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Q1

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Witness Name: William Joyce
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60622

Q2

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**County Criminal Justice Committee Meeting 7/27/2020
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Item #20-2867 - Justice for Black Lives resolution

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I am in favor of the resolution.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Paul Price
City/Town:	Forest Park
State:	IL
ZIP:	60130

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Please vote to divest from policing, criminalization, and incarceration and instead create real investment in communities that need it. Vote to support 20-2867, the Justice for Black Lives resolution.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Mujeres Latinas en Accion
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60608

Q2

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Mujeres Latinas en Accion endorses the Justice for Black Lives Resolution. We believe we need to examine how racist policies and institutions have harmed our communities. We support divesting in policing and incarceration and investing in services that meet the critical needs in our communities including access to housing, healthcare, mental health services, and economic opportunities.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Karin Evans
Organization (if any): Western Front Indivisible
City/Town: Forest Park
State: IL
ZIP: 60130

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I support this resolution.

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Witness Name:	Kristi Sanford
City/Town:	chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60626

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I can't believe we invest so much money in the jail, which is really a place where we punish people for being poor. It is cruel and sick. We need to be investing in our neighbors instead.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Alison Price
City/Town:	Oak Park
State:	IL
ZIP:	60304

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Please join me in the call for investment over criminalization. I hope you will consider registering a public comment in favor of the resolution at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LDM37GS>

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Witness Name:	Sara Buehler
City/Town:	Oak Park
State:	IL
ZIP:	60302

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I am in favor of passing this important resolution.

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Witness Name:	Dian Palmer
Organization (if any):	SEIU 73
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60607

Q2

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20-2867, Resolution Justice for Black Lives

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The 30,000 Service Employees International Union, Local 73 teaching assistants, medical technicians, custodians, security guards, mental health workers, and other public service workers support the Justice for Black Lives Resolution. Most black Americans live with a legacy of 400 years of slavery, 100 years of Jim Crow, decades of racial housing and education segregation and more. The unfair criminal justice system did not begin with the police murder of Lacquan MacDonald and it will not end with the police murder of George Floyd. Their murders and the murders of hundreds of other black men at the hands of police are a byproduct of a criminal justice system that is inherently unfair to black and brown Americans. Likewise, the COVID-19 pandemic did not cause the racial disparities in the American's healthcare system. The COVID pandemic showed the rest of America what black and brown Americans know instinctively – our communities have fewer doctors, dentists, nurses, primary care clinics, preventative medical services, pharmacies, hospitals, hospital beds, and mental and behavioral health services than white communities. Being a black or brown person in the United States has never been easy. The calls for reform today stress equitable solutions to healthcare disparities and a broken criminal justice system with a racist history.

A Public Sector Solution

Equitable solutions require investment in community services. Community services for healthcare, housing, drug and substance abuse treatment, mental and behavioral health, community job programs, and more all require people to do the jobs. These services are not easily replicated by computer programs. They require human beings teaching, counseling, listening, motivating, treating, nursing, and working with consistently disadvantaged communities over generations to create real change.

These services will not be provided by the private sector unless the government (public sector) creates profit motives for private companies to invest in the services.

If the government is going to invest in the services needed to overcome almost 500 years of oppression; then the government should do the work itself. First, providing services costs less than building a service model with a profit motive. Second, government provided services are more accountable than attempting to get the government to hold a private sector contractor accountable. Last, public sector workers are required to live in our communities unlike private contractors.

Public Sector workers should perform the public sector services that our tax dollars fund.

Rethink the Cook County Service Delivery Model

Cook County elected officials and government employees come to work every day trying to do good for the residents of Cook County. They do not have easy jobs. President Preckwinkle is proposing some equitable solutions to attempt to fix the current Cook County criminal justice and healthcare systems; but the President's solutions are not enough.

We must reimagine Cook County government. Cook County government is currently built around large institutions – large hospitals, the biggest county jail in American, and large service offices. The service model is one that decreases costs by increasing office space utilization and support staff functions.

