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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Walid Abu-Ghazaleh
Organization (if any):	Project Outdoor
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60610

Q2

County Finance Committee Meeting 7/28/2021 930a

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21-3875

Q4

REGISTER IN OPPOSITION to a specific item (You may add written comments below)

What do you want to do?

Q5

Written Statement? You can type or copy/paste any written statement you want included in the meeting record here. If this is not enough space, or you have other attachments for distribution, please email them to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov

Re: Proposed Vendor Contract – Outfront/Branded Cities (Agenda item 21-3875)

Honorable Commissioners of the Board of Cook County:

We write to you as both concerned Cook County residents and business owners regarding the above-mentioned proposed vendor contract under Agenda item 21-3875 for this committee.

The first we learned of the proposed contract was after its recent introduction at the Board of Commissioners meeting of June 24th, 2021, when it was referred to the Finance Committee. As business owners in the industry related to the contract (billboard advertising) we were surprised by its initial introduction. After checking with several local and nationally-owned peer companies, we discovered that they did not either have knowledge of this pending transaction by the County.

Our concerns are the following:

- Lack of public input in a proposed 25-year contract utilizing public land.
- Lack of an open RFP/RFQ/RFI process to ensure maximum value for the County throughout the term of the contract. We cannot find a publication or a record of an RFP/RFQ/RFI online relating to this Contract.
- Lack of clarity and visibility into the terms of the approved contract. In the past, the City of Chicago shared a copy of the proposed City Digital Network contract with Aldermen and the public for input, prior to recommending its approval. How is it possible that a copy of the proposed Cook County contract with Outfront / Branded Cities was not posted for review or made public 30 days after it was introduced to the Board?

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We respectfully ask the Committee to table the approval of the subject contract until such a time that public input, clarity of selection process, vetting of participants, and value to the County have been clearly and publicly examined.

Sincerely,

Greensigns, Project Outdoor, Harvest Outdoor, Paramount, M&M Outdoor

Q6

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Requesting to address the Committee live (virtually) at the meeting

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Email Address

valid@projectoutdoor.com

Phone Number

312-504-5347

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Witness Name: Joseph Mancino
Organization (if any): Digital GreenSigns, LLC
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60631

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CFO Office
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Digital GreenSigns, LLC
Joseph Mancino

Project Outdoor
Walid-Abu-Ghazaleh

Paramount Media
Dave Quas

M & M Outdoor
Dave Malay

Harvest Outdoor
Mike McHugh

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Email Address

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Phone Number

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Witness Name:	Mike McHugh
Organization (if any):	Harvest Outdoor Media
City/Town:	Glenview
State:	IL
ZIP:	60025

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Email Address

mike@harvestoutdoor.com

Phone Number

8473419709

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