

Q1

Please provide some basic information

- Witness Name: Rev. James Phipps
 - Organization (if any):SEIU Local 73
 - City/Town:Chicago
 - State:IL
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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 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting 4/23/2020 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

N/A

Q4

What do you want to do?

- PROVIDE WRITTEN COMMENT FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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

I am appealing to the progressive minded members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners. My friends, I'm preaching the interest of the poorly paid employees of Cook County, Grades 10-13. Most of our lower grade employee's cannot afford to pay rent for a dwelling conducive to their families needs because of a lack of money. Ladies and gentlemen, recreation and vacations are out of reach. I'm asking you as Dr. King spoke in Oslo in 1964, "The needs of the poor in America grow greater day by day while the affluent enjoy all the benefits of a selfish society." The essential workers such as janitors, construction workers, cooks, hospital workers and more should be awarded more than "thank you" during these dangerous times. As Governor Cuomo of New York proclaimed the workers' recognized as essential be paid at least a 50% bonus on top of their existing paychecks during the pandemic. Whether you see this vision or not, I'm here to tell a story, the story is that we are all God's children and if we do right toward the poor and our working families, God will preserve us in the time of trouble. I welcome the newly elected Commissioner to the Cook County Board as Friends of SEIU Everywhere. The late Shirley Chisolm said, "You don't make progress by standing on the sidelines...You make progress by implementing ideas."