



**COMMISSIONER - 11TH DISTRICT
COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

October 25, 2019

Honorable Fritz Kaegi
Cook County Assessor
118 N. Clark St.
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Assessor Kaegi;

To assist the Board of Commissioners in consideration of Item #19-5916 (Executive Budget Recommendation FY20) which was referred to the Finance Committee please provide a written response to the following questions regarding the Assessor's FY20 budget recommendation.

1. During 2019 (and for 2017 and 2018 if that is available), in addition to the total number of residential and total number of commercial assessments,
 - a. what are the total number of successful appeals of residential and of commercial at the Assessor level?
 - b. what are the total number of successful appeals of residential and of commercial at the Board of Review level?
2. Was an analysis done as to why the appeal was granted and whether other properties might also be affected? If so, were steps taken to modify the assessment process so future assessments of this and other properties would be accurate? If not, why not?
3. In the Program Description on p. F-5 of Volume 2, it is clear that the Assessor has reorganized the office. Under "10155 – Administration," the number of FTEs went up from 10 to 55. Can you explain what all those people are doing and where they were listed under the 2019 Programs. Have their duties changed?
4. How close is the office to being found to be in substantial compliance under the Shakman case?

These questions were brought forth by the League of Women's Voters and I believe a discussion of these issues will be helpful to Commissioners during this budget process.

Thank you for your prompt response to this inquiry.

Sincerely,

John P. Daley
Chairman, Finance Committee

cc: Board of Commissioners