



**COMMISSIONER - 11<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT  
COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

October 25, 2019

Commissioner Larry Rogers, Jr.  
Commissioner Dan Patlak  
Commissioner Michael Carbonargi  
Cook County Board of Review  
118 N. Clark St.  
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Commissioners;

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 Board of Review's FY20 budget recommendation.

1. How many of the completed complaints in 2019 (and 2018 and 2017 if available) resulted in changes in assessed value?
2. What were the chief reasons for the changes?
3. Last year the number of people who were dedicated to dealing with complaints at the Property Tax Appeal Board was increased. What were the results as compared to past years? For 2020, the number of FTEs for Program "35445- Property Tax Appeal Board" is proposed to be decreased by 2. What will be the effect?
4. For 2020, the number of FTEs in "10155-Administration" are to be increased from 12.1 to 23.1, or 11 new FTEs. Only 7 FTEs are being added to "35010-Assessment Appeal Review." See page G-5 of Volume 2. Why so many for Administration when the text points to a need for more people to deal with appeals?

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