chicago
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60605

Q2

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My name is Mary Zerkel and I represent American Friends Service Committee-Chicago (AFSC), an international Quaker social justice organization founded in 1917.

This testimony is in support of the Justice for Black Lives resolution, Resolution 20-2867. I urge the County Board to pass this resolution and then follow through by actually moving money out of policing and incarceration.

AFSC has a long history of working to change systems that perpetuate racism and inequality, and promote alternatives that center human welfare and shared wellbeing. It is clear to us that taking money out of the Cook County Jail and the Cook County Sheriff's budget and putting that money into public services such as health care, mental health, restorative justice, housing, and job creation will create conditions for our community to thrive together.

Policing and incarceration perpetuate violence against marginalized groups, especially Black people, and do not keep our communities safe. The Cook County Jail is mostly used to lock people up who have not yet had their trials. These detainees are "innocent until proven guilty," but are kept in cages because they cannot afford to pay the money bails set by judges. We should be doing everything possible to reduce the number of people in jail by increasing the number of people who are able to live peaceful, healthy, and abundant lives.

AFSC supports divesting from policing and incarceration and investing in community services. Creating real community health and safety will require funding public services such as health care, mental health, housing, jobs, restorative justice, and more. Cook County Health is the primary provider of health care for low-income people in the county, and the County government also provides funding for housing, anti-violence programs, and restorative justice, so the County could make good use of funding removed from the Sheriff's budget to provide crucial services and investments in communities of color harmed by violence, policing, and incarceration.

Supportive services that promote community health and safety such as mental health care, treatment for substance use disorder, and housing should be provided by the County departments that specialize in those areas – Cook County Health, the Housing Authority of Cook County, and community-based organizations funded through the Justice Advisory Council – and not by the Cook County Sheriff, which has expertise in policing and incarceration, not supportive services. Mental health care should be provided outside of the jail, not inside it.

I urge the Cook County Board Criminal Justice Committee to take bold action today to help transform our communities and build toward our shared wellbeing.

Sincerely,
Mary Zerkel
Program Director, Chicago Peacebuilding
American Friends Service Committee
637 S. Dearborn, 3rd floor
Chicago, IL 60605

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Maria Bell
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60637

Q2

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This city desperately needs bold leadership to create a healthy truly safe society for all. one of the first steps is to divest from the tragic cycle of policing to incarcerate and the absolute destruction this has brought to so many in this city. We must legislatively and financially put our effort towards supporting the lifting up NOT the tearing down.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Kathy Burke
City/Town: Matteson
State: IL
ZIP: 60443

Q2

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This resolution calls on the Cook County Board of Commissioners to divest money away from incarceration and instead invest money into the things that actually keep communities safe.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Nora Sharp
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60647

Q2

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As a nearly lifelong Chicagoan, I am horrified by the levels at which we disproportionately incarcerate Black and brown people in Chicago as well as at how the covid-19 pandemic has been spread in jails. I believe the money we spend at Cook County jail and in the Cook County Sheriffs budget would make an enormously more beneficial impact being invested in community services and public health for Black and brown neighborhoods in Chicago. Thank you for taking this comment and I hope you will do what is right.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Ab Weeks
Organization (if any):	SOUL
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60608

Q2

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I support divesting from ccj and the sheriffs budget and investing in communities.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Adrienne Davis
Organization (if any):	SOUL
City/Town:	Oak Park
State:	IL
ZIP:	60392

Q2

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Q1

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Witness Name:	April Friendly
Organization (if any):	The Peoples Lobby
City/Town:	Homewood
State:	IL
ZIP:	60430

Q2

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I am writing in favor of the resolution Justice for Black Lives. This is the people's county too, Commissioners. The opportunity for us all to be well creates more opportunities for us all to be well. As a resident from the south suburbs, I am present to changes since 1987. I am present to the impact of a county budget that prioritizes carceral systems over proper accessible health services; I am present to a budget that prioritizes jailing departments over housing departments; I am present to a budget that prioritizes the safety of property over the safety of its people. It is time to shift our county's priorities. Let us have a Cook County budget that demonstrates and reflects justice for Black lives.