Let's rethink this current model and move physicians, nurses, medical technicians and senior services into every community in Chicago and the Cook County suburbs. Let's reduce the jail population with further bond reform, centralized detention alternatives, and create the mental and behavioral health, drug and alcohol abuse, job training, and other services needed to give people a path out of poverty. In the next few weeks, SEIU Local 73 and our partners will release a budget plan to break down the current inequitable system and build a new system that serves all Cook County communities equitably.

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Witness Name:	Susan Jaffee
Organization (if any):	Western Front Indivisible
City/Town:	River Forest
State:	IL
ZIP:	60305

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I am in favor of this resolution

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Witness Name:	Kristene Hiepler-Hartwig
Organization (if any):	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60613

Q2

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I support taking money out of the Cook County Jail and Cook County Sheriff's budget and putting that money into public services such as health care, mental health, restorative justice, housing, job creation, etc, especially in communities that need it most, such as our communities that are predominantly People of Color.

Policing and incarceration are not keeping our communities safe - they are causing violence towards Black people and other people of color.

The Cook County Jail is mostly used to lock up those who have not yet had their trials. They should be considered "innocent until proven guilty," but mainly are in jail because they can't afford to pay the bails set by judges - again, most affected are Black and poor people.

Creating real community health and safety will require funding and investment for public services that help rather than hurt Black people and other people of color in communities that have been oppressed and have not received equity in housing, jobs, health care, mental health services, anti-violence programs, and restorative justice.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Brigid Leahy
Organization (if any):	Planned Parenthood of Illinois
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60603

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Brigid Leahy, Senior Director of Public Policy
Planned Parenthood of Illinois
brigidl@ppil.org 217-553-8976

Planned Parenthood of Illinois (PPIL) calls for a shift in focus from a militarized police force and high levels of incarceration to a model that promotes community support and connects individuals to available and accessible services. We need our leaders to commit to prioritizing public health approaches over further investment in policing.

PPIL serves more than 70,000 patients a year at our eighteen health centers in Illinois, nine of which are located in Cook County. The people we serve often live in communities that are over policed and their residents face higher risks of police violence and incarceration. Our patients need local investment in public services such as health care, mental health services, restorative justice, housing, and job creation.

Therefore, we fully support 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. We urge every member of the Board to vote yes to support local communities.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Chris J. Bergin
Organization (if any): SHILLER PREYAR LAW OFFICES
City/Town: CHICAGO
State: IL
ZIP: 60612

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I fully support this measure

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Witness Name: John Twomey
City/Town: Brookfield
State: IL
ZIP: 60513

Q2

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Please pass the Justice for Black lives Resolution.

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Witness Name: Pastor Cy Fields, Pastor Ira Acree, Pastor Marshall Hatch, and David Cherry

Organization (if any): Leaders Network

City/Town: Chicago

State: IL

ZIP: 60624

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Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and general membership of the Leaders Network, this letter is extended to express our full support of the Justice for Black Lives resolution - Resolution 20-2867.

Today we find ourselves in a climate where there is a heightened call for racial justice and the eradication of systematic practices and policies of oppression and abuse. As elected officials, you state your mission includes "overseeing county activities and ensuring that citizen concerns are met." Undeniably, the residents of Cook County want justice, equity, and solutions that the cycle of violence that perpetuate mass incarceration and poverty.

Members of the Leaders Network were intimately involved in advocating for the Cook County Court to adopt policies that today ensure that suspects awaiting trial are not held in custody simply because they could not afford the bail amounts ordered by judges. This has resulted in the Cook County inmate population decreasing nearly 50%. This saves county tax payers approximately \$150 million dollars annually. We believe these funds should be used to invest in programs and policies that will work to end the evil cycle of poverty, racial injustice, police brutality and health disparities. A new focus that promotes health, employment opportunities, fair housing, and restorative justice programs will advance solutions to the problematic policy of "lock them up" as the key strategy for public safety.

Michelle Alexander, author of 'The New Jim Crow' said, "If you ask for good schools, you aren't likely to get them. If you ask for jobs or economic investment, you won't get that either. But what we have learned, is that the one thing that poor folks of color can ask for and get are Police and Prisons." As Cook County Board of Commissioners you have a historic opportunity to help end the failed system of criminalization and incarceration as public safety model #1. We ask that you approve a budget that redirects funds for incarceration and use them to invest in social services that improve the quality of life for African Americans and all residents of Cook County. Thank you for your consideration. We await your favorable determination.

