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**Commissioner – 11th District
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October 13, 2016

The Honorable James Joseph Berrios
Cook County Assessor
118 N. Clark St.
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Assessor Berrios:

The Chicago Federation of Labor's FY2017 Cook County Budget Efficiency Report noted a high ratio of managers to frontline staff in the Assessor's office. Please provide a written response to this inquiry before the Assessor's Office budget hearing and be prepared to further discuss the following questions regarding your department:

1. The report suggests merging the Taxpayers Services Department and the Department of Exemption Investigations. Would such a merger be possible without negatively effecting services in the Assessor's office?
2. In the wake of the County's financial challenges is the Assessor's Office considering any strategies that would more efficiently address management staffing going forward?

Thank you for your prompt response to this inquiry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John P. Daley", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

John P. Daley
Chairman, Finance Committee

cc: Brian Hamer, Chief of Staff
Ivan Samstein, Chief Financial Officer
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