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Q1

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Witness Name:	Rev. Benjamin Adams
Organization (if any):	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church/South Loop Campus Ministry
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60637

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My name is Ben Adams and I am a Pastor in the City of Chicago with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and the South Loop Campus Ministry. I am writing in favor of the Justice for Black Lives Resolution. As a person of faith I am compelled to proclaim release to the captives, and this resolution is a big step towards that end. We have problems in our city and so far, criminalization and incarceration have not solved them. We need new alternatives, and now with the threat of even more federal troops deploying to our Chicago streets, we are doubling down on violent enforcement with no talk of restorative measures. That is, until this resolution has come up that takes concrete steps to take money away from our institutions that have been hurting our communities more than helping them.

Especially with COVID-19, the Cook County Jail especially has been a place of pain as it has been one of the hottest spots for the virus. That is why I urge the County Board to pass this resolution and then follow through by actually moving money out of policing and incarceration. This money could be then used to create real community health and safety by funding public services such as health care, mental health, housing, jobs, restorative justice, and more.

Cook County Health is the primary provider of health care for low-income people in the county, and the County government also provides funding for housing, anti-violence programs, and restorative justice, so the County could make good use of funding removed from the Sheriff's budget to provide crucial services and investments in communities of color harmed by violence, policing, and incarceration.

We know that the Cook County Sheriff's full budget for 2020 is \$608 million – a 33% increase from 2013. The Cook County Department of Corrections (the jail) budget is \$336 million - an increase of 26% since 2013. This increase in spending is despite the fact the number of people locked up in the jail has gone down by 50% in the last seven years. If the jail budget had gone down by the same percentage as the number of people locked up since 2013, the County would have \$117 million to fund health care, housing, jobs, restorative justice, and more. Thank you for taking to heart my testimony and hope to see this resolution pass on Monday!

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Witness Name:	Julie Wernick
Organization (if any):	Nikkei Uprising
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60641

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My name is Julie, and I am a member of Nikkei Uprising, a Japanese American activist group in Chicago fighting for a future with no cops, no camps, no cages. I am giving this testimony representing Nikkei Uprising in support of Resolution 20-2867, the Justice for Black Lives resolution, to demand that the Cook County Board defund the sheriff's office and Cook County Jail, and redirect that money to resources for the communities most violently impacted by these systems so that they can live safe, healthy, empowered lives.

Many of us at Nikkei Uprising are descendants of Japanese people who were incarcerated during WWII due to white supremacist ideologies that criminalized our community. Over 120,000 Japanese Americans were sent to concentration camps, and 1,500 detainees died in camp due to disease and lack of proper medical care.

The historical trauma of having incarceration of innocent people leading to a death sentence reminds us of the current public health crisis and why we say Free Them All/Defund the Sheriff's office and CCJ; on July 17, the Cook County Jail prison population was at its highest point since March, and growing simultaneously with the number of COVID-19 cases in the state. While the Sheriff is congratulating himself for what he considers tackling the issue, justice has still not been served for loved ones of the inmates who died from COVID-19 in CCJ from lack of safety and medical care in the earlier stages of the pandemic, and people currently incarcerated report that protective equipment isn't being distributed, forcing them to re-wear single use masks.

An outbreak in Cook County Jail was completely preventable. Cook County Jail is mostly used to lock people up pre-trial, who should be considered "innocent until proven guilty" but are kept in cages often because they are Black and poor, and can't afford to pay bail. During May and June, the number of weapons-related offenses was the highest since January 2014, and about a quarter of those people arrested were still in jail pre-trial as of July 14 due to the inability to pay \$3,400 in bond to be released.

Nikkei Uprising stands against putting people in cages, period. The safest communities have the most funding for resources. Cook County has not become safer by locking people up- it will become safer, and a place where people can not only survive but THRIVE, when it puts the hundreds of millions of dollars spent on terrorizing Black and brown communities into schools, childcare, healthcare, housing, restorative justice programs, living wages, and street outreach workers in the most disinvested parts of the city. Because of this, Nikkei Uprising supports the Justice for Black Lives resolution, urging the Cook County Board to redirect funding from the Sheriff's office and CCJ to programs and services that support Black communities and other communities of color.

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Witness Name:	Rachel Ramirez
Organization (if any):	Northwestern University
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60640

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We need justice for Black lives now!!

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Witness Name:	Derek Elmi-Buursma
Organization (if any):	Loop Church
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60628

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To the Cook County Board of Commissioners,

My name is Derek Elmi-Buursma, I live in Hyde Park and I am writing to you as the Pastor of Loop Church, a Christian Reformed congregation that worships in the heart of the city at 410 S. Michigan. Our church community is spread throughout Chicagoland, from Rogers Park to Pullman, and Oak Park to the Loop. We are a church that loves our city and is seeking the welfare of each neighborhood and community that gives this city life. In particular we are seeking to support the neighborhoods that are being most impacted by divestment, unemployment, and the COVID-19 pandemic. For this reason our church is in full support of the Justice for Black Lives resolution, Resolution 20-2867. The economic inequities between the neighborhoods in this city is sinful. We do not view incarceration as a solution, but only serves to exacerbate the inequities between communities. We urge our public officials to prioritize investments in healthcare, housing, and employment in Black and Brown communities when creating the county budget. Thank you for taking your time to read this testimony and for your public service. Pastor Derek Elmi-Buursma

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Witness Name: Emily Green
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60608

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Our justice system was designed to be punitive, not to prevent crime or protect individuals equally. It is imperative to combat the violence and crime in our communities by addressing its root causes like poverty, lack of school funding, and mental health concerns, among others. This means we need to direct funding toward social safety nets rather than increase funding to punish people who resort to crime because of their circumstances.

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Witness Name:	Bishop Roosevelt Watkins III
Organization (if any):	Pastors United for Change
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60619

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On behalf of Pastors United for Change, I am offering testimony in support of Resolution 20-2867, Justice for Black Lives. Pastors United for Change is a social justice organization that unites the faith-based communities to advocate for positive change in socially-disadvantaged populations.

The more than twenty congregations that work with PUC have seen firsthand the impact of police violence and mass incarceration on people in our congregations and communities. Young people who need support and opportunities are instead met with arrest and jail. At the same time, housing, mental health, and restorative justice services are underfunded in our communities. Cook County has made significant progress in reforming the bail system and decreasing the number of people locked up in the jail, but there is more work to be done. I urge the County Board to pass this resolution and then to follow through on the promise of redirecting money from policing and incarceration to public services in Black communities not administered by law enforcement that provide health care, housing, jobs, and more. I follow a God who preaches good news to the poor and freedom to the captives, and I believe strongly in the promise of redemption. This is a moment to move our County towards justice and redemption, and I pray that our leaders will see and follow through on this opportunity.

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Witness Name:	Tyler McGaughey
Organization (if any):	Mr.
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60622

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I call on the Cook County Board of Commissioners to divest money away from incarceration and instead invest money into the resources that actually keep communities safe.

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Witness Name: Zakiya Harris
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL

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Our current criminal justice system is not about rehabilitation. High rates of crime and recidivism occur because of a lack of resources that creates instability. Defunding police and redistributing money to housing, the public school system, mental health services, and even substance abuse treatment programs will help to improve marginalized communities from the source. Be on the right side of history.

