

Statement to the Cook County Board of Commissioners
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I sincerely thank the Cook County Board of Commissioners for the opportunity to serve as the chair for the Advisory Board of the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center. I am especially excited that a new director has been announced and that I will have the opportunity to work with the director and a committee of people dedicated to improving the lives and outcomes of youth and communities impacted by the juvenile justice system in Cook County. My goal as an advocate and civic leader is to ensure that our young people are protected, that we increase public safety and that we have a juvenile justice system which is fair, equitable and provides youth an opportunity to receive the necessary services and alternatives that leads them towards becoming contributing members of society.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.