



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Criminal Justice Committee**

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

12:00 PM

**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 submitted in writing, their name, address, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized public speakers shall 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 be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. 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.

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 10/28/2015

15-6203

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CALLING ON THE HONORABLE BARACK OBAMA, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, TO CONVENE A WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN CHICAGO ON THE ISSUE OF GUN VIOLENCE

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2015, Reverend Jesse Jackson and community leaders joined together to call on the President of the United States to convene a White House Conference on Gun Violence in the City of Chicago at

the earliest possible opportunity; and,

WHEREAS, Chicago has seen more than 2,400 shootings to date in the year 2015 and more than 400 murders to date in the year 2015; and,

WHEREAS, compared to this time last year, shootings and homicides in Chicago have increased by 21 percent; and,

WHEREAS, the County resources required in order to serve the populations impacted by the increase in shootings in Chicago make the problem of gun violence germane and critically important to the governance of Cook County and the work of the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States, has spoken eloquently in the aftermath of mass shootings throughout our country, on the need for government action to reduce gun violence; and,

WHEREAS, our nation has been shocked and dismayed in recent years by the proliferation of mass shootings in American communities such as Sandy Hook, Connecticut; Charleston, South Carolina; Aurora, Colorado; and, Roseburg, Oregon, among others; and,

WHEREAS, in the City of Chicago, the number and frequency of shootings are such that Chicago suffers the equivalent of a mass shooting every week without respite; and,

WHEREAS, the level of violence in the City of Chicago merits the attention of the federal government, in addition to municipal, county and state government; and,

WHEREAS, the time has long since passed for public officials at all levels of government to acknowledge that a state of emergency exists in Chicago and Cook County and for those officials to treat the issue of gun violence with the level of urgency the issue most certainly requires;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners do call upon the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States, to convene a White House Conference to be held in Chicago on the issue of gun violence; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a signed copy of this resolution be sent to the attention of the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States, at the earliest possible opportunity.

Legislative History: 10/28/15 Board of Commissioners referred to the Criminal Justice Committee


Secretary

Chairman: Garcia
Vice-Chairman: Moore
Members: Committee of the Whole