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Witness Name: Mary Ann Fischer
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State: IL
ZIP: 60605

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Witness Name:	Adam Salzman
Organization (if any):	Greater Chicago Legal Clinic
City/Town:	Oak Park
State:	IL

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Madam President and Commissioners of the Cook County Board,

I appreciate this opportunity to provide public comment on Commissioner Johnson's "Justice for Black Lives" resolution. I took particular notice of this resolution and its stated policy goals, both as a constituent of Commissioner Johnson's from the 1st District, and the Executive Director of the Greater Chicago Legal Clinic, a legal services nonprofit dedicated to improving access to justice for residents of underserved communities.

Those of us in the legal aid field are all too familiar with the systemic inequities that Commissioner Johnson's resolution details- especially the structural racism with roots in slavery and Jim Crow that has given birth to generations of implicit bias in policing throughout the nation. The manifestation of this bias in Chicago by Commander Jon Burge and the culture of terror and collusion with prosecutors and the judiciary that allowed him to flourish gives our city and County a particularly dark legacy to confront.

At GCLC, our mission is to work to counteract this dark legacy by increasing access to justice. This means many things for us, including but not limited to:

- Providing a safe space for immigrants to obtain legal advice and representation at a time where they are being targeted and terrorized by the current administration in Washington;
- Providing representation and legal advice at the Leighton Criminal Courthouse for applicants who seek to expunge and / or seal their arrest records and, in so doing, increasing their opportunities for employment and a return to meaningful participation in society.
- Running several free legal advice desks in our courthouses as a resource for individuals who cannot afford an attorney in civil proceedings and are forced to represent themselves against larger, wealthier entities such as banks and corporations.

As anyone who engages in the work of social justice and reform can attest- this is difficult work that requires a commitment for the long haul, in the face of inevitable setbacks and challenges. That is why experienced and long term advocates of criminal justice reform and social policies are so valuable in this fight.

That is why, in weighing this resolution and the ambitious agenda it sets forth for the redirection of resources toward lessening the impact of violence and incarceration in Black and Brown communities, I urge the President and the Board not to overlook the voice and the record of the Cook County Sheriff's office under the leadership of Tom Dart.

While correctly noting the history of violence and unsafe conditions at Cook County Jail, it's also critically important to note Sheriff Dart's role in confronting these conditions head on and implementing significant reforms, often in the face of stiff resistance.

Commissioner Johnson's resolution importantly points to the fact that mere incarceration is inadequate to address the root causes of violence. In seeking to make progress in the area of restorative justice, he and his colleagues would do well to confer with Sheriff Dart on the restorative justice programming he has implemented in Cook County Jail.

Commissioner Johnson's resolution also highlights the urgent need for prioritizing and investing in mental health. If President Preckwinkle and the Board of Commissioners are looking for a partner to strengthen the nexus between our criminal justice system and a durable, impactful mental health infrastructure in Cook County, they should start by solidifying and deepening their partnership with Sheriff Dart, a national voice for mental health awareness.

It is hard to overstate the impact of the County's chief law enforcement officer acknowledging, as Sheriff Dart has done repeatedly over his tenure, that the Cook County Jail is in fact one of the nation's largest mental health facilities. And he has taken steps to address this reality by developing a network of mental health service providers in the jail and setting the intention of treating the individuals in the jail as patients rather than inmates. These steps have been taken with the ultimate goal of reducing the jail's population and preventing recidivism.

Finally, as the Executive Director of an organization that serves immigrants, I would be remiss if I did not caution the Board and Board President, in this time of economic crisis and fiscal constraints, about the unintended consequences for immigrants that could result if, in the name of defunding law enforcement, the County decided to take steps to eliminate certain suburban branch courthouses.

While COVID-19 may have taken the media focus off of the plight of undocumented individuals in our community and country, they continue to live in an atmosphere of terror and confusion, brought on by an administration that has made targeting immigrants its primary policy priority.

At GCLC, we believe real access to justice means, in part, access to courts in or near the community where you live. The closure of a branch courthouse not only means the possible forcing of a litigant with limited travel options to attend court downtown at the Daley Center- it also can mean forcing an undocumented individual or family to do something that for us might seem simple, but for them is

truly terrifying- getting on a train or bus and coming downtown. The perception in many of these communities is that a trip to Downtown Chicago increases the chances of exposure to law enforcement generally, and ICE specifically.

Again, as the Executive Director of an organization whose clients deal daily with the issues raised in Commissioner Johnson's resolution, I appreciate the opportunity to share the above thoughts and concerns. I applaud the Board for considering these issues in a meaningful way. And as we seek to shift our law enforcement model from a punitive system to a restorative system, I urge the President and the Board to confer and collaborate with the one elected official who has been working to accomplish this shift for decades- Sheriff Tom Dart.

Sincerely,

Adam M. Salzman

Executive Director, Greater Chicago Legal Clinic

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I support this resolution.

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ZIP:	60618

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We know how to prevent harm within communities and it requires resources for people to sustain themselves, to heal, to receive services. It does not require incarceration and more harm and violence. Redirect the funds!

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Vivian McConnell
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60608

Q2

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Hello,

My name is Vivian McConnell and I am a resident of Chicago, IL. Please consider investing money into communities and divesting from incarceration. Do you know that the United States has 25% of the world's prison population, but only 4% of the world's population?

Thank you.

#214

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Q1

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Witness Name: Thomas Carroll
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60626

Q2

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As a resident of Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood, which has experienced consistent upticks in crime during my time living here, I am acutely aware that a strategy of incarceration is not the answer to solving our community's concerns. The lack of prospects facing many of these young people gives them few if any good alternatives to gang and drug-based lifestyles. An increase in policing only serves to erode young people's already flimsy trust of the powerholders in our neighborhood. When young adults are locked up, they are likely to return to the streets upon release. It's a cycle I've seen repeat many times as a volunteer for local nonprofits seeking to build opportunities for the disinvested. Only by shifting financial resources away from policing strategies and reinvesting them in schools, community centers, mental and physical health centers, and job training programs (which have taken a hit with the closing of the Howard Area Community center) will we have a chance of living in a safer, more diverse and overall prosperous community.

#215

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Lynda Ficca
Organization (if any): The People's Lobby
City/Town: Oak Park
State: IL
ZIP: 60302

Q2

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I would like to see funds redirected to more social services, job training, and mentoring.

#216

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Q1

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Witness Name: Michael Lewanski
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60651

Q2

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I am a homeowner and a tax payer. Cook County ought to redirect money from its policing and incarceration practices towards positively (not punitively) directed public services in Black and Brown communities that are not administered by law enforcement. A much better use of our tax dollars would be an investment in fair and affordable housing, mental health resources, restorative justice programs, and jobs programs. Thank you for supporting out community.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Erin Eife
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60608

Q2

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Keep our communities safe by putting money into things that actually work. We need money for community resources and we need to divest money away from incarceration and policing.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Jacob Gehl
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60660-1406

Q2

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I want to see money taken out of the Cook County Jail and Cook County Sheriff budgets and put into public services not administered by law enforcement. They are overfunded, ineffective organizations.