Sincerely,
Pastor Cy Fields
Co-Chairman

Pastor Ira Acree
Co-Chairman

Pastor Marshall Hatch
Co-Chairman

David Cherry
President

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Witness Name: Jeff Bartow
Organization (if any): Southwest Organizing Project
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60629

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The Southwest Organizing Project supports this resolution because we support redirecting funds from the County Jail and Sheriff's Office into programs and services that help people like the Cook County Public Defender. We can't call Cook County a "Welcoming County" when we spend more money to detain and jail poor people than we do to protect people from detention and family separation.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Corey Schneck
Organization (if any):	Defenders for All
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60625

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Dear Cook County Board Commissioners:

We, the undersigned organizations representing a coalition of both immigrant organizations and advocates for criminal justice reform, present this letter in support of the Justice for Black Lives resolution 20-2867. Our coalition aims to guarantee that the Cook County Public Defender has the funding necessary to create a dedicated immigration unit to protect immigrants from deportation and family separation. Accordingly, we support and urge the County Board to redirect funds from the Cook County Sheriff and the County Jail to be used instead to fund services and programs that promote community health and safety, particularly in Black, Brown, and immigrant communities.

Both locally and nationally, Black, Brown, and immigrant communities are calling on elected officials to redirect resources and funds from carceral institutions back into communities that have been disinvested for decades; we believe this resolution is a great starting point in laying the foundation of our shared values towards this united goal. We need to allocate public funds and resources that promote community health and safety in order to engage in restorative processes that address harm and generate needed accountability of law enforcement while working to heal Black, Brown, and immigrant communities impacted by violence.

In addition, we agree with President Preckwinkle that "the tremendous investments we make are not in the relatively modest sheriff's police, they're in the jail...we have to try to move resources to community-based organizations that are doing the important work of keeping people out of the jail" and we believe that shifting funding from the Sheriff's Department to the Public Defender, for example, would be a significant step in achieving our shared goal of protecting Black, Brown, and immigrant communities.

In fact, Cook County annually allocates more than \$600 million for the Sheriff's budget, consisting of funding for the Sheriff's police force, the Cook County Jail, and more. Despite the number of people incarcerated in Cook County Jail decreasing by more than 50% since 2013, the budget for the jail has actually increased by more than 25%, meaning that \$117 million are available for services if the County Board made changes to the Sheriff and County Jail's budget to reflect changes in the jail population. Why is it that the County Jail continues to see increases in funding all the while the jail population has decreased, thereby requiring less funds and resources that can instead be used for better purposes?

According to Commissioner Brandon Johnson, "as spending on police and incarceration has gone up over the last decade, Black and Brown people actually feel less safe." The growing distrust of the police force demonstrates the need for supporting pillars of public services such as housing, health care, mental health, restorative justice, legal representation, public transit, job creation, and increased opportunities for minority/women business owners. When a department so spectacularly fails to deliver on its promise of protection, service, and safety, it is time to reevaluate.

By undertaking the Justice for Black Lives resolution, Cook County has an opportunity to be a national and local leader in providing a framework that addresses systemic racism and champions justice for all. We urge the County Board to support this resolution.

Sincerely,

The Resurrection Project
The Illinois Business Immigration Coalition
Binational Institute of Human Development Legal Center
HANA Center
Chicago Community Bond Fund
The People's Lobby
Southwest Organizing Project
Shiller Preyar Jarard & Samuels Law Office

Equity and Transformation
Western Illinois Dreamers
Chicago Workers Collaborative
United African Organization
Chicago Community and Workers Rights
Spanish Community Center
Farmworker and Landscaper Advocacy Project -FLAP

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City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60618

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The county has done a tremendous job decreasing the population at Cook County Jail over the past decade, but still increases the CCJ and the Sheriff's dept. budget year after year. I am demanding that you move to drastically decrease budgeting for CCJ and the Sheriff's dept., and redirect those funds towards the county health system and other functions that demonstrably increase health and safety for the marginalized residents of Cook County.

