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Meeting:	County Criminal Justice Committee
Meeting Date:	2/8/2017
Item number and topic on which you will speak (agendas are on our website and at our office):	Opposition to Resolution 17-1126. Only written testimony will be subr

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To: Cook County Board of Commissioners & Criminal Justice Committee
Subject: Opposition to Proposed Resolution 17-1126

Esteemed members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners,

Community Renewal Society (CRS), a faith-based organization that works to eliminate race and class barriers, **stands in opposition of Proposed Resolution 17-1126 calling on President Donald J. Trump to send federal resources to fight violence in Chicago.**

We share Commissioner Boykin's concerns about violence in Chicago and agree that increased resources are necessary. However, this resolution, as currently drafted, does not adequately specify the kinds of resources needed to effectively and holistically reduce and prevent violence.

We are strongly opposed to an earlier draft of this resolution that called for federal troops to intervene in Chicago. Calls to address violence with increased militarization of law enforcement and greater criminalization of the communities most impacted by violence stand directly against proven public safety strategies that are community based, address root causes, and take a holistic public health approach. Community Renewal Society rejects public safety tactics of militarization and criminalization that have failed to reduce violence and instead have created harm and distrust of law enforcement in communities of color.

We ask that the Board amend this resolution and seek federal support for comprehensive violence reduction strategies which include: community based violence prevention programs, restorative justice alternatives to incarceration, street level interventions, mental health resources, and substance abuse treatment. Targeted investments into these kinds of initiatives in the communities most impacted by violence have proven effective in reducing and preventing violence.

Since the new Presidential Administration has taken an interest in Chicago's violence issues we believe it is imperative that any response from our local elected officials be informed by the perspective of those most impacted by violence. Our communities are calling for greater investment into community based solutions to violence and not for more investment into militarized law enforcement.

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