#176

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Q1

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Witness Name: Tanya Watkins
Organization (if any): SOUL
State: IL

Q2

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All around the country, people are calling for a divestment from incarceration and policing and for investment in communities. It's time for Cook County to be on the right side of history and do what's needed to make our communities safe by funding the programs that we need and not more criminalization.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Lori Clark
Organization (if any):	Jane Addams Senior Caucus
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60610

Q2

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This resolution calls on the Cook County Board of Commissioners to divest money away from incarceration and instead invest money into the things that actually keep communities safe.

#178

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Time Spent: 00:05:39
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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Dami Akande
Organization (if any):	SOUL
City/Town:	chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60623

Q2

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My name is Dami Akande with Southsiders Organized for Unite and Liberation from La Vilita (little village) offering testimony in support of the Justice for Black Lives resolution 20-2867. Creating real community health and safety will require funding public services such as health care, mental health, housing, jobs, restorative justice, and more. Cook County Health is the primary provider of health care for low-income people in the county, and the County government also provides funding for housing, anti-violence programs, and restorative justice, so the County could make good use of funding removed from the Sheriff's budget to provide crucial services and investments in communities of color harmed by violence, policing, and incarceration.

#179

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
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Last Modified: Friday, July 24, 2020 9:30:00 AM
Time Spent: 00:08:16
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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Anne Igoe
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60626

Q2

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We need to invest in programs that support our communities. Not incarcerations.

#180

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Time Spent: 00:03:42
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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Dominic Marlow
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60660

Q2

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Excessive jailing fails to prevent crime and takes away critical resources for funding anti-poverty and community safety programs to reduce desperation violent crimes. Pre-trial jailing only affects those in poverty, and makes it harder to do yourself out of the hole you're already in, without even having been convicted of a crime. We need solutions, not punishments

#181

COMPLETE

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Time Spent: 00:02:15
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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Hanna Elliott
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60608

Q2

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I want to see money taken out of the Cook County Jail and Cook County Sheriff budgets and put into public services not administered by law enforcement.

#182

COMPLETE

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IP Address: 98.32.248.216

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Carlos Lopez
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60622

Q2

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I would like to see funds taken out of the County jail and Sheriff's budget because of decades of disinvestment in Black and Brown communities. Also, Black and Brown communities are over-policed and it is not decreasing violence, but in fact increasing violence and trauma. Generations of Black and Brown residents have been maimed by the prison industrial complex which leads to lack of opportunity once individuals leave prison. The over-funding of jails and police perpetuates poverty and starves the community of much needed resources. Let's do the right thing. We are not at war with our Cook County residents.

#183

COMPLETE

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Last Modified: Friday, July 24, 2020 9:40:10 AM
Time Spent: 00:16:00
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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Kelly Fischietto
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60622

Q2

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We can do better Cook County. Let's nurture all our communities equitably.

Chicago Community Bond Fund: "Each year, Cook County spends more than \$600 million supporting a racist system of policing and incarceration through the Cook County Sheriff's budget, which includes sheriff's police, the Cook County Jail, and more. Although Although the number of people incarcerated in Cook County Jail has gone down by more than 50% since 2013, the budget for the jail has actually increased by 26%. If the jail budget had gone down proportionally to the number of people locked up, we would have \$117 million more for other public services in Cook County"

#184

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Time Spent: 00:08:31
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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Amanda Gutzwiller
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60647

Q2

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Our criminal justice system disproportionately locks up Brown and Black lives. Incarceration does not make our communities safer. Redirecting money spent on jails and policing to public services like housing, mental health, jobs and restorative justice will lift up Black and Brown communities and create a healthier, safer tomorrow.