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Witness Name:	Nancy Asirifi-Otchere
Organization (if any):	United African Organization
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60615

Q2

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United African Organization supports this resolution because it's the right thing to do. We support redirecting funds from the County Jail and Sheriff's Office into programs and services that are important for the residents of Cook County - like the Cook County Public Defender. We need a Cook County that does all possible to protect it's residents from detention and family separation rather than spend more money to detain and jail poor people. We need our Cook County to be "Welcoming County".

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Organization (if any):	A Just Chi
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60613

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My name is Allison Mark, and I'm a resident of the 46th Ward of Chicago, supporting the Justice for Black Lives Resolution #20-2867. I urge the board to pass this resolution and pull funding from Cook County Jail and the Cook County Sheriff for reallocation into services that truly benefit Black, brown, and low income communities. I have a background in public and environmental health, but that kind of education isn't necessary to understand that racism is a public health crisis. Violent policing and mass incarceration punish people of color and of low income disproportionately and create actual physical stress on their bodies that accumulates over a lifetime. We undoubtedly have a problem that isn't being solved by expanding police and jail budgets. Look no further than last year's research out of NYU's medical school: residents of Streeterville live on average 30 years longer than residents of Englewood, the highest such gap, researchers believe, in the nation. This is simply unacceptable, and it is indicative of the prioritization of violence, surveillance, and imprisonment of Black and poor bodies over community health. We cannot look to jails and police to provide mental health treatment, because our fellow citizens will continue to end up dead and our fellow communities will continue to feel tossed aside and devalued. Instead, money spent on ineffective, inhumane policing and jailing should go to the departments of our county government that are equipped and trained to treat mental health, develop local economies, create jobs, and heal our communities. Public health data shows that our communities need mental health care, treatment for substance use disorder, and quality, safe housing - not more guns, riot gear, and bars. Yet spending on the Cook County Sheriff and Cook County Jail has gone up in the last decade, despite a decrease in jail occupancy. We already know how important Cook County Health and the county government is to low income communities and residents - we need real funding for anti-violence and restorative justice initiatives, and we know where we can find the money. Thank you.

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Witness Name: Jennifer Holland
State: IL
ZIP: 60402

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As a Cook County resident, I support this resolution to reallocate funding from the jail to fund affordable housing, health care, mental health care, and job training. We need to invest more in our struggling communities, not criminalize them.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Deborah Nall
Organization (if any): appearing in my individual capacity
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60625

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I register my support for a change in priorities from discipline (police) to additional investment in services and infrastructure for Chicago's predominantly Black neighborhoods, especially those on the south and west side.

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Organization (if any):	self
City/Town:	Norridge
State:	IL
ZIP:	60706

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The 100 Club of Chicago evidences the price 1st responders and their families pay for their service. I am 76 years old and I submit the following to show the need for more effective police enforcement. There are an increasing number of reports of attacks on seniors by urban terrorists. For example, today's news showed video of 8 African American(AA) youths attacking and dragging a 82 year old white male from his car in a carjacking. Over the last 10 years I have been confronted on 10 occasions on and around public transit. In 4 I was physically attacked, 1 sending me to an emergency room. In six others I was verbally threatened by unknowns and called "Honkey and cracker." These were not pnhandlers.Eight were AA, 2 white. And it continues. Three weeks ago I witnessed an AA man verbally assault a much shorter, petrified Asian woman trying to pay a fare at the Jefferson Park CTA station.(No CTA employee was present) I was able to yell to him to leave her alone. He then came at me requiring me to yell more loudly, repeatedly, for him to leave me alone. I take public transit all the time.The point of these examples is that the agressors know that Seniors travelling alone are among the vulnerable and not carrying weapons on public transit. Second this resolution is another example of creating an environment of despair. Instead create an environment of hope. The President of the Cook County Board and the Commissioners should open public meeetings with the words "Stay in school." That is the avenue for families to grow and prosper generation to generation.
