

Q1

Please provide some basic information

- Witness Name: Rebecca Raines
- Organization (if any): Chicago Westside NAACP
- City/Town: Chicago
- State: IL
- ZIP: 60651

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@cookcountylil.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@cookcountylil.gov. You can also look it up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar

Respondent skipped this question

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@cookcountylil.gov

April 23, 2020 Dear President Toni Preckwinkle The Chicago Westside Branch of the NAACP has been closely following the progression of COVID-19 via monitoring of the Cook County Sheriff website, IDPH, Court filing, Judicial ruling, the media, and through the sorrows of our people. Of the many direct requests and concerns that we have heard a few have risen to the top. We write to you today as advocates for the families of those incarcerated in Cook County Jail and Juvenile Detention Center. As you are representatives of your community, so are we, therefore we ask that you join us in your official capacity to address the following concerns: As of 5 p.m. on 04/20/2020: • 215 detainees in custody at Cook County Jail are currently positive for COVID-19. o Are these 215 detainees being housed separately from the non-positive population? • 183 detainees in custody are no longer positive and are being monitored at a recovery facility at the jail. o Will these detainees be kept in separate quarters to insure they do not eventually test positive again? • 105 detainees have tested negative for COVID-19. • 6 detainees have died OF COVID-19. The Chicago Westside Branch is requesting regular updates on the orders issued to Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart on April 9th by US District Judge Kennelly, to ensure its speedy implementation and execution. Additionally, although Justice Kennelly did not order certain remedies we are still requesting those items that are reasonable be implemented. Detainees should not have to depend on judicial intervention to do what makes sense to save lives. Thus Group A is Court Ordered and Group B is an additional list of remedies: Group A- Court Ordered 1. The Court directs the Sheriff to establish by April 11, 2020, and to implement immediately thereafter, a policy requiring prompt coronavirus testing of detainees who exhibit symptoms consistent with coronavirus disease as well as, at medically appropriate times and to the extent feasible based on the acquisition of sufficient testing materials, detainees who have been exposed to others who have exhibited those symptoms or have tested positive for coronavirus 2. Sheriff enforce, effective on April 11, 2020, social distancing during the new detainee intake process, including suspending the use of bullpens to hold new detainees awaiting intake. 3. Court directs the Sheriff to begin, by April 10, 2020, to provide soap and/or hand sanitizer to all detainees in quantities sufficient to permit them to frequently clean their hands. The Court also orders the Sheriff to begin, by April 10, 2020, providing adequate sanitation supplies to enable all staff and detainees

to regularly sanitize surfaces and objects on which the virus could be present, including in all areas occupied or frequented by more than one person (such as two person cells, as well as bathrooms and showers). 4. The Court further directs the Sheriff to establish, by April 11, 2020, a policy requiring sanitization between all uses of frequently touched surfaces and objects as well as monitoring and supervision to ensure that such sanitization takes place regularly. 5. The Court orders the Sheriff, effective April 12, 2020, to provide facemasks to all detainees who are quarantined—i.e., those who have been exposed to a detainee who is symptomatic (even if not coronavirus-positive). Group B - CWB NAACP Recommendations 1. The Sheriff, effective immediately, to provide facemasks to all detainees' studies show individuals can have COVID -19 but be asymptomatic, given this all detainees show be provided a facemask. 2. The Cook County Sheriff has contracted with a health provider, we are calling for all inmates to be tested starting with the highest at risk population, given an individual can be COVID- 19 positive but asymptomatic. 3. Consideration be given to releasing all non-violent accused to their home on house arrest with monitoring where appropriate. Sincerely, Karl A. Brinson President