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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:	60644

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2/3 Vote Tax Check-And-Balance Ordinance

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Not at this time.

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Witness Name:	David Merriman
Organization (if any):	University of Illinois Chicago
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60607-3506

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18-2073

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Will email soon

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Witness Name: **Rachel Leven**
Organization (if any): **BGA**

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Witness Name:	Sheila Weinberg
Organization (if any):	Truth in Accounting
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60661

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Ordinance 18-2073

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Revenue forecasting is possibly a governing body's most critical activity. And forecasting requires assumptions that make it, by its very nature, a biased activity. You can make assumptions that tend to underestimate revenue or assumptions that overestimate revenue.

Ordinance 18-2073 creates a commission that separates and elevates the estimation of the county's revenue into its own public conversation with documentation. It is a novel approach to bringing legislators and the administration into agreement and to provide a forum for debate about new revenue proposals. It should help to bring cook county to as accurate a revenue estimate as possible and may help temper political discourse around controversial revenue proposals.

A vote for this proposal is also an affirmation that the county's fiscal health is the responsibility of each and every commissioner. Thus, we hope this commission, if it is approved, will be a useful resource that each commissioner uses to become an even better legislator.

To that end, we hope you will consider the operational make-up and spending of this office carefully. For example, it's our understanding that forecasting commissioners would not be compensated. However, to the extent the commission is staffed with full-time employees, they may be able to provide services beyond cyclical revenue forecasts, either to this board or, for example, as an informational resource to smaller governments in the county, to help those officials better understand their fiscal environment.

Above all, we hope the commission will be a resource you use to build your knowledge of the region's growth potential and the risks ahead for the county and its residents. We hope you will apply that knowledge to your annual budgeting, as well as to all of your legislative activities.

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Witness Name:	Daniel Hertz
Organization (if any):	Center for Tax and Budget Accountability
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60601

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Like many other units of government in the Chicago area and Illinois as a whole, Cook County faces serious fiscal pressures. These pressures are long-term, and call for careful and transparent revenue planning to support the crucial public services the county provides in the most responsible way.

Ordinance 18-2073 would help to institutionalize a transparent process for revenue planning by creating a commission to publish five-year revenue forecasts that can be used to inform the public debate over how best to direct the county's fiscal future. If it is given sufficient resources, such as full-time employees, it could also be an invaluable support for other governments in the county that would benefit from high-quality fiscal analysis and projections.

The Center for Tax and Budget Accountability supports the passage of this ordinance.

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Witness Name: **George Blakemore**
State: **IL**

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