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Witness Name:

**Members of Environmental Justice Community Advisory
Committee**

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**Cook County Environment & Sustainability Committee
Meeting 1/14/2026 1130a**

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The following members of the Environmental Justice Community Advisory Committee would like to submit a public comment in support of agenda item 26-0019.

Since May 2024, the Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability has facilitated and convened the Environmental Justice Community Advisory Committee – a committee made up of residents committed to environmental justice from throughout the County. We discussed ideas that informed the initial drafts of the policy framework, helped facilitate public meetings, and provided feedback on resulting drafts. Throughout the meetings, Cook County staff have shared their agency responsibilities relating to environmental work, been forthright on how our feedback has or has not been incorporated into the draft, and responded to our questions.

We are eager to see this Environmental Justice Policy Framework come to fruition especially in this time when environmental justice protections are being revoked and ignored and many environmental justice communities are also experiencing the brunt of federal immigration enforcement violence. We urge the Board of Commissioners to support and hold Cook County staff in implementing this policy framework with fidelity across all departments and bureaus.

We will continue to advocate for its implementation and accountability to ensure that actions are taken, so that residents who experience environmental injustice can have access to an improved quality of life.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Members of the Environmental Justice Policy Framework Community Advisory Committee:

Angela Xu

Oliver Ciciora

Jerri Garl

Michelle Yates

Myrna Salgado

Delia Barajas

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

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Respondent skipped this question

If addressing the Board or Committee live (in-person or virtually), do you require translation services?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

If yes, which language do you need translated?
