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Q1

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Witness Name: Joshua Brown
Organization (if any): Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60605

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If the present COVID situation has shown us anything it's not all lives won't matter until black lives do. We need to move from death to life, and that can happen only by focusing on black lives.

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Witness Name: Marvin Wickware
Organization (if any): Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60615

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Esteemed Commissioners,

My name is Marvin Wickware. I write to you as a member of the faculty of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and a resident of Cook County. I offer testimony in support of the Justice for Black Lives resolution, Resolution 20-2867, encouraging you to pass this resolution.

Here on the South Side, in particular, our communities cry out for their elected leaders to respond to their needs. They cry out for jobs that pay a living wage, for accessible healthcare (including mental healthcare), for affordable and secure housing, for reliable transportation, and for safety. At best, policing and incarceration can address only the last of these needs, and yet the people of our communities cry out most loudly of all to be saved from the systems of policing and incarceration that tear their communities apart.

As Christian theological educators, my colleagues and I find that our faith calls us to respond to those cries. We stand with faith communities and theological schools throughout the county when we amplify the cries of our communities, that those cries might impact public policy. Beyond passing this resolution, then, I urge you to promote safety in our county by passing a budget that moves money out of policing and incarceration, and expands the County government's essential funding for housing, anti-violence programs, and restorative justice.

On a final, personal note, I name that I also write to you as the son of a black man who served for 26 years as an Indiana State Trooper. I witnessed firsthand the kind of compassionate, protective presence that a police officer could have in his community. I am also clear, however, that when my father was at his best as a police officer, caring for the vulnerable and offering compassion to those he encountered, it was despite the policing apparatus that surrounded him, not because of it. Our county is full of fiercely protective, compassionate souls and it is my hope that we will work to give them more opportunities to care for our communities that do not involve tearing our communities apart through policing and incarceration.

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Witness Name:	Tanya Watkins
Organization (if any):	SOUL
City/Town:	Glenwood
State:	IL
ZIP:	60425

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It's time for the County to stand up and take bold action in restoring the harm our criminal justice system has done to Black communities by committing to funding Black futures!

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Witness Name:	Ab Weeks
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60608

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I want Cook County to provide real resources to prevent crime, like healthcare, mental health clinics, and job training. I want to defund the jail. We need to deal with violence before it happens not after.

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Witness Name: Adrienne Davis
Organization (if any): Southsiders Organized for Unity and Liberation
City/Town: Oak Park
State: IL
ZIP: 60302

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Defund CCJ and Invest in communities.

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Witness Name:	Worner Leland
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60626

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Please shift allocation in funding to our communities, and move toward Restorative Justice.

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Witness Name: David Villegas
City/Town: Oak Lawn
State: IL
ZIP: 60453

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I am in favor of this resolution for two reasons. It's become apparent that the communities where most of the county jail's prisoners come from are suffering from previous presidential administrations mishaps. The unintended consequences are that these communities are almost being wipe out from maps. Previous crime laws must be updated with the current times. Secondly, Cook County can set a precedent for the rest of the country by instead of automatically imprisoning people, we can first try to rehab people into getting back into society.

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Witness Name:	Rev. Lawrence Marshall
Organization (if any):	The People's Lobby
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60622

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Greetings,

My name is