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Q1 Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Mark F. Armstrong
Organization (if any): Chicago Urban Fine Arts Commonwealth
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60643

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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18-0995

Q4 What do you want to do? **ATTEND THE MEETING and SPEAK IN FAVOR of a specific item (You may still add written comments below)**

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Attachment to follow separately via email to Secretary to the Board

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Q1 Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: **George Blakemore**

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Q1 Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Beth Wanless
Organization (if any): Chicago Association of Realtors
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60611

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17-9977

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December 13, 2017

Cook County Board of Commissioners
Chicago Association of REALTORS® Testimony in Support of Proposed Ordinance Amendment
File Number 17-9977

Good morning Commissioners, my name is Beth Wanless, and I serve as the director of government affairs at the Chicago Association of REALTORS®. I join you today to briefly testify on behalf of the nearly 33,000 REALTOR members in Cook County in support of the proposed amendment to the tax incentive ordinance, file number 17-9977.

Among the 33,000 members, this includes commercial real estate brokers, developers, investors, lenders, attorneys and consultants, among other real estate professionals. We have heard from our members who work on the commercial side of the real estate industry that the enacted changes to the tax incentive ordinance have some negative consequences, and most importantly have become a barrier to economic development throughout Cook County, and especially in the South and Southwest communities.

The Chicago Association of REALTORS® is supportive of economic development, and we want to prevent situations where clients have declined to move forward in either development or becoming a tenant of an existing property due to the ordinance's requirements.

The Chicago Association of REALTORS is most supportive of the ordinance amendment language which prevents the revocation of a property class incentive for failure to comply with affidavit requirements in the 2017 and 2018 assessment years. We believe this is a positive step.

We applaud the Board of Commissioners for considering this amendment language which would allow extra time to continue to collaborate in the coming months on what is a very complicated tax matter.

The Chicago Association of REALTORS supports this amendment to the tax incentive ordinance and we look forward to working with the Board on this important language.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

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Q1 Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Nancy Marcus, Co-President
Organization (if any): League of Women Voters of Cook County
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60604

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18-0995 and
18-1031

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The League fully supports the proposals to follow-up on the property assessment process, whether it be in the Finance Committee or the Human Relations Committee. Having a fair and accurate assessment process is critical. As the League has repeatedly pointed out, the current system has budget implications. Because of all the incorrect assessments, the Assessor and the Board of Review have been receiving more and more appeals each year and must staff to deal with these increases. We have recommended you obtain information on the number of appeals, the number of successful appeals, what changes, if any, in the assessment process are made as a result of those successful appeals, and whether there is any attempt to correct similarly-situated property assessments. While we understand that the letter the League sent Commissioners during the budget process was forwarded to the Assessor and Board of Review for responses, we do not believe that any were provided to the Commissioners. We hope you will seek them now.

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Witness Name: Andrew Nelson
Organization (if any): Concern Citizen
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60617

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