



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
Board of Commissioners**

**Human Relations Committee**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2018**

**12:15 PM**

**Cook County Building, Board Room,  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**This meeting is reconvened from 12/12/2017**

**NOTICE AND AGENDA**

There will be a meeting of the Committee or Subcommittee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County at the date, time and location listed above to consider the following:

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, address, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony.

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**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 5/19/2017

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A HEARING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS  
COMMITTEE OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is home to more than five million people, and

**WHEREAS**, all people require access to safe drinking water to live, and

**WHEREAS**, the vast majority of Cook County residents access their drinking water from Lake Michigan, and

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago Tribune recently published “The Water Drain” series, which outlined how predominantly African American suburbs are adversely impacted by a surge in water prices, and

**WHEREAS**, residents in the southern and western suburbs of the county are especially impacted by spiking municipal water rates, and

**WHEREAS**, Access to safe, clean, and affordable drinking water is a basic human rights issue, and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County should do everything within its power to help its poorest residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the President of the Board that the Human Relations Committee shall hold a hearing around the issue of water infrastructure and billing in Cook County.

**Legislative History :** 11/15/17 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Human Relations Committee



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Secretary

Chairman: Boykin

Vice-Chairman: Silvestri

Members: Arroyo, Deer, Fritchey, Sims and Suffredin