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**Q1** Please provide some basic information

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

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**County Finance Committee 10/17/2018  
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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:	David Merriman
Organization (if any):	University of Illinois Chicago
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60607-3506

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#18-2073 An Ordinance to Establish a Consensus Revenue Forecasting Commission of Cook County

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I plan to email it

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Witness Name:	Elizabeth McNichol
Organization (if any):	Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
State:	IL

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

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