



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

New Items Agenda

Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 11:00 AM

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Presented by: JESÚS G. GARCÍA, County Commissioner

REPORT

Department: Cook County Commission on Social Innovation

Report Title: Cook County Commission on Social Innovation: Year One Report

Report Period: 2016- 2017

Summary: The Cook County Commission on Social Innovation was established in April 2016 to seek knowledge-based, innovation-driven solutions to social problems relating to unemployment and poverty. Since July 2016, the Commission has been meeting on a regular basis as a whole and through five standing committees - Human Capital, Social Capital, Public Capital, Intellectual Capital, and Financial Capital. The attached report gives an outline of the Commission's history, an overview of the efforts made by the Commission the past year, and its current recommendations.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

TO CONSIDER PERMITTING VIDEO GAMING IN UNINCORPORATED COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois enacted P.A. 96-34 known as the Video Gaming Act, 230 ILCS 40, legalizing video gaming in July of 2009; and

WHEREAS, Section 58-161 of the Cook County Code of Ordinances currently prohibits the operation of video gaming devices in places of public resort within the unincorporated areas of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, several municipalities in Cook County authorize and license video gaming , as such licensed establishments in these municipalities offer the added attraction of video gaming and enjoy an unfair advantage over their competitors located in unincorporated Cook County; and

WHEREAS, several municipalities that previously prohibited video gaming have decided to reconsider their ban after neighboring communities started to allow video gambling terminals; and

WHEREAS, eighty-nine (89) out of a total of one hundred and twenty (120) municipalities in Cook County have now authorized video gaming in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, geographic areas within unincorporated Cook County, including fifty-nine (59) businesses currently possessing Cook County liquor licenses, are barred from operating video gaming by virtue of Cook County not allowing video gaming in unincorporated Cook County; and

WHEREAS, establishments in unincorporated Cook County that otherwise could be licensed for video gaming but for the County's ban are at a competitive disadvantage over establishments in municipalities in Cook County that permit video gaming.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners shall reconsider the ban on video gaming in unincorporated Cook County , which would level the playing field for establishments in the unincorporated areas; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners directs the Department of Revenue, Department of Finance, Cook County Sheriff and all other various stakeholders to work together to suggest any necessary public policy and public safety determinations necessary to permit video gaming in unincorporated Cook County and make recommendations regarding any necessary ordinance provisions, regulations, and license fees.