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Q1 Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Mark F. Armstrong
Organization (if any):	Chicago Urban Fine Arts Commonwealth
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60643

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Truth in budgeting for partnered events between the Cook County government and the Cook County Forest Preserve District and not-for-profit organizations acting as umbrella organizing committees for said events

Q4 What do you want to do?

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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

Not at this time.

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Q1 Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Mark F. Armstrong
Organization (if any):	11706 S. Throop Street
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60643

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Q1 Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: George Blakemore
State: IL

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All Items

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Witness Name:	Rachel Leven
Organization (if any):	BGA
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60606

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18-2073

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The Better Government Association's policy team, the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, and Truth in Accounting write to share our interest in Ordinance 18-2073, which establishes a Consensus Revenue Forecasting Commission for Cook County.

Revenue forecasting is not just a bureaucratic technicality. It is a critical and politically charged activity for any governmental body. Ordinance 18-2073 is a novel approach to address potential biases in local government budgeting and is worth serious consideration. By ensuring that independent forecasting professionals are formulating revenue models, this commission would help minimize bias to provide as accurate a revenue estimate as possible and would also help temper political discourse around controversial revenue proposals.

According to its sponsors, this ordinance is modeled after the King County, WA, Office of Economic and Financial Analysis. Based on our observations of that office, we believe a full-time commission should have a starting budget of around \$400,000 and three staff - including one economist. We also make the following recommendations:

- Ensure that the commission forecasts at least five years out and provides an assessment of whether or to what degree the county's annual budget proposal is balanced.
- If the commission is staffed full-time,
- Allow the board president and commissioners to request independent economic studies of any nature, regardless of whether they are new revenue.
 - Charge the office with providing education and other assistance to under-resourced governments in Cook County's jurisdiction. This might include small municipalities and townships.

We have also distributed an overview of the makeup and powers of the King County, WA, office to commissioners, which we hope helps to inform your consideration of this innovative accountability function in local government.

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Witness Name:	Michael Belsky
Organization (if any):	The Center for Municipal Finance University of Chicago
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60637

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No written statement
