



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Human Relations Committee**

Friday, May 19, 2017

10:00 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 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 1/17/2017

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR A HEARING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO FIND WAYS TO FIGHT AND PREVENT HATE CRIMES AND SPEECH

WHEREAS, Cook County is home to 5.5 million people of diverse backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, there has been a sharp increase in hate crimes and hate speech directed toward Jews,

Muslims, People of Color, and members of the LGTBQ community in 2016 and 2017; and

WHEREAS, Synagogues and Mosques in Cook County have been vandalized and threatened; and

WHEREAS, Jewish cemeteries have been the target of hateful vandalism; and

WHEREAS, hate speech directed at the LGTBQ community has increased in recent months; and

WHEREAS, hate crimes, hate speech, and hateful vandalism have no place in Cook County or the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Human Relations Committee of the Cook County Board should hold a hearing to shine a light on this troubling situation and to ensure there is a directed policy approach with involvement from the affected communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the President of the Board that the Human Relations Committee shall hold a hearing around the hateful acts against certain members of our society.

Legislative History : 3/22/17 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Human Relations Committee



Secretary