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Q1 Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Tracy ODowd
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60629

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 Criminal Justice Committee Public
Hearing 5/14/2019 10a**

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

19-0687 I work in reentry services as a social worker. I see many clients trying to do the right thing by seeking employment and working to move forward from their past. The gang database is one of the significant obstacles that pulls people backwards when they're making progress. The database is outdated or simply inaccurate, and it should be abolished. We know that black and brown people get stopped by the police at higher rates, and they are also more likely to be found in such a database. The database doesn't allow people to escape their past, doesn't recognize that people can and do change for the better, and it continues to penalize individuals, families, and communities for trying to survive. End the database.