#219

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Q1

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Witness Name: Rae Perez
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60626

Q2

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As a member of the Chicago community who holds a deep love for this great city, I am horrified at the injustices that continue to be propagated by the city government and Chicago Police Department. The challenges our communities face, while extensive and complex, cannot be resolved with guns and oppressive, discriminatory surveillance. They require tactical investment in real resources like early education, community spaces, healthcare and food access. Violence does not spring up from Black youth like a spring from the earth, it is planted and sowed over years of oppression and disinvestment.

#220

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Kristen Nichols
Organization (if any):	N/A
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60647

Q2

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I support this effort to change Cook County's funding priorities. It is vital that the county adopt the invest/divest framework that focuses funding on community resources rather than policing and the Cook County Jail, which causes further harm to those incarcerated, who are disproportionately Black.

#221

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Prabhneek Heer
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60613

Q2

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My name is Prabhneek Heer and I am writing to express my support for defunding the Cook County Jail and putting that money towards the services that actually contribute to the safety and well-being of our communities instead. It is abundantly clear that policing and incarceration are not keeping our communities safe and instead actively causing and perpetuate violence towards Black people and other people of color.

Creating and investing in real community health and safety requires funding public services such as health care, mental health, housing, jobs, restorative justice, and more. These services should be provided by the County departments that specialize in those areas – Cook County Health, the Housing Authority of Cook County, and community-based organizations funded through the Justice Advisory Council – and not by the Cook County Sheriff, whose expertise is in policing and incarceration, not supportive services. The Cook County Sheriff's budget and the Cook County Department of Corrections budget has increased despite the number of people locked up decreasing: this does not make sense and the decline in the jail population should be represented by a decrease in the Cook County Sheriff and Department of Corrections budgets. The County could make good use of funding removed from the Sheriff's budget to provide crucial services and investments in communities of color harmed by violence, policing, and incarceration.

Support this resolution and invest in the Black and Brown communities of Cook County.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Matthew Wehmeier
Organization (if any):	Self
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60615

Q2

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Essential services in our city are being starved for funds and other resources while the carceral system in Chicago is lavished with support. Police and prisons should not be rewarded for and encouraged to engage in racist and brutal tactics that treat Black and brown communities in Chicago and elsewhere in Cook County like occupation zones. That money should be diverted to social services and community support programs that are not administered by or affiliated with any police department, sheriff's office, or prison.

#223

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Michael Schiele
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60623

Q2

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It is imperative that we begin to use our monetary funds more wisely. As you can hear if you talk to members of overly policed communities, they believe this money can be better spent on services they really need: better education, investment in local businesses, and a renewed commitment to mental health services combined with a modern approach to drug problems. It's time to divest much of the police budget to these programs.

#224

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Abby Greaney
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60660

Q2

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I want to see money take from the Cook County Jail and Cook County Sheriff budgets and put into public services not administered by law enforcement. As a social worker, I've seen first hand how inequality and poverty dramatically impact an individual's life. It also impacts the community at large. So many of the problems that lead to arrest and incarceration in the first place come as a direct result from this poverty and inequality. It is time that we as a city and county, look to address the root causes of crime and violence, instead of using punitive approaches that bring more harm to marginalized communities and act as nothing more than a band aid for the issues at hand.

#225

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Q1

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Witness Name: Ethan Saltzberg
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60657

Q2

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To whom it may concern,

In the state of Illinois, where residents have one of the highest tax rates in the country, we still constantly struggle with funding for basic public services. Cook County funds many services such as healthcare access, which could use much more funding and resources to help Illinoisans afford proper healthcare for themselves and their families.

At the same time, Cook County's jail and sheriff funding takes up a massive amount of our budget every year. Law enforcement is necessary, of course, but is way over-funded. This resolution would help shift money away from bloated, unnecessary pieces of our justice system and towards services that actually help the public every day.

Please pass this resolution! Thank you,

Ethan

#226

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Inhe Choi
Organization (if any):	HANA Center
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60618

Q2

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HANA Center supports the Justice for Black Lives resolution 20-2867. HANA Center is a part of the coalition that 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.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Kelly McGinnis
Organization (if any):	NA
City/Town:	La Grange Park
State:	IL
ZIP:	60526

Q2

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It is time for Cook County to move forward and break the cycle of oppression for a large number of residents. The Justice for Black Lives resolution is a demonstration that the Cook County Board of Commissioners will decisively break the back of residential segregation, inequity, over-policing and disinvestment in predominantly Black communities. For far too long, investments are made in policing and force and incarceration instead of investing in the services that actually help reduce the need for policing and force and a carceral system. BUDgets for our carceral system grow while budgets for social services are slashed. It is disgusting. As a taxpayer, I am sick of my money going to pay for violence against community members instead of services for our community. Change is long overdue. Please do something different.

#228

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Jessica Halper
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60608

Q2

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We need to invest money in things that actually keep communities safe, not incarcerate people for petty crimes.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Elizabeth Tullis
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60613

Q2

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We have a moral responsibility to serve all citizens of Chicago and provide them with opportunities to thrive and contribute.

#230

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Kevin Pujanauski
Organization (if any):	The People's Lobby
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60640

Q2

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The Sheriff's office is not positioned to give communities the care, not incarceration they need. We need to get the money for mental out of the jail and into community-focused programming. Law enforcement is the wrong department to administer such programs.

#231

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Q1

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Witness Name: Kevin Murphy
Organization (if any): The Kaleidoscope Group
City/Town: Charlotte
State: NC
ZIP: 28202

Q2

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Chloe Brougham
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60614

Q2

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I support defunding the jail and investing in Black communities!

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Samuel Sharp
Organization (if any):	Mr.
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60659

Q2

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The prison industrial complex is in many ways a continuation of slavery, an loophole provided by the constitution that means that the project of abolition and the emancipation and uplifting of our black and brown comrades is not finished until we close all jails. Please defund the cook county jail and invest the money directly into marginalized communities, into their schools and businesses, their hospitals and public spaces, so that true justice can be served.

#234

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Kate Yu
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60615

Q2

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Policing and incarceration are not an effective or humane ways to prevent crime and violence. Please take money from the Cook County Jail budget and invest in black communities that have been ignored and divested from for far too long.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Sharlyn Grace
Organization (if any):	Chicago Community Bond Fund
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60612

Q2

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Respondent skipped this question

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Please see my comments emailed to the Board as a PDF.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Natalia Koval
City/Town: Palatine
State: IL
ZIP: 60074

Q2

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Defund and abolish the Cook County Jail. Divest from incarceration and policing, invest into the most vulnerable communities - your ROI will increase astronomically.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Joy Clendenning
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60615

Q2

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I am a mother, partner, family member, neighbor, resident of Hyde Park and Chicago, and a taxpayer. I stand in solidarity with the Black Brown and Indigenous communities harmed by centuries of white supremacy and I support reparations and investment. It is past time that funds are shifted to invest where most needed -- in neighborhoods (not Hyde Park) on the south and west sides of Chicago. As the Chicago Community Bond Fund says, The harm caused to individuals incarcerated in Cook County Jail ripples out and impacts our entire county, making us all less safe. I support the divest invest strategy in this proposed resolution because as CCBF says, By divesting from the Cook County Jail and investing in the communities most harmed by mass incarceration, the Cook County Board of Commissioners can begin the work of repairing the harms caused by decades of racist "tough on crime" policies. Pass this resolution.

