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## Q1

Please provide some basic information

**Witness Name:** Cynthia Schilsky  
**Organization (if any):** League of Women Voters of Cook County  
**City/Town:** Chciago  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60604

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## Q2 County Board Meeting 12/16/2021 10a

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.

## Q3

Tell us the File ID number (example 17-0000) of the item on which you are registering your position. If you don't know the number, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look it up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar

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## Q4 REGISTER IN FAVOR of a specific item (You may add written comments below)

What do you want to do?

**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](mailto:cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov)

The League of Women Voters of Cook County supports the Cook County Clerk's proposal to reduce the total number of voting precincts in suburban Cook County by merging all or parts of some precincts together. We understand that this reduction in precincts is not expected to reduce the number of polling places, but would reduce the number of precincts located in the same polling location. This proposal should not result in any significant increase in waiting time to vote on Election Day because of the large increase in the number of voters utilizing early voting and voting by mail. This trend began prior to the pandemic and grew tremendously in 2020 when only about 25% of the votes were cast at local precincts in the November election.

This reduction in the number of precincts at a polling place should result in a reduction in confusion by voters who often stand in line for the wrong precinct. This proposal should also increase the likelihood that a voting precinct will have a full complement of Election Judges from both major parties, resulting in a more efficient set-up of the election equipment, more efficient voting system during the election hours, and more efficient end-of-day tabulation of the votes and taking down of the equipment. This will benefit both voters and the Election Judges themselves. Further, the improvements in the voting experience will be achieved with a reduction in the costs paid for by Cook County taxpayers, according to the Clerk.

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**Q6**

**Submitting written testimony only**

Please Indicate if you are only submitting written testimony or if you wish to address the Committee live (virtually) at the meeting.

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**Q7**

**Respondent skipped this question**

If requesting to address the Committee live (virtually), please provide an email address and phone number (This is required to receive and an invitation to the virtual meeting).

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