#185

COMPLETE

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Rose Dimitroyannis
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60637

Q2

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Stop investing in jails and start investing in communities: education, healthcare, housing

#186

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Time Spent: 00:03:03
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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	William Sanders
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60624

Q2

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Please vote for Justice for Black Lives. The time and need for policing is over. Let those dollars be used in a way that will actually keep communities safe. The current police and patrol tactics are harmful, destructive and not cost-effective.

#187

COMPLETE

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Emma Roetzer
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60608

Q2

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Reinvesting funds from policing into public programming is essential to lift our people from the depths of despair and poverty that have been exasperated and exposed by COVID-19. Our systemic injustices need to be systemically repaired, and reducing funds allocated to an entity that has repeatedly demonstrated lack of accountability for their abusive tactical violence (CPD) would be a wonderful start.

#188

COMPLETE

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Time Spent: 00:02:59
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Q1

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Witness Name: James Pfluecke
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60647

Q2

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I want the County to take money out of the Cook County Jail and put the money into mental health care and other programs that divert people from having to go to jail in the first place. It is the morally right thing to do and will save the County money in the short, medium, and long term while keeping people in their homes and with their families and out of jail.

#189

COMPLETE

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Time Spent: 00:03:17
IP Address: 139.60.220.3

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Peter Shannon
Organization (if any):	N/A
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60622

Q2

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I support the reallocation of money towards public service initiatives to better serve at-need populations with resources that address root problems instead of enhanced policing and increased incarceration.

#190

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Brian Gorman
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60643

Q2

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I stand with this resolution. It is time the county board on record makes this resolution.

#191

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Time Spent: 00:01:11
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Q1

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Witness Name:	Rachel Jacobs
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60626

Q2

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Please divest money away from incarceration and instead invest money into the things that actually keep communities safe!

#192

COMPLETE

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Last Modified: Friday, July 24, 2020 9:51:15 AM
Time Spent: 00:11:01
IP Address: 24.12.186.130

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: james gibbs
Organization (if any): Chicago Area Peace Action
City/Town: Evanston
State: IL
ZIP: 60202

Q2

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I believe that one of the ways to reduce violence is to redirect some money from the police and incarceration to other services in black and brown communities such as mental health and jobs.

#193

COMPLETE

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Time Spent: 00:05:28
IP Address: 98.212.68.153

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Holly Fingerle
Organization (if any):	Indivisible South Suburban Chicago
City/Town:	Olympia Fields
State:	IL
ZIP:	60461

Q2

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Dear Cook County Board,

I urge you to support this resolution to defund the Cook County Jail.

It is my understanding this means to shift funding to other social services that would address the systemic causes of crime and violence.

Cook County Sherriff Tom Dart has repeatedly preached the jail is a warehouse for the mentally ill and those that need substance abuse treatment. And they are not equipped to meet their needs.

I am reading that needed changes in prosecuting crime has dramatically reduced the number of incarcerated, yet their budget has increased.

We need those funds reallocated from our county jails to a revitalized county mental healthcare system. We need better substance abuse treatment and prevention.

This should not be controversial. It is a reallocation to spend money where needed. Listen to your top law enforcement officer. The public is finally paying attention and will get behind what he has been asking for. The county needs better mental healthcare and better drug and alcohol treatment. My father was killed by a drunk driver in 1987 and my family never wanted jail time for him. We wanted treatment. He was on work release and I have no idea if he ever got sober. It was a waste of taxpayer dollars to incarcerate him each night him for a crime that he had no intent to commit. He had a disease.

Invest those dollars in other programs for job training, housing, domestic violence prevention, homeless, substance abuse prevention and treatment. Please reallocate funds from prisons and also invest in community programs with evidence-based data that they are working.

Respectfully,

Holly Fingerle

Olympia Fields Resident & Volunteer Community Activist

Chair Indivisible South Suburban Chicago

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Juliana Pino
Organization (if any):	Little Village Environmental Justice Organization
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60623

Q2

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Item #20-2867 - Justice for Black Lives resolution (To be heard at the Cook County Board of Commissioners Special Meeting on Monday, July 27, 2020, an option for which is not provided in the meeting selection options above.)