#238

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Meg Walsh
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60660

Q2

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The Cook County Jail budget should be invested in communities, by funding housing, healthcare, jobs, and transportation.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Susana Stoll
City/Town: CHICAGO
State: IL
ZIP: 60656

Q2

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I believe that creating real community health and safety requires funding public services such as health care, treatments for substance use disorder, mental health, housing, jobs and restorative justice. Cook County Health is the primary provider of health care for low-income people in the county, and the County government also provides funding for housing, anti-violence programs, and restorative justice, so the County could make good use of funding removed from the Sheriff's budget to provide crucial services and investments in communities of color harmed by violence, policing, and incarceration. Additionally, I don't believe that justice is being served by the Sheriff's department and the budget needs of Cook County Jail, which is mostly used to lock people of color up who have not yet been tried but cannot afford bail.

#240

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Nicole Negrete
Organization (if any):	n/a
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60622

Q2

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I am submitting this statement in support of the "Justice for Black Lives" resolution proposed by Commissioner Brandon Johnson. The Cook County Jail must reduce the number of individuals it detains pretrial, along with greatly reducing its budget so that those funds can be reallocated to public services. Having worked in an intern capacity in one of the jail's treatment programs, I have seen firsthand that the services provided within the jail do not suffice in addressing individual's mental and physical health needs. Individuals detained in the Cook County Jail must endure the trauma of incarceration, while not receiving ample care and support. Rather than expanding such services within the jail, the Cook County Jail must work towards significantly lowering the population and lowering the budget so that county funds can be redistributed to support community-based treatment services.

#241

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Kendall Granberry
Organization (if any):	Black Youth Project 100
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60625

Q2

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I am in favor of the resolution which would seek to redirect funds apportioned to the Cook County Jail and the budget of the Cook County Sheriff towards communities and individuals that have been hardest hit by the misguided and disastrous war on drugs. As we have seen time and time again, police budgets are rife with bloat and excess.

They have been used to pay out unrestricted (and unaccountable) overtime and they have also been used to purchase military grade equipment that is often used to target and surveil Black and brown communities with impunity. This must end. The lives of Black and brown people should not be acceptable casualties as a consequence of a mismanaged budget. It is incumbent upon the Cook County Board and, indeed, all residents of Cook County to stand against these appropriations and with vulnerable communities who are frequently those most committed to ensuring the human rights and dignity of every resident.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Debra L Hammond
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60615-2825

Q2

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Cook County needs new ways of dealing with racial motivated, unjust high incarceration rates. County funds need to go to community needs to stop gun violence, unemployment, poor education, mental health and basic health care services. Thank you.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Paul Brennan
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60641

Q2

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As Cook County spends less on jailing Black and Brown individuals, the money saved must be used to create security and safety in the form of educational access, physical and mental health services, and employment programs for the communities most targeted by mass criminalization

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Patrick Sier
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60608

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Seeing the devastation COVID has unleashed on our community and the jail in particular, it's clear that we need to focus our resources outside of the sheriff and jail's budget and move it into public services that are not run by law enforcement.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Anne K Jacobs
Organization (if any): TPL, Bridgeport Alliance
City/Town: Chciago
State: IL
ZIP: 60608

Q2

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Money should be taken out of the Cook County Jail and Cook County Sheriff budgets and put into public services NOT administered by law enforcement!

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Rev Robbie Craig
Organization (if any):	New Faith Baptist Church International
City/Town:	MATTESON
State:	IL
ZIP:	60443

Q2

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After a period of enduring lynching in the black community and Jim Crow laws in the South the Kennedy administration and continued in the Johnson administration commissioned a study of the black community to determine how the federal government could positively impact the plight of African Americans in light of the Civil Rights Movement.

Elizabeth's Hinton book *From the War on Poverty to the War on Crime, The Making of Mass Incarceration in America* gives us insight on how the criminalization of communities of color began.

There were two reports, the Kerner report stated the following; "White society," the presidentially appointed panel reported, "is deeply implicated in the ghetto. White institutions created it, white institutions maintain it, and white society condones it." The nation, the Kerner Commission warned, was so divided that the United States was poised to fracture into two radically unequal societies—one black, one white.

The Moynihan report concluded that the structure of family life in the black community constituted a 'tangle of pathology... capable of perpetuating itself without assistance from the white world,' and that 'at the heart of the deterioration of the fabric of Negro society is the deterioration of the Negro family. It is the fundamental source of the weakness of the Negro community at the present time.' Also, the report argued that the matriarchal structure of black culture weakened the ability of black men to function as authority figures. That particular notion of black familial life has become a widespread, if not dominant, paradigm for comprehending the social and economic disintegration of late 20th-century black urban life.[8]

Based on the Moynihan report Johnson used federal dollars to initiate a war on crime rather than a war on poverty.

Starting with George Bush's war on terror in the 1990's we find that, between 1998 and 2014, the dollar value of military hardware sent to police departments skyrocketed from \$9.4 million to a startling \$796.8 million.

The murder of George Floyd has unfortunately allowed the world to see what we have experienced all are lives, "We Can't Breathe." It is time to dismantle military police structures and invest in communities of color that will demonstrate with the resources going to the right places and institutions that we are not pathological and put that lie to bed!

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Q1

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Witness Name: Maureen Kelleher
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60609

Q2

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The Cook County Jail has destroyed too many lives. It's time to bring it down and transform our criminal justice system into supports for youth and people in poverty.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Alec Watson
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60622

Q2

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I believe that expanding our capacities for incarceration will only lead to more incarceration, and that diverting funds away from incarceration to community services will be much more of a benefit to the health and safety of our community.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Kristina Betke
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60626

Q2

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This is incredibly important in making sure that we're taking care of all the citizens that are in Cook County. Please vote in favor of this resolution, human lives depend on it. We need public health services such as health care, mental health, housing, jobs and restorative justice. EVERY human has value. Defund cook county jail now.

#250

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Lindsey Hammond
Organization (if any):	Community Renewal Society
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60604

Q2

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My name is Lindsey Hammond and I am the Associate Director of State Policy at the Community Renewal Society, a 137-year-old faith-based organization that works with communities to address issues of racism and poverty. We represent 55 member congregations across Cook County.

This testimony is in support of the "Justice for Black Lives" resolution, Resolution 20-2867. We urge the Cook County Board of Commissioners to pass this resolution and act swiftly to divest money from policing and incarceration and, instead, invest money in public services that promote community health and safety.

Our current system is broken. Policing and incarceration are not keeping our communities safe and are instead causing violence towards Black people and other people of color. Almost all of the people in the Cook County Jail are awaiting trial and; thus, presumed innocent under the law. Why are they in jail? Many of them do not have access to money to buy their freedom. Those who cannot afford to pay can be jailed for days, months, and even years. Poverty is not a crime, yet courts use money bonds as the deciding factor in determining whether someone remains in jail before the outcome of their case. Money bonds disproportionately impact Black and Brown people, who are targeted by policing practices and more likely to be convicted and serve time in prison.

