

## Q1

Please provide some basic information

- Witness Name: Jim Schwantz
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- Organization (if any): Village of Palatine
  - City/Town: Palatine
  - State: IL
  - ZIP: 60067

## 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@cookcountyiil.gov](mailto:cookcounty.board@cookcountyiil.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@cookcountyiil.gov](mailto:cookcounty.board@cookcountyiil.gov). You can also look it up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar

Resolution supporting release of COVID-19 information

## Q4

What do you want to do?

- PROVIDE WRITTEN COMMENT IN FAVOR of a specific item

## 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@cookcountyiil.gov](mailto:cookcounty.board@cookcountyiil.gov)

I am writing in support of the Resolution to Share Addresses for Emergencies with First Responders. The sharing of this information with our dispatch agency would allow our first responders to be better prepared for calls they may be dispatched. We all understand the guidelines for use of PPE when responding to certain calls. We have all had to adjust our response practices due in large part to the limited supply of PPE as well as the lack of information being shared by the County. As you are aware, the Attorney General has indicated that providing this information to first responders is not a violation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). To date, Palatine has had three positive COVID-19 tests within our Police Department and have lost many additional days of employees being able to work due to suspected exposure. We can't afford to keep losing public safety employees from work. There will be no "false sense of security" as some Commissioners have indicated. The sharing of information is one step towards protecting the health and safety of our first responders. For communities like ours with numerous multi-family dwellings, the information becomes even more critical for officers that may be standing by to assist our paramedics on a call. On behalf of all the first responders in Palatine, the 200 sworn Police and Fire personnel, as well as the entire Village of Palatine I ask for your support of this resolution at tomorrow's Board of Commissioners meeting. Sincerely, Jim Schwantz Mayor of Village of Palatine