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Q1 Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Louisa Manske
Organization (if any): Workers Center Racial Justice
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60616

Q2 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.

County Human Relations Committee (reconvened from Tue 12/12) Tue 1/9 1215p

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 What do you want to do?

DO NOT ATTEND THE MEETING but REGISTER IN FAVOR of a specific item (You may add written comments below)

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

The Workers Center for Racial Justice (WCRJ) is a grassroots organization fighting for Black Liberation, economic justice, and a fair and inclusive society. We strongly support the proposed resolution by the Cook County Board of Commissioners (CCBC) for the Human Relations Committee (HRC) to hold a hearing on the issue of equitable availability of clean, safe and affordable drinking water for all residents of Cook County. WCRJ recognizes fair water access as a human right, and locates the issue at the intersection of racial, economic and environmental justice. Residents of poor and predominantly Black suburbs of Cook County currently pay up to six times as much for drinking water as their wealthy and majority-white counterparts. The inflated prices that Black communities pay, in effect, subsidize the drinking water in white towns and suburbs. This inequity follows a historical pattern in which black communities are systematically exploited of financial resources and denied fair access to public services. In order to ensure equal water access, WCRJ calls for an HRC Hearing on water availability and infrastructure, and recommends greater oversight and regulation of interagency water sales, water billing mismanagement and municipal rate limits.

Q6 ACCOMMODATIONS: If you require additional assistance or special accommodations in order to participate in a hearing (for example, need language assistance, are a person with a disability), please let us know here, call 312.603.6127 or email us at cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov Intérpretes de lengua española estarán disponibles para los residentes que necesiten asistencia. We cannot guarantee assistance for requests made less than 48 hours in advance of a meeting.

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