



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Criminal Justice Committee

Thursday, October 17, 2024

11:00 AM

**Cook County Building, Board Room,
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

NOTICE AND AGENDA

There will be a meeting of the Criminal Justice Committee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County at the date, time and location listed above to consider the following:

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have registered to speak, with the Secretary, 24 hours in advance of the meeting. To register as a public speaker, go to the meeting details page for this meeting at <https://cook-county.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> to find a registration link. Duly authorized public speakers may speak live from the County Board Room at 118 N. Clark Street, 5th Floor, Chicago, IL or be sent a link to virtually attend the meeting and will be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. After each virtual speaker has completed their statement, they will be removed from the meeting. Once removed, you will still be able to follow the proceedings for that day at:

<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings> or in a viewing area at 69 W. Washington Street, 22nd Floor Conference Room F, Chicago, IL. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony. Written comments will not be read aloud at the meeting, but will be posted on the meeting page and made a part of the meeting record.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 07/24/2024

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR THE REGULATION OF ILLICIT HEMP AND THC PRODUCTS IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, multiple cases of children in the City of Chicago and Cook County ingesting illicit hemp and THC products resulted in harmful effects requiring immediate medical attention and hospitalization; and

WHEREAS, the availability and consumption of such illicit products pose a serious risk to the health and safety of children in our community, warranting urgent action to address and prevent further incidents of this nature; and

WHEREAS, unlicensed and untested hemp and THC products, often sold at gas stations, smoke shops, and unlicensed retailers, are a risk to broader public health; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial to protect consumers from potentially harmful substances and ensure the quality and safety of cannabis products available in our community; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has the authority to regulate the production, distribution, and sale of hemp and THC products within its jurisdiction; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners calls upon the State of Illinois to strictly regulate unlicensed, untested illicit hemp and THC products sold at gas stations, smoke shops, and unlicensed retailers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners call upon the State of Illinois to implement measures to enforce compliance with licensing and testing requirements for all hemp and THC products to protect the health and well-being of our residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners call upon the State of Illinois to consider penalties for those found in violation of regulations regarding the sale of unlicensed and untested hemp and THC products to deter illicit activities and safeguard public health; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of Illinois, the Illinois Department of Agriculture, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and other relevant state agencies to urge prompt action on this matter.

Legislative History : 9/19/24 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Criminal Justice Committee

Lynne M. Turner

Secretary

Chair: Moore

Vice-Chair: Gordon

Members: Committee of the Whole