

This meeting is reconvened from 12/12/2017



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

Minutes of the Human Relations Committee

12:15 PM

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Boykin, Silvestri, Arroyo, Deer, Fritchey, Sims and Suffredin (7)
Also Present- Moore

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

1. Mark Armstrong
2. George Blakemore
3. Chrisitopher Clark – Written Testimony
4. Andre Lewis –City of Harvey Water Department
5. Mayor Perkins/ Willie Northly – Village of Maywood
6. Mayor Annie Coulter – Village Ford Heights
7. Danielle Gallet

18-1048

COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to recommend for approval 18-1048. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Boykin, Silvestri, Arroyo, Deer, Fritchey, Sims and Suffredin (7)

17-6213

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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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.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to recommend for approval 17-6213. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Boykin, Silvestri, Arroyo, Deer, Fritchey, Sims and Suffredin (7)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Sims to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Boykin, Silvestri, Arroyo, Deer, Fritchey, Sims and Suffredin (7)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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