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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Diane Edmundson
Organization (if any): League of Women Voters of Cook County
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60604

Q2

County Board Meeting - 2/5/2026 9am

Tell us which meeting you wish to be recorded as a witness. If you don't know the meeting or date, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar. Please fill out a separate form for each meeting at which you wish to speak.

Q3

Tell us the File ID number (example 17-0000) of the item on which you are registering your position. If you don't know the number, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look it up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar

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Q4

PROVIDE WRITTEN COMMENT FOR INFORMATION ONLY (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

In reviewing the 4th Quarter Report from the Office of the Cook County Independent Inspector General dated January 15, 2026 ("Report") that is on the Board's agenda for the February 5 meeting, the League of Women Voters of Cook County learned that a county-wide "Ineligible for Hire" list covering all offices in the governments of Cook County and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County does not exist. Should there be one?

In Case IIG25-0059 on p. 11-12, the Report states that the Inspector General recommended that an employee's employment with the Clerk's Office not be renewed and that the employee be placed on the Clerk's Ineligible for Hire List. The Report states that the Clerk's Office had replied that that Office does not maintain an Ineligible for Hire list.

By not having a single Ineligible for Hire list for all offices within Cook County and the Forest Preserve District, does this mean that someone placed on such a list applicable to one office could then be hired by another office? Or in this case, could that same employee who was found by a preponderous of evidence to have committed serious misconduct then be hired by either another office in the County or the Forest Preserve District since that former employee is not on any such list?

Should the Board take steps to provide for a single "Ineligible for Hire" list for all offices within Cook County and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, along with appropriate procedures for the use of such a list?

Sincerely,

Diane Edmundson, President

Q6

Submitting written testimony only

Please Indicate if you are only submitting written testimony or if you wish to address the Committee live (virtually) at the meeting.

Q7

Respondent skipped this question

If requesting to address the Board or Committee live (virtually or in-person), please provide an email address and phone number (This is required to receive and an invitation to the virtual meeting).

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

If addressing the Board or Committee live (in-person or virtually), do you require translation services?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

If yes, which language do you need translated?
