

**COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING OF MAY 21, 2020**

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY SUBMITTALS**

**RESPONSES 21-40**

21. Michael Marek	Concerned Individual	Western Springs
22. Lily St. Pierre	“central”	Chicago
23. Jennifer Gearhart	Concerned Individual	Palos Hills
24. Susan J. McDermed	Concerned Individual	Cicero
25. Todd Bucholz	Concerned Individual	Arlington Heights
26. Ann Griesbach	Concerned Individual	Orland Park
27. James Griesbach	Concerned Individual	Orland Park
28. Laura Mateja	Concerned Individual	Orland Park
29. Russell Brown	Concerned Individual	Orland Park
30. Audrey Tancos	United Southland Republican Women	Oak Forest
31. Annie Okle	Concerned Individual	Chicago
32. Sean Kampas	Concerned Individual	Orland Park
33. Diane Testa	Concerned Individual	Evanston
34. Holly Ryan	Concerned Individual	La Grange
35. Michele Solo	RMK	“Lakeview 3200 Apartments!”
36. Jeffery Lizik	Concerned Individual	Brookfield
37. Rose Carbone	Concerned Individual	Countryside
38. Andy Mueller	Concerned Individual	[blank]
39. Patricia Robinson	Concerned Individual	Blue Island
40. Sharon Bartley	Concerned Individual	Palatine

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## Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Michael Marek
City/Town:	Western Springs
State:	IL
ZIP:	60558

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## Q2

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I STRONGLY support Commissioner's Sean Morrison's to not extend President's Preckwinkle unilateral power to run Cook County government to September 30. This power is in direct conflict with a democratic form of government for what although a serious health crisis is also a serious economic crisis and represents a threat to our civil liberties with actions like this

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Q1

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**Witness Name:** Lily St. Pierre  
**Organization (if any):** central  
**City/Town:** Chicago  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60707

Q2

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I oppose the extension & believe these measures violate civil rights and constitutional rights.

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## Q1

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**Witness Name:** Jennifer Gearhart  
**City/Town:** Palos Hills  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60465

## Q2

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I oppose the extension of the disaster proclamation!

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## Q1

Please provide some basic information

**Witness Name:** Susan J McDermid  
**City/Town:** Cicero  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60804

## Q2

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I oppose extending unilateral authority exclusively to President Preckwinkle for an additional four months. More lives are being ruined than saved.

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#25

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## Q1

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Witness Name:	Todd Bucholz
City/Town:	Arlington Heights
State:	IL
ZIP:	60005

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## Q2

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Would not give her an additional minute!!!

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## Q1

Please provide some basic information

**Witness Name:** Ann griesbach  
**City/Town:** Orland park  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60467

## Q2

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It is vital for businesses to open for the survival of the communities.

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#27

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## Q1

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Witness Name:	James Griesbach
City/Town:	Orland park
State:	IL
ZIP:	60467

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## Q2

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These rules do not seem to be based on common sense, science or reality, but rather fear and control. I don't mind obeying the law as long as it is fairly applied and based on facts not politics!!

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#28

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## Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Laura Mateja
City/Town:	Orland Park
State:	IL
ZIP:	60467

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Taxpayers deserve to have direct representation and participation by their elected county commissioners. I STRONGLY oppose extending unilateral authority exclusively to President Preckwinkle for an additional four months. NO FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION!

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#29

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## Q1

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**Witness Name:** Russell Brown  
**City/Town:** Orland Park  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60467

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If you abdicate the authority we have vested in you to somebody else again, then we will permanently strip you of your power.

This is not a plea, you are a public servant and I don't beg my servants. I am telling you that if you don't do your jobs, we will fire you all and give them to somebody who will do it.

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#30

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## Q1

Please provide some basic information

**Witness Name:** Audrey Tancos  
**Organization (if any):** United Southland Republican Women  
**City/Town:** Oak Forest  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60452

## Q2

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What are the facts to extend disaster proclamation to end of Sept? Having people with virus doesn't mean they will die. Are the figures accurate? Colorado was wrong by 20%. Is this constitutional? People have rights and they should be listened too. This is not good for Cook County

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#31

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## Q1

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**Witness Name:** Annie Okle  
**City/Town:** Chicago  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60610

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#32

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**Last Modified:** Wednesday, May 20, 2020 10:54:19 AM  
**Time Spent:** 00:12:14  
**IP Address:** 67.186.81.59

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## Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Sean Kampas
City/Town:	Orland Park
State:	IL
ZIP:	60467

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County Commissioners are elected to perform a service which does not end in the event of a disaster. Truly, it is during a disaster that the people of this great republic need their representatives doing the job they were elected to do the most. The County Board has the means to meet and conduct business despite hardships caused by the stay-at-home guidance.

