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October 28, 2019

VIA ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman John P. Daley
118 N. Clark
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Chairman Daley,

Below please find several questions intended for Offices Under the President. I kindly request you distribute accordingly and advise my office if you require additional information.

Justice Advisory Council

1. Please explain how any potential savings from Cook County Jail due to decrease in detainee population or demolition of Divisions 1 or 1A may benefit the Justice Advisory Council.
2. Please describe any evaluations and/or outcomes thus far on the benefits of rolling out the violence prevention grants on a 2-year cycle.

Bureau of Finance

1. This past Summer, your office presented a revenue forecast to the Independent Revenue Forecasting Commission that shows stagnant revenues over the next five years. Our analysis of this (including sales taxes) shows an average increase of slightly more than 1% or \$20M per year for the top nine revenue sources in aggregate. That is not sufficient to meet even normal growth in salaries and costs of supplies and maintenance. **What is your plan for addressing this problem?**

The purpose of the Independent Revenue Forecasting Commission was to provide objective analysis of our revenue. It has shown a real problem that needs to be addressed.

2. Your projections and the Independent Revenue Forecasting Commission's projections do not assume any recession in the next five years. How likely will that be in your opinion? Also, even a modest recession next year or the year after, according to the forecasting model your office presented, will result in a decrease in AT LEAST the sales tax projections. **Given that sales tax is the only revenue source that you project to reliably increase each year, how are you preparing and monitoring for any sales tax shortfalls?**

Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security

1. For “Account 33905 Operation, Budget, Logistics, Information Program,” there is a 2020 appropriation of 280,940.
 - a. Why are there no FTEs to go along with this appropriation?
 - b. Is this a new program given that there were no FTEs or appropriations for 2019?

Bureau of Economic Development

1. Please explain how the additional \$2 million will be allocated to the funding for Census outreach. Additionally, please explain why part of the total \$4 million may be lost if the current allocation of \$2 million is not completely used in fiscal year 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alma E. Anaya', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alma E. Anaya, Cook County Commissioner, 7th District