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Via Hand Delivery

Toni Preckwinkle
President
Cook County Board
118 North Clark Street, Room 537
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Re: Cook County Public Defender Position

Dear Toni:

I am writing in support of Amy Campanelli for the position of Cook County Public Defender. I understand that Amy is a finalist for the position, and that you are meeting with her this Thursday. I hope that you will choose Amy as the candidate to present at the March Board meeting.

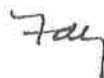
I know Amy primarily through my law partner, Susan Valentine (the President of my law firm). Susan has known Amy for more than 30 years, since law school, and Susan describes her as *exceptionally* hard working. As you know, Amy has dedicated her entire career to the Cook County Public Defender's Office, where she has supervised a staff of nearly 200, working on a wide variety of issues ranging from efforts to abolish the Illinois death penalty to limiting the automatic transfer of juveniles, and many more in between.

Amy has a strong track record of relating well with others in the system. She serves as the office's liaison to the Cook County Jail, and its liaison on mental health issues. For more than a decade, her supervisory responsibilities in the office have called upon her excellent leadership abilities, and she is widely-respected for inspiring confidence in her direct reports – as well as for her trial skills.

Amy's ability to manage seven-figure budgets is also proven. For example, she served as capital case coordinator for all death penalty cases, which involved multi-million-dollar budgets. Her fiscal prudence has also been demonstrated in her success at limiting expenses for expert witnesses when she headed up the death penalty unit.

I believe Amy is the right woman for this position, and I hope she will be your choice to lead this important County office.

Sincerely,



Fay Clayton

March 28, 2015

Hon. Lawrence Suffredin
Commissioner 13th District
118 N. Clark Street, 5th Floor
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Commissioner Suffredin,

I am writing concerning your consideration of Amy Campanelli's nomination as the Public Defender of Cook County, as Chair of the County Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

Amy Campanelli has, in her over two decades of service as an Assistant Public Defender, established herself as a tireless advocate for her clients and outstanding leader of law office personnel. I have known her for most of her time with the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender. Her experience at every level of the office has given her the ability to develop expertise in related criminal justice areas and work collaboratively with stakeholders, leading to appointments representing the office on various boards, professional settings and trainings. Her demonstrated commitment to the office and the people of Cook County is legend. I heartily recommend Amy Campanelli as the Cook County Public Defender.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin A. Burnette
Former Public Defender
Cook County, Illinois