In a Sun-Times article, the rationale given by a sponsor of the extension was that said commissioner wanted to make his job easier. "...if all you're doing is doing things in 30-day increments, some of those things are harder to do. I think this is more prudent."

With respect, Commissioner, you were elected to represent the people of your district, not to yield your voice and vote to the President because things got tougher than you anticipated.

There was another quote from a Commissioner which I found disturbing - "Power grabs are fun when having the power makes you really important, but a power grab in a pandemic just gives you more responsibility and stress," Under normal circumstances, I might give the commissioner the benefit of the doubt that this was said in jest, but these are not normal circumstances. Your responsibility, your mandate, comes from your constituents, not through "fun power grabs" that make you "really important".

Please, commissioners, do the jobs you were elected to do. Should you decide to move forward with this extension, you are essentially declaring your role and responsibility in this as "non-essential" which might call into question why you were elected. Yielding your responsibility is also as much a disservice to President Preckwinkle as it would be the people of Cook County. Engage as you should in the dialog and process that is expected of your position. Don't abandon her to carry the burden.

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**Q1**

Please provide some basic information

**Witness Name:** Diane Testa  
**City/Town:** Evanston  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60201

**Q2**

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I OPPOSE Shut down of Chicago until Sept. 30th 2020.

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## Q1

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Witness Name:	Holly Ryan
City/Town:	La Grange
State:	IL
ZIP:	60525

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#35

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## Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Michele Solo
Organization (if any):	RMK
City/Town:	Lakeview 3200 Apartments!
State:	IL
ZIP:	60657

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## Q2

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## Q3

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Respondent skipped this question

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## Q4

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NO!!!!!!! Give us our lives back!!!!

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**Time Spent:** 00:02:24  
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## Q1

Please provide some basic information

**Witness Name:** Jeffery Lizik  
**City/Town:** Brookfield  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60513

## Q2

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## Q4

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No more extension of the disaster declaration.

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#37

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**Time Spent:** 00:01:34  
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**Q1**

Please provide some basic information

**Witness Name:** Rose Carbone  
**City/Town:** Countryside  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60525

**Q2**

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Please open Illinois

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#38

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: andy mueller

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Q2

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I am opposed to extending unilateral authority exclusively to President Preckwinkle for an additional four months... or ever, for that matter.

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#39

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**Time Spent:** 00:08:56  
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## Q1

Please provide some basic information

**Witness Name:** Patricia Robinson  
**City/Town:** Blue Island  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60406

## Q2

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Please be the voice of the constituents of Cook County and Illinois to say no to the extension of the "Stay at home" mandate by our government. This will represent a disastrous financial outcome for the County and the State. We, the people are able and capable of take care of our health and body to keep maintaining precautions to avoid the spread of the virus. Please, this State will be bankrupt and in a horrendous shape if we continue being ordained to remain closed. Some small Business are already gone due to the financial hardships they have had endured and many more will be gone if not all. The county can't do all that and hope that the federal government will bail the State out, please reconsider and work towards a more workable option, meet with business owners, and let them express their concerns and capabilities to operate their businesses under the present conditions. Thank you for your time

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#40

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**Q1**

Please provide some basic information

**Witness Name:** sharon bartley  
**Organization (if any):** on behalf of self  
**City/Town:** Palatine  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60074

**Q2**

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I oppose extending unilateral authority exclusively to President Preckwinkle for an additional four months. Unilateral authority without County Board oversight is not acceptable. The Board of Commissioners must be engaged in the governmental process to provide needed oversight and transparency. Taxpayers deserve to have direct representation and participation by their elected county commissioners.

Please vote no on Item 20-2472 at Thursday's County Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Bartley  
PalatineTownship  
60 + year residents and taxpayers of Illinois

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