Q4

What do you want to do?

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July 24, 2020

My name is Juliana Pino, and I am the Policy Director of the Little Village Environmental Justice Organization (LVEJO), a community-based group in the Little Village neighborhood where Cook County Jail is physically located. We submit this testimony in support of the Justice for Black Lives Resolution (Resolution 20-2867). We urge the Cook County Board to pass this resolution and take swift action to move funds from the Cook County Jail and the Cook County Sheriff budgets toward community well-being and safety.

At LVEJO, we work against environmental racism in Little Village and beyond. The communities of color in Cook County fighting environmental racism are also heavily policed—with the worst impacts falling on Black neighborhoods—redoubling violence. Jails, prisons, and immigration detention centers are also a form of environmental racism and violence, as they are built on Native lands and often on brownfields, polluted post-industrial grounds. Cook County Jail, itself, covers 96 acres abutting a formerly extremely toxic Superfund site converted by community struggle into La Villita Park instead of an additional jail parking lot. This park now serves over 5,000 young people under the age of 5 in the surrounding blocks, is home to food vendors and intergenerational recreation and gatherings, and it houses Mi Parque, a youth-led restorative justice, alternatives to policing, and park cleanup program. La Villita Park is a demonstration of the benefits of investment in community well-being instead of incarceration. Still, including this park, over twice as much land in Little Village is dedicated to incarceration of neighbors and loved ones in Cook County Jail than to green gathering spaces like these for the community.

In addition to shouldering policing, particularly of youth, Little Village residents are exposed to daily pollution from dozens of industrial sites and heavy trucking—and already scant companies or government responses to harm routinely exclude redress or protection for community members incarcerated in Cook County Jail exposed to the very same pollution. Criminalized for poverty and their racial identities, they are trapped in the jail with pollution, and recently, with COVID19, a deadly respiratory illness whose transmission is made substantially worse by air pollution, with little to no recourse for addressing these dire health consequences.

Cook County's funds should be attending to community priorities for safety, not routinely exposing Black people and other people of color to harm and death through policing and incarceration. Communities most impacted by policing across Cook County have identified that mental health services, local good foods, family-sustaining jobs, housing, restorative justice, anti-violence and survivor support programs, pollution cleanup, clean water access, and more, are essential building blocks for community safety. The Cook County Board should act now to reallocate dollars away from policing and incarceration and invest in community priorities instead.

Juliana Pino
Policy Director
Little Village Environmental Justice Organization
jpino@lvejo.org

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Thomas Harris
Organization (if any):	Self
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60626

Q2

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Prison isn't doing what it's supposed to do. We need to do better for our communities.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Christina Chammas
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60647

Q2

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we MUST divest money from cook county jail and cook county sheriff budgets and INVEST in our communities! we must protect our most marginalized communities by supporting mental health, housing, and education resources NOT POLICE. these systems only enforce brutality and harm on the most vulnerable in our communities. This resolution calls on the County to redirect money from policing and incarceration to public services in Black and Brown communities not administered by law enforcement

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Youngwoon Han
Organization (if any):	HANA Center
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60625

Q2

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I support because black lives matter and bringing racial equity in this county is one of the most important work.

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Q1

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City/Town: Evanston
State: IL
ZIP: 60201

Q2

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Thank you for considering redirecting funds from the police and prisons to other services supporting Black and Brown communities. The police who are meant to enforce laws and keep us safe are too often called to address situations where other expertises (for example mental health services) are required but which may not be available due to lack of funding. Healthier Black and Brown communities will lead to more positive relations with the police.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Deidre Huckabay
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60651

Q2

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Divest in law enforcement, invest in communities!

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

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Organization (if any):	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60640

Q2

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I strenuously call for funding to be diverted from policing and incarceration and into more helpful, traditionally underfunded areas such as housing, healthcare, mental health and education. Give the taxpayers and the the citizens the funds and resource needed to make better more prosperous lives for all.
