



OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

October 23, 2017

Honorable John P. Daley-Chairman, Committee on Finance
Honorable Peter Silvestri
Cook County Board of Commissioners
118 N. Clark Street, Room 567
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Chairman Daley and Commissioner Silvestri:

Pursuant to Commissioner Silvestri's request at the October 10, 2017, Finance Committee Meeting, attached hereto are letters with recommendations that I have made over the years regarding revenue generating ideas.

I have also attached schedules showing the potential revenue impact of the various recommendations included in the letters, along with a schedule of some additional ideas for increasing revenue.

Please see the following attachments:

- **Exhibit 1:** Recommendations that I made to the County Board through President Preckwinkle in 2011 via Exhibit 1A, letter dated January 20, 2011, & Exhibit 1B, related Updated Schedule; and Exhibit 1C, a second letter, dated April 26, 2011, and Exhibit 1D, related Updated Schedule. The related Updated Schedules show the potential revenue sources that still exist related to the 2011 letters.
(See Exhibit 3 for projected revenue amount)
- **Exhibit 2:** Recommendations that I made to Chief Judge Evans in past years via four (4) letters (Exhibits 2A, 2B, 2C, & 2D).
(See Exhibit 3 for projected revenue amount)
- **Exhibit 3:** Financial Analysis, consisting of:
 - The summary of all revenue recommendations (Schedule A - Total Projected Revenue of \$38,514,228 annually);
 - Recommendations related to my letter to President Preckwinkle, dated January 20, 2011, from Exhibit 1 above (Schedule B - Projected Revenue: \$10,972,474); no revenue indicated for letter dated April 26, 2011;
 - Recommendations of letters sent to Chief Judge Evans from Exhibit 2 above (Schedule C - Projected Revenue: \$8,680,234); and
 - New recommended revenue ideas, including collecting the \$13.1 million owed to the County by the City of Chicago, and a recommendation that Cook County puts forth a legislative initiative that would permit the County Board to increase fees of the various agencies based upon inflation and other special circumstances through Home Rule. (Schedule D - Projected Revenue: \$18,861,520).

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please feel free to contact me at (312) 603-5071.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dorothy Brown".

Dorothy Brown
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County

DB:rk

Cc: Honorable Toni Preckwinkle, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners
Cook County Board of Commissioners
John Keller, Chief of Staff to President Preckwinkle
Amar Ritzki, Cook County Chief Financial Officer
Wasiu Fashina, Chief of Staff, Clerk of the Circuit Court