From 2013 to 2020, the number of people incarcerated in Cook County Jail per day decreased from more than 10,000 to fewer than 5,000. Despite that massive reduction in incarceration, Cook County Jail's \$336 million budget is 26% higher than it was in 2013. The Sheriff's overall budget is now \$608 million, a 36% increase from 2013. If the jail budget had gone down by the same percentage as the number of people locked up since 2013, the County would have \$117 million to fund health care, housing, jobs, restorative justice, and more.

Correcting the historic disregard for Black lives requires the County Board to defund the Cook County Jail and redirect resources from the jail's budget to public services not administered by law enforcement that promote community health and safety equitably across the County, but especially in Black and Brown communities most impacted by violence and incarceration.

Now is the time to invest more resources in restorative justice programs that repair the harm done to survivors of violence, focus on prevention, and engage in community accountability rather than just punishing people. Cook County should expand mental health care outside the jail and ensure that first responders for people in crisis are trained mental health professionals, not the police. Additionally, health care should be expanded with equitable accessibility in Black and Brown communities. Cook County should also invest in large-scale resources to expand high-quality affordable housing and create living-wage jobs.

Undoing the scope of economic and social damage caused by the expansion of incarceration and policing will take a concentrated effort. A large scale shift in public spending priorities is needed. An equitable public safety strategy will realign Cook County spending priorities to invest in communities that have been most harmed. We urge you to take this bold action and invest in our communities.

Lindsey Hammond
Associate Director of State Policy, Community Renewal Society
lhammond@communityrenewalsociety.org

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Q1

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Witness Name: Leslie Rose
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60640

Q2

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Defund cook county jail and invest those resources directly to those impacted by criminalization and over-policing.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Jennifer Torres
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60645

Q2

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Divest away from incarceration and instead invest money into communities of color.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Marsha Borders
City/Town:	Oak Park
State:	IL
ZIP:	60302

Q2

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As a person of the Unitarian Universalist faith, I support this resolution because it so eloquently addresses the past failing of our society to deal morally and justly by an entire group of its people. My faith teaches me to value and acknowledge the worth and dignity of every person, and to recognize that we are all connected. What happens to one affects us all. If we as a nation are to live peaceably together we must come to terms with the disinvestment of Black communities that has resulted in extreme harm--- emotionally, socially, psychologically and economically. Slavery, white supremacy, the Confederacy and all that it stands for was and continues to be wrong. Nothing can make it right nor can this past be changed. We must however, face it so that progress can be made in the future. Let's put are money and resources into programs and services that will improve Black lives not continue to destroy them.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Erica Mauldin
City/Town: Flossmoor
State: IL
ZIP: 60422

Q2

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I believe the evidence supports that reinvesting in disenfranchised communities and people who have been marginalized and provided with substandard neighborhoods, education and job opportunities p; will reduce crime. Versus more police and incarceration

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Sarah Gad
Organization (if any):	Addiction 2 Action
City/Town:	60637
State:	IL
ZIP:	66037

Q2

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My name is Sarah Gad, and I am the Founder and President of Addiction 2 Action (A2A), a 501(c)(3) incorporated in Chicago, Illinois that is devoted to expanding access to life-saving medication-assisted treatment for the treatment of opioid use disorder in correctional facilities. Since its inception in 2018, A2A has spearheaded medication-assisted treatment (MAT) pilot programs in over two-dozen correctional facilities, in which the post-release overdose rates have declined between 61%-75%. By helping to ensure continuity of care upon release, our organization has also helped reduce relapse and recidivism rates among inmates with substance abuse disorders. A2A is submitting this statement today in support of the "Justice for Black Lives" resolution proposed by Commissioner Brandon Johnson.

Substance abuse is universally and unequivocally regarded as a chronic brain disease within the medical and treatment communities, and it has no place in our criminal justice system. Just like any other disease, substance abuse disorders respond to treatment and medication—not deterrents like jail time. But thanks to the "War on Drugs," our criminal justice system has spent the last several decades rejecting science in favor of draconian drug policies that have yielded nothing but casualties. Every year, hundreds of thousands of people with substance abuse disorders wind up confined in facilities where they receive no treatment, concern, compassion, or empathy for their disease. The ineffectiveness of incarceration as a deterrent is evident from the sheer statistics alone: without treatment, 95% of substance abusers will relapse within one month of their release from jail, and 68% will wind up re-incarcerated within a year.

The racial motivations behind the "War on Drugs" are well-known and documented. "You want to know what this was really all about?" John Ehrlichman, Nixon's Chief of Staff, said, referring to Nixon's declaration of U.S. drug war. "The Nixon White House had two enemies: the antiwar left and black people. . . We knew we couldn't make it illegal to be either against the war or black, but by getting the public to associate the hippies with marijuana and blacks with heroin, and then criminalizing both heavily, we could disrupt those communities. We could arrest their leaders, raid their homes, break up their meetings, and vilify them night after night on the evening news. Did we know we were lying about the drugs? Of course we did."

The U.S. drug war has been dubbed the "biggest policy failure of all time," sparking seemingly endless public health crises and a harmful legacy of mass incarceration. Since the advent of the U.S. drug war in 1971, the number of people incarcerated in the United States has skyrocketed by over 700%. Today, there are currently more people incarcerated today for just drug offenses than there were for any offense in 1980. By no coincidence, Black Americans comprise 14% of the U.S. population, and 40% of its incarcerated population. In Cook County, Black people comprise 75% of the jail population, but only 25% of the general population. Indeed, drug offenses are the most common reason for arrests in Cook County.

The drug war did not create institutional racism or disregard for Black life in the U.S., but it feeds and bolsters the racist structures that snuff out Black life daily. With George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and countless others before them, drug involvement—whether perceived or real—has provided a convenient excuse for law enforcement to undermine the sanctity of human life. Breonna Taylor drew her last breath in the hallway of her apartment where police fired 22 rounds during a forced-entry drug raid of the wrong unit. George Floyd drew his last breath after one police officer knelt on his neck for eight minutes and 46 seconds, and another taunted "Don't do drugs, kids!" to a crowd of onlookers. Invoking drug use as a warning to bystanders and later as pretext for Mr. Floyd's death is unconscionable, considering that the real cause of his death was his brutal mistreatment at the hands of police who repeatedly ignored not only his desperate pleas for mercy but also those of bystanders.

Evidently, the real danger is not drugs, but the ways in which the color of one's skin makes them a target for harassment, violence, and, far too often, death by law enforcement. Under the false pretense of keeping America "drug free," law enforcement casually continues to target Black Americans for harassment and arrest, leading to encounters that too often end in death. This call to "defund the police" being echoed across the country in response to the police murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and far too many others, is our last call. We are no longer willing to stand idly by and watch these morally corrupt and racist institutions target our communities, inflict violence on our neighbors, and undermine decades of countervailing efforts to improve their chances of success and level the playing

field.

