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Q1 Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: MARK F. ARMSTRONG
Organization (if any): CHICAGO URBAN FINE ARTS COMMONWEALTH
City/Town: CHICAGO
State: IL
ZIP: 60643

Q2 Tell us which meeting you wish to be recorded as a witness. If you don't know the meeting or date, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar. Please fill out a separate form for each meeting at which you wish to speak.

Cook County Board of Commissioners Wed 1/17 11a

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2018 URBAN FINE ARTS COUNTY-FORWARD AGENDA

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Q5 Written Statement? You can type or copy/paste any written statement you want included in the meeting record here. If this is not enough space, or you have other attachments for distribution, please email them to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov

BULLETED-POINTED COMMENTS TO FOLLOW BY EMAIL

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City/Town: CHICAGO
State: IL
ZIP: 60643

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2018 URBAN FINE ARTS COOK COUNTY FORWARD AGENDA

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Q1 Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Donnie Anderson
Organization (if any): Illinois committee of blind vendors
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60604

Q2 Tell us which meeting you wish to be recorded as a witness. If you don't know the meeting or date, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar. Please fill out a separate form for each meeting at which you wish to speak.

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Rent reduction for blind vendors

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We favor illumination or reduction of rent and commissions for blind vendors on county property

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Q1 Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Alex Munoz
Organization (if any): Illinois commity of blind vendors
City/Town: Rolling Meadows
State: IL
ZIP: 60008

Q2 Tell us which meeting you wish to be recorded as a witness. If you don't know the meeting or date, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar. Please fill out a separate form for each meeting at which you wish to speak.

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18-0018

Q4 What do you want to do?

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N/a

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Q1 Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Marco Giannotti
Organization (if any): Illinois committee of blind vendors
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60656

Q2 Tell us which meeting you wish to be recorded as a witness. If you don't know the meeting or date, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar. Please fill out a separate form for each meeting at which you wish to speak.

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180018

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I am asking the cook county board of commissioners to please consider a proposal to reduce the rent paid by blind vendors on Cook County properties. Blind vendors at these facilities have experienced a large decline in sales due to reduced traffic from the outside and staff cuts. I would urge the commissioners to lessen the burden on these individuals and assist them in remaining Gainfully employed citizens of this county.

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Q1 Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Giovanni Francese
Organization (if any): Vending
City/Town: Westchester
State: IL
ZIP: 60154

Q2 Tell us which meeting you wish to be recorded as a witness. If you don't know the meeting or date, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar. Please fill out a separate form for each meeting at which you wish to speak.

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I am in support of the reduction of rents at Cook County Facilities where blind vendors operate.

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Q1 Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Kenneth Blum
Organization (if any): GPAB INC
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60602

Q2 Tell us which meeting you wish to be recorded as a witness. If you don't know the meeting or date, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar. Please fill out a separate form for each meeting at which you wish to speak.

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This is not concerning the Forest Preserve

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I will be speaking.

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Q1 Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Chris Distefano
Organization (if any): Illinois Committee of Blind Vendors
City/Town: Oak Lawn
State: IL
ZIP: 60453

Q2 Tell us which meeting you wish to be recorded as a witness. If you don't know the meeting or date, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar. Please fill out a separate form for each meeting at which you wish to speak.

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I will be speaking for lower rents for on county property for blind vendors.

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I will need assistance for I am blind.

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Q1 Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Sonja Jeneen Pritchett
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60628

Q2 Tell us which meeting you wish to be recorded as a witness. If you don't know the meeting or date, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar. Please fill out a separate form for each meeting at which you wish to speak.

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Q1 Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: George Blakemore
State: IL

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All Items

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No

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Q1 Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Donnie Bell
Organization (if any): Illinois Committee of Blind Vendors
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60602

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18-0018

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Please reduce or eliminate rents and commissions for blind vendors

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Q1 Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Eddie Conway
Organization (if any): Illinois Committee of Blind Vendors
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60604

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18-0018

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Please reduce or eliminate rent for blind vendors thank you

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Q1 Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Rich Shultz
Organization (if any): Illinois committee of blind vendors
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60302

Q2 Tell us which meeting you wish to be recorded as a witness. If you don't know the meeting or date, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar. Please fill out a separate form for each meeting at which you wish to speak.

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Please help sustain blind vendors and reduce rents commissions and add more opportunities if you can thank you

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Q1 Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Joanne Elliott
City/Town: Des Plaines
State: IL
ZIP: 60014

Q2 Tell us which meeting you wish to be recorded as a witness. If you don't know the meeting or date, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar. Please fill out a separate form for each meeting at which you wish to speak.

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18-1604

Q4 What do you want to do?

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As a real estate practitioner that represents numerous cook county incentive holders and applicants. I am in strongly opposed to this proposed ordinance amendment. There have been numerous recent amendments to the incentive ordinance that have added qualification requirements that are having a chilling effect on the ability of the incentives to attract industrial and commercial businesses to Cook County. For example the addition of the cook county minimum wage requirement to incentives, the expansion of the compliance with laws provision and the expansion of the living wage requirement to tenants (effective 7/1/20) have already created concern about the future viability of the incentives. To now add another hurdle, by requiring that a prevailing wage be paid to construction workers on incentive projects would continue to chip away at the appeal of these incentives. In blighted areas especially building repairs are often done by small mom and pop trades that are able to successfully operate without paying prevailing wages. This amendment would discourage incentive owners from maintaining their properties if needed repairs could not be done cost effectively. The incentives were created to be a simple manner to attract businesses to distressed areas and to allow cook county to compete with neighboring counties with much lower real estate taxes. Over the years we have taken what used to be a simple straight forward process and have made it so expensive and complicated that many prospective investors have already decided to invest their real estate dollars in other counties. The commercial and industrial vacancy rates in the blighted areas are at all time highs. We need to stop making the incentives so unattractive and difficult to qualify for if our intent is for the incentives to be used to revitalize these blighted areas.

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