



**AN APPEAL OF PROPOSED MEASURES FOR
FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND
EQUITY/INTEGRITY PUBLIC POLICY FOR
COOK COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Proposed Property Tax Incentive –Prevailing Wage Ordinance

Invoking the words of an outraged Commissioner Deborah Sims (D-Chicago) and the words of Finance Committee Chair John P. Daley (D-Chicago) and the words of the lead sponsor from the struggle for flavored beverage tax repeal McCook village president and Cook County Commissioner Jeffrey Tobolski (R-McCook), WE appeal on behalf of our constituents in Chicago's Southland, to the board to slow this train down, and either kill the amendment or use all deliberate speed in revised the amendment to avoid the type of economically devastating affect that drove dollars out of Cook County and drove small business of business, like the beverage tax before repeal.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Re-establishing Respect For The Dead AND Living

During Funeral/Burial Arrangements

WE support the initiative advanced by Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart and Cook County Commissioner Richard Boykin (D-Oak Park) to end the violence during funeral/burial arrangements that has resulted in a chilling effect on funeral homes of color and limited free affordable access of moderate and low-income households to adequate and affordable funeral/burial services (in the case of the register public testimony Speaker's case, CUFAC team leader Mark F. Armstrong, this has been a grave concern to the founder of Jones Funeral Home, LLC, in the Ashburn neighborhood on Chicago's Far Southwest Side, who has known the Speaker's father since grammar school in the Arkansas delta).

CUFAC is supporting this initiative with an PSA in production featuring legendary actionist MC DA SMART near the graves of Ida B. Wells-Barnett and Harold Washington and suing for peace during funeral/burial arrangements (TAGLINES: Shows respect for the living and dead/Demand better, get better).

And in consideration of the alleged events of domestic violence and sexual assault allegedly carried out by several elected officials and reported in the likes of the *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, and *Daily Southtown*, WE encourage our representatives in federal, state, and local government to lead by example and allow peace to originate in their households so that it may spread beyond Cook County, Illinois, the United States of America, and this North American mainland.

LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Legislating Public Service Equity/Integrity In Cook County Government

WE appeal for two pieces of legislation to advance Cook County as the paragon of equity/integrity government:

*An ordinance, under Cook County's home powers, limiting all county expenditures on legal defense and litigation for all of Cook County's elected executive and legislative to malfeasance and misfeasance strictly connected with carrying out their duties by oath and statute. E.g., alleged job

selling in one's department for campaign-funding gain and domestic violence in one's home after work hours that don't involve self-defense would not be considered a duty sanctioned by the Cook County Code and the Illinois Constitution and thereby would be eligible for legal defense and litigation funding from OUR tax dollars.

*An ordinance, under Cook County's home rule powers, imposing a fine of no less than \$10,000 for contempt of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, each occurrence of an elected executive or legislative officer fails three consecutive times to appear in person or send a representative to appear in their stead to answer to the board about alleged misfeasance and malfeasance in their offices.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Pulling The Plug On Poverty Pimping In Cook County

Toward reversing the devastating Pierre De Vise affect of backfiring social engineering in Chicago neighborhoods and suburban Cook County communities of color, WE appeal for a circuit-riding series of committee hearings on the property pimping that has reduced traditionally middle-class communities of color and traditionally weigh stations for upwardly mobile persons of color in the eyes of the Chicago Planning Department, Cook County Planning Department, and the Cook County Assessor's Office.

AND, in cooperation with the Institute for Politics based on University of Chicago's Woodlawn/Hyde Park campus and Civic Consulting Alliance, commission a study of problems and solutions of property pimping in Chicago neighborhoods and suburban Cook County communities of color.

Walking The Talk On Development And Redevelopment Support

WE appeal for more intensive support of nonprofit organizations and for-profit organizations heavily involved in the nonprofit work of development/redevelopment in poverty-pimped communities of color, such as SOUL Works L3C, currently based in 34th Ward and Commissioner Sims' district in Maple Park subdivision on Chicago's Far Southwest Side. Black female-operated

SOUL Works—which provides construction management, lead paint clearance, energy audits and inspection, pre-construction inspection, written scope of work, and work crew staffing—is seeking either donated or low-rent office space in the Maple Park-Morgan Park-West Roseland-West Pullman area or in the most adjacent blocks in the village of Calumet Park or city of Blue Island.

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

Zeal For Making County Services Instantaneously Available In Household Dens, Bedrooms, &c.

In the name of Eleanor Roosevelt doing the thing you believe you cannot do and invoking a calling out of Cat On A Hot Tin Roof Big Mama bull, WE renew our appeal for the Cook County Board of Commissioners to pulling the county out of 19th century by using the information highway to make county government accessible without having to spend on gasoline or car fare—starting with making a guide on Cook County government available on PDF.

The People most respectfully do not buy doubts from Commissioner John A. Fritchey (D-Chicago) about the board's ability to accomplish that, since the state of Illinois has made the state handbook on government and the entire Blue Book available in PDF on the Illinois State of State's site. Also preserved on Google digital books is a 1912 guide to Chicago, Cook County, and Illinois government, one year before the franchise for women was expanded from school board elections to certain higher local officers and presidential electors.

Money is not an obstacle, since we can a retinue of scholars among our ranks to assist Cook County pro bono in writing a comprehensive manual on Cook County government (including the registered public testimony Speaker, the son of a retired Chicago Public School history teacher who lived what he taught after graduating with magna cum laude B.A. in history from the alma mater of U.S. Rep. Danny Davis, Arkansas AM&N College in Pine Bluff, now University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff; the registered Speaker, a graduate of Clark College Atlanta, now Clark Atlanta University, is a former public affairs reporter for corporate news media, currently a citizen public affairs journalist, a two-time winner of the Chicago Metro History Fair in the research paper competition and a silver medalist in research paper writing for NAACP ACT-SO).

COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Resolution of No Confidence in Assessor Joseph Berrios' and Board President Toni Preckwinkle's Ability to Straight Out Cook County's Basket Case of a Property Tax Assessment System

The Truth hurts, a hit dog always hollers, take this as a pre-March 20 consolidated Illinois primary election warning shot/opportunity to soooooo do better on this issue.

Proposed Ban of Firearms Sales to Persons Younger than Age 21

Long overdue, let's get some microscopic checks of potential firearm buyers and owners who've reached their full majority age-wise, and let's also hope that other counties and local governments in Illinois and beyond catch follow this example.