Cook County spends more than \$600 million each year supporting racist institutions that predictably and unnecessarily blight thousands of disadvantaged Black lives. In 2011, Cook County was considered the largest jail in the country, averaging a total daily inmate population of 10,000. However, the incarceration rate in Cook County has declined upwards of 50% since 2013. This dramatic decline can be attributed to numerous community organizations, among them being A2A, the Chicago Urban League, the Shriver's Center, and the Chicago Community Bond Fund. By using evidence-based approaches, these and other like-minded community organizations have helped successfully reduce both rates of pretrial detention and recidivism.

Considering the absurdly high cost of incarcerating one person in Cook County (right around \$40,000 per person/year) one would imagine that the historic decline in the number of people in Cook County Jail would coincide with a similar decrease in the Sheriff's budget. But, it hasn't. Despite the Cook County Jail's drastic population decline since 2013, its operational budget has increased by 26%. If the jail's budget had actually decreased in proportion to decarceration, there would be \$117 million available in funding for other public services in Cook County to benefit its most marginalized residents.

Recognizing and acknowledging the racist and destructive legacies that we have allowed to flourish for half a century—which bear an uncanny resemblance to slavery and Jim Crow (hence the drug war's nickname “the New Jim Crow”)—is a moral and ethical responsibility of our public officials. Fortunately, jurisdictions across the country of all sizes have taken heed and begun to reevaluate the role that law enforcement plays in their communities; many have already taken dramatic steps to try to rectify the wrongs perpetrated on people of color by our legal system and law enforcement. It is time for Cook County to do the same. Considering that Cook County is home to the second-highest total number of Black Americans nationwide, the Cook County Board of Commissioners should naturally be reevaluating the county's budget priorities with respect to policing, criminalization, and incarceration.

Righting the wrongs of this unjust system requires, at minimum, channeling funding previously used to desecrate Black communities and channelling them towards resources that actually strengthen Black communities. It requires restitution; rehabilitation, mental and physical health support; compensation, both monetary and resource-based, which includes a meaningful transfer of wealth; satisfaction, acknowledgement of guilt and an apology; and guarantees of non-repeat. Divesting from the Cook County Jail and investing in the communities most harmed by mass incarceration is only a starting point, but in doing so, the Cook County Board of Commissioners can finally begin repairing the harms inflicted by a harmful legacy of racism and oppression and jumpstart a healing process that is centuries overdue.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Louise M Johnson
Organization (if any):	Illinois resident
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60641

Q2

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I am a retired CPS special education teacher. I taught psychiatrically hospitalized adolescents for 12 years at Durso School. Many of my students came from impoverished neighborhoods, broken homes, struggling or absent parents and sometimes abuse or neglect. Many of these children end up in the criminal justice system. What else do we expect? These children, turned adults, deserve a second (or first) chance to lead a healthy, productive life. That requires education, counseling and community support, not imprisonment. I urge the County Board to vote in favor of the Justice for Black Lives resolution.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Lauren Woomer
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60608

Q2

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My name is Lauren Woomer. I'm a resident of the North Lawndale neighborhood of Chicago, and I am offering testimony in support of the Justice for Black Lives resolution, Resolution 20-2867. I urge the County Board to pass this resolution and then follow through by actually moving money out of policing and incarceration. This money should instead be put into public services such as health care, mental health, restorative justice, housing, job creation, etc.

As a resident of North Lawndale, I have witnessed how my neighborhood does not receive the same level of investment and support as predominantly white neighborhoods of Chicago. What my neighbors need is investment in services that help them rather than incarcerate them. They need fair housing and job opportunities. They need mental health care outside of jail.

Instead of funding Cook County Jail and the Sheriff's Department, please fund the public services provided by the County such as health care, mental health, housing, jobs, restorative justice, and more in communities of color like North Lawndale. County departments that specialize in those areas – such as Cook County Health, the Housing Authority of Cook County, and community-based organizations funded through the Justice Advisory Council -- deserve these funds more than a department that does more harm in the community than good.

Thank you.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Becky Robison
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60641

Q2

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My name is Becky Robison, and I'm a resident of the Old Irving Park neighborhood on the northwest side of Chicago. I'm offering testimony in support of the Justice for Black Lives resolution (Resolution 20-2867). I hope that you'll not only pass the resolution, but actually follow through and move funding away from the corrupt policing and incarceration systems in this city. I believe we need sweeping change in Chicago (and in this country)—a move toward restorative justice. For years police and the justice system here have treated residents of color—especially Black residents—as second class citizens. The police don't serve and protect communities of color; rather, they target those communities and cause fear and havoc. It's no wonder those communities don't trust the police. By taking money away from police and incarceration and moving it into public services, we can support communities of color by providing mental healthcare, better schooling, housing, jobs, and more. And it's important to make sure you give the diverted money directly to the communities of color, rather than having government higher-ups (typically white and rich) administer it. Communities of color know best how to distribute such resources. Thank you.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Clarissa Worcester
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60625

Q2

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Solving harm with further violence is never the answer. The money we spend giving police officers and prisons the discretion to use violence could actually protect our communities if it were invested in community wellness, rather than community punishment. It is time to stop pretending that policing helps us, when we know that it further damages our communities and puts our "problems" in cages rather than dealing with each other as people. We need affordable housing, mental health care, functional food systems, and more -- and we have the money for it, if we simply made every life a priority of our finances.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Maud Squiers
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60630

Q2

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I want to see money taken out of the Cook County Jail and Cook County Sheriff budgets and put into public services not administered by law enforcement.

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Q1

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Witness Name: **beth fischer**
Organization (if any): **self**
City/Town: **forest park**
State: **IL**
ZIP: **60130**

Q2

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use prevention measures, not incarceration

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Q1

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Witness Name: Kelly Lynch
City/Town: Chciago
State: IL
ZIP: 60622

Q2

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Hello my name is Kelly Lynch and I am writing my support for this resolution to divert funding away from law enforcement and incarceration and towards community services such as health, mental health, housing, jobs, and restorative justice. Law enforcement budgets continue to grow regardless of the fact that the number of people locked up has continued to decrease. Furthermore, policing and incarceration has caused more harm to public health and safety, especially for poor communities of color. If the city wants to invest in the health and safety of its citizens it should put its money where its mouth is and direct those funds towards public services that are meant to do the work - and not rely on police and jails to provide health and mental services. "Supportive services that promote community health and safety such as mental health care, treatment for substance use disorder, and housing should be provided by the County departments that specialize in those areas – Cook County Health, the Housing Authority of Cook County, and community-based organizations funded through the Justice Advisory Council – and not by the Cook County Sheriff, which has expertise in policing and incarceration, not supportive services. Mental health care should be provided outside of the jail, not inside it."

