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To: President Toni Preckwinkle and the Cook County Board of Commissioners

re: Item 22-6092 on the Second Set Consent Agenda for the Board Meeting of
October 20, 2022

Dear President Preckwinkle and Commissioners:

The League of Women Voters of Cook County thanks Patrick Blanchard upon his retirement for his years of service as the first Independent Inspector General ("IIG") for Cook County, as well as for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. An inspector general plays a critical role in finding and rooting out corruption in government, but also in improving the processes of government to ensure both the actual and apparent adherence to the applicable law and regulations.

Based on the review of the quarterly reports from the IIG covering all three of these government bodies over the years, the League has observed that the office, under Mr. Blanchard's direction, has carried out its duties in a thorough manner. All three of these governments and all the citizens of Cook County have benefited.

We thank Mr. Blanchard for establishing the offices and setting an exemplary standard for future IIGs.

Yours truly,
Cynthia Schilsky, President