



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

10:45 AM

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

NOTICE AND AGENDA

There will be a meeting of the Committee or Subcommittee 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.

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 3/11/2025

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Sponsored by: JOSINA MORITA, FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION FOR MIDDLE EASTERN AND NORTH AFRICAN DATA INCLUSION

WHEREAS, Cook County is one of the largest and most racially, ethnically and linguistically diverse counties in the country; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Government is committed to supporting equitable, inclusive and accessible government; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Government must collect accurate data to understand and serve the specific needs of its diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, Cook County recognizes Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) as a minority group; and

WHEREAS, MENA includes over 26 ethnicities speaking many languages; and

WHEREAS, there were approximately 3.5 million MENA Americans in the United States according to the 2020 US Census; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is home to a large, growing and diverse MENA population including one of the largest Assyrian American communities in the country; and

WHEREAS, the United State Office of Management and Budget (OMB) published updated Statistical Policy Directive No. 15 (SPD 15) on March 28, 2024 that included a new race/ethnicity “Middle Eastern and North African” minimum reporting category; and

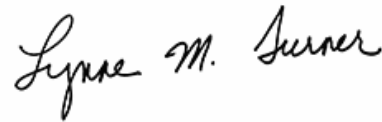
WHEREAS, Cook County does not comprehensively or consistently collect or present data on MENA Americans; and

WHEREAS, the lack of comprehensive and consistent data on MENA American hinders Cook County’s ability to understand and serve these communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that all Cook County Offices Under the President research that include racial and ethnic data collection must include MENA data collection, with ethnicity disaggregation where relevant and available; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Cook County Office Under the President reports and presentations that include racial and ethnic data, analysis and recommendations, must include MENA data, with disaggregated ethnicity data, when available.

Legislative History : 3/13/25 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta



Secretary

Chair: Britton

Vice-Chair: Degnen

Members: Committee of the Whole