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Seong-Ah Cho
Organization (if any):	The People's Lobby
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60615

Q2

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We need to fund Black lives and communities, not continue wasting money on racist incarceration and punishment. The Cook County Jail population has gone down nearly ~50% in the last few years and yet the budget has increased nearly ~30%. Mental health services, social work, all these services must NOT be administered by law enforcement but by social workers and therapists and community healers BEFORE people come in contact with law enforcement. This is such an exciting resolution to shift money from jailing and punishment which we have clearly seen do not make communities safer to thing like affordable housing, jobs, mental healthcare that actually help communities heal and thrive.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Erica Masini
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60625

Q2

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

The Cook County Jail is mostly used to lock people up who have not yet had their trials and should be considered “innocent until proven guilty” but are kept in cages because they are Black and poor. Many people are jailed because they can’t afford to pay the money bails set by judges.

Creating real community health and safety will require funding public services such as health care, mental health, housing, jobs, restorative justice, and more. Cook County Health is the primary provider of health care for low-income people in the county, and the County government also provides funding for housing, anti-violence programs, and restorative justice, so the County could make good use of funding removed from the Sheriff’s budget to provide crucial services and investments in communities of color harmed by violence, policing, and incarceration.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Craig Mueller
Organization (if any): Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60613

Q2

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Our congregation, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, declares an unconditional welcome to all persons regardless of race, gender identity, sexual orientation, religious background. We also stand against all forms of injustice, such as racism. We have an active antiracist team. In light of the George Floyd murder, and so many others, we believe this is a time to take bold and courageous stands for the sake of persons of color in Chicago, especially African Americans.

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Witness Name: Cassidy Johnson
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60614

Q2

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I support diverting money from policing, criminalization, and incarceration and into public services not administered by law enforcement such as health care, mental health, housing, jobs, restorative justice, and more.

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Q1

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Witness Name: melissa rubio
Organization (if any): SOUL in chicago
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60618

Q2

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Pass this now.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Jennifer Melvin
City/Town: La Grange Park
State: IL
ZIP: 60526

Q2

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Our system is broken. It has been broken for a long time now. It's time to reinvest in our communities. I truly believe that if people have more access to social programs and mental health programs, we'd be able to significantly reduce crime. Let's stop it before it even starts! I come from a police family, and I have nothing but respect for police officers. But, we've been asking them to do far too much, for far too long, with insufficient training. Let's spread some funding around and take some of the pressure off of them. Let's focus on helping people and rehabilitation rather than incarceration!

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Q1

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Witness Name: Tania Schusler
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60660

Q2

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For too long we have disinvested in Black and Brown communities, who suffer disproportionate policing and incarceration. We need to redirect public funds -- my tax dollars -- from policing and incarceration to public services, including jobs, housing, education, mental health, and restorative justice.

#270

COMPLETE

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Time Spent: 00:12:52
IP Address: 69.245.205.239

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Navjot Heer
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60613

Q2

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This is a statement in support of the Justice for Black Lives Resolution, calling for the county to divert money from policing and incarceration and into public services not administered by law enforcement such as health care, mental health, housing, jobs, restorative justice, and more. We know for a fact that policing and prisons do not keep people safe. They are a cruel, unjust way to cause further harm and violence towards Black people and other people of color. There is no addressing of the harm caused or justice in locking people in cages. It is a purely punitive measure that further perpetuates cycles of harm and violence among the most vulnerable and marginalized communities. This system does not work and needs to be defunded immediately, with funds directed towards addressal of actual root causes, such as lack of housing, healthcare, food, education, etc. Creating real community health and safety will require funding public services such as health care, mental health, housing, jobs, restorative justice, and more. Cook County Health is the primary provider of health care for low-income people in the county, and the County government also provides funding for housing, anti-violence programs, and restorative justice, so the County could make good use of funding removed from the Sheriff's budget to provide crucial services and investments in communities of color harmed by violence, policing, and incarceration. Listen to the activists and communities who have been most impacted by overpolicing and criminalization of their neighborhoods and defund this system and redirect funds to true restorative justice through housing, healthcare, education, jobs, etc. Thank you.

#271

COMPLETE

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Time Spent: 00:17:08
IP Address: 99.46.64.136

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: S.K. Chidambaram
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60625

Q2

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The carceral state has not protected our communities and residents but instead actively harmed and destabilized them. Resources and funds must be diverted away from law enforcement and into programs that focus on health, restorative justice, housing, and job creation (among others) administered by and for the people in those communities, if we are to maintain any semblance of just society.

#272

COMPLETE

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Last Modified: Saturday, July 25, 2020 2:33:07 PM
Time Spent: 00:05:10
IP Address: 172.58.139.220

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Gordon McCoy
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60636

Q2

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Q4

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#273

COMPLETE

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Last Modified: Saturday, July 25, 2020 2:36:54 PM
Time Spent: 00:03:39
IP Address: 24.1.228.211

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: **Laura Williams**
City/Town: **Chicago**
State: **IL**
ZIP: **60647-4939**

Q2

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.

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Q4

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Remove funds from Jails and fund our most vulnerable communities. Jails should be rehabilitation centers not playgrounds for power happy prison guards. Or work centers for corporations. Prisoners working for commissary money/solitary confinement, dehumanization of prisoners. Enough's enough the systems not working. Please help our city by investing in social programs, local grant initiatives for those effected by job loss and Covid. Small business Grants. This is our governments job. Not locking up constituents. Thank you.

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#274

COMPLETE

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Time Spent: 00:04:29
IP Address: 174.221.142.71

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Geneva García
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60626

Q2

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Q4

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I am in favor of moving money out of Cook County Jails and investing it in community services instead. Vote for or approve the "Justice for Black Lives resolution".

#275

COMPLETE

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Last Modified: Saturday, July 25, 2020 2:51:35 PM
Time Spent: 00:02:49
IP Address: 172.58.139.4

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Teia
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60623

Q2

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20-2867

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Justice for black lives resolution and move money out of Cook County jail and into community services

#276

COMPLETE

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Last Modified: Saturday, July 25, 2020 2:59:06 PM
Time Spent: 00:11:22
IP Address: 67.176.214.198

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Kelly Holob
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60615

Q2

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I'm a PhD student and teacher at the University of Chicago's Divinity School. Attention devoted to criminalization rather than material support towards communities that desperately need it, especially during a pandemic, is immoral. It's also been demonstrated that jails and prisons have led to many cases of COVID, and jailing fewer people would benefit public health.

#277

COMPLETE

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Time Spent: 00:05:50
IP Address: 173.150.170.75

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Tyra Taylor
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60615

Q2

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I am in favor of redistributing funds from police to services that can help people to heal, learn and thrive. The police have a history of compounding the issues in the black and brown communities instead of helping. It is time for a different approach.

#278

COMPLETE

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Time Spent: 00:03:01
IP Address: 71.57.40.185

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Noora Hassaballa
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60640

Q2

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Our communities have suffered enough

#279

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Time Spent: 00:01:13
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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Martin Gleason
Organization (if any):	The peoples lobby
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60609

Q2

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Time Spent: 00:02:08
IP Address: 73.51.39.38

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Molly Novotney
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60613

Q2

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Time Spent: 00:01:59
IP Address: 98.223.3.242

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Rachel Elizabeth Maley
City/Town:	Hoffman Estates
State:	IL
ZIP:	60192

Q2

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I register my name in support of the the Justice for Black Lives resolution.

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Last Modified: Saturday, July 25, 2020 11:47:25 PM
Time Spent: 00:03:31
IP Address: 208.59.36.12

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: judith corbeille
City/Town: chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60613

Q2

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Please take money out of Cook County Jail and Cook Co. budgets and put it into public services not administered by law enforcement.

#283

COMPLETE

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Last Modified: Saturday, July 25, 2020 11:48:03 PM
Time Spent: 00:02:33
IP Address: 73.36.160.181

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Nolan Winkler
Organization (if any): Qumbya Housing Cooperative
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60615

Q2

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I want money to go towards preventative and supportive mental health and economic opportunity programs that help keep people safe rather than paying people to force potentially innocent people into crowded spaces during a pandemic

#284

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
Started: Friday, July 24, 2020 4:13:23 PM
Last Modified: Sunday, July 26, 2020 1:10:54 AM
Time Spent: Over a day
IP Address: 67.162.86.143

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Janet Horne
Organization (if any):	Access Living
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60640

Q2

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Q4

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Q5

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please see emailed statement

#285

COMPLETE

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Last Modified: Sunday, July 26, 2020 8:02:49 AM
Time Spent: 00:01:35
IP Address: 98.223.216.101

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Kristen Wunder
City/Town:	Hoffman Estates
State:	IL
ZIP:	60169

Q2

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Q3

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Q4

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Q5

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I support the resolution

#286

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
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Last Modified: Sunday, July 26, 2020 8:11:07 AM
Time Spent: 00:01:18
IP Address: 172.58.140.242

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:

Heather Jandura

Q2

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Respondent skipped this question

Q4

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I register my name in favor of the resolution. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Tamara Brey
City/Town: Mount Prospect
State: IL
ZIP: 60056

Q2

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Candace Scott
Organization (if any):	N/A
City/Town:	Wheeling
State:	IL
ZIP:	60090

Q2

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Mayumi Tiburzi
City/Town:	Schaumburg
State:	IL
ZIP:	60193

Q2

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It has become very apparent that the money invested in policing, criminalization, and incarceration needs to be reallocate. When the state invests in services for people like health care, mental health, housing, jobs, restorative justice, etc the community becomes safer.

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Witness Name: **S A**

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I register my name in opposition to this. Very dangerous for law abiding citizens. Higher crime- losing tax base already in Cook county. With increased crime, people leave. Find a better way. Do NOT defund the police or the jails.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Emily Kuttner
Organization (if any):	People's Lobby
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60622

Q2

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I want to see money taken out of the Cook County Jail and Cook County Sheriff budgets and put into public services because investing in education, mental health, civic space, etc. is a step closure to creating the joyful and safe world that I want to live in.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Mark J Kuehner
Organization (if any):	Southsiders For Peace
City/Town:	Blue Island
State:	IL
ZIP:	60406

Q2

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My neighborhood needs the County's help with housing, employment, health care (including mental health), transportation, and infrastructure. We do not need to spend so much on police and incarceration. Please direct police funds to social services.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Julie Lunda
City/Town:	Schaumburg
State:	IL
ZIP:	60173

Q2

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I register my name in support of the Justice for Black Lives resolution

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Manny Rodriguez
Organization (if any):	Revolution Workshop
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60624

Q2

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To the Honorable Members of Cook County Board of Commissioners,

My name is Manny Rodriguez, and I am the Executive Director of Revolution Workshop, a nonprofit workforce development agency located in East Garfield Park in Chicago's West Side. Revolution Workshop runs a 10 week pre-apprenticeship program for underserved adults, mainly Black and Brown people interested in gaining a career in construction. We are also a social enterprise, make wood furniture items such as tables, benches and cutting boards, and sell them to consumers with all the proceeds going back to support the organization's mission. I am providing this testimony to support the Justice for Black Lives resolution, Resolution 20-2867.

The events of the past few months have shown a bright light on the disinvestment and systemic oppression that communities of color have had to face in this country. Cook County has been no different. In fact, in some ways we have been worse. The violence that our county continues to see especially in Chicago's West and South Side is a symptom of a much larger problem. We have decided that policing and incarceration of young Black and Brown people is the only way to cure the problem. Since 2013, Cook County has increased its budget to the Cook County jail and sheriff's department despite a 50% decline in the Jail population. Meanwhile, at every level of government, we continue to cut funding for much needed services, such as education, housing and mental health.

Well, I am here to tell you that there is no better way to prevent violence and crime than to provide people with opportunity to better themselves and their families. Revolution Workshop provides training in construction because there are family sustaining career pathways for our trainees. We have been able to have our alumni achieve various socio-economic gains through this work. The work has allowed our alumni to change their lives. Supporting organizations like ours that provide career training and placement and our partners who provide critical support services in housing, mental health and substance abuse is the way we reinvest in our communities to make them healthy and whole. I implore you to take advantage of this moment, this movement and really show that you are serious about Black lives, that you are serious about Brown lives and begin to undo the damage done by decades of failed policy. Thank you.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Jen Ellison
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60625

Q2

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As a Chicago resident and taxpayer, I am in full favor of all resolutions proposed by Item #20-2867, Justice for Black Lives

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Q1

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Witness Name: Supriya K
State: IL
ZIP: 60660

Q2

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I would like to urge the board of commissioners to redirect money from Cook County Sheriff's office and Cook County Jail to community services. It is important for us to address issues that are at the root of crime and violence in our county. What our communities need is housing, healthcare, education, jobs and green spaces, let's invest more in those instead of law enforcement.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Reverend Darice Wright
Organization (if any):	New Faith Baptist Church International
City/Town:	Matteson
State:	IL
ZIP:	60443

Q2

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I am Reverend Darice wright. Associate Pastor New Faith Baptist Church Intl., in Matteson IL, where I chair the Social Justice and Economic Equity Justice (S.E.E. Justice) Ministry. This ministry also host support group for the families with incarcerated loved ones. I have seen first-hand the devastation suffered by families supporting inmates in limbo at Cook County jail for months and even years .This incarceration without conviction is disruptive to family systems and thrusts the inmates and their families into economic jeopardy with a loss of employment leading to a lifestyle of food insecurity and unstable housing, Not only are the families of these inmates who are "innocent until proven guilty" inhumanely penalized, family members are often so stressed out from the racist system of policing in their neighborhoods and systemic incarceration of their black and brown sons, husbands and fathers, that they are unable to even offer emotional support. I am submitting these comments in support of the Justice for Black Lives resolution, Resolution 20-2867 to redirect funds from the police and carceral systems to public services such as housing, mental health, restorative justice and jobs not administered by law enforcement.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Sara Spoonheim
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60647

Q2

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I want to see money taken out of the Cook County Jail and Cook County Sheriff budgets and put into public services not administered by law enforcement. I believe our whole society will be safer and healthier when we reprioritize and stop criminalizing behaviors that don't need to be policed. Thanks!

#299

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Yali Amit
Organization (if any):	The Peoples Lobby
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60647

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The black and brown communities in cook county need money invested in social services not in more policing and incarceration.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Irakere Picon
Organization (if any):	Defenders for All Coalition
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60608

Q2

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Dear Cook County Board Commissioners:

We, the undersigned organizations representing a coalition of more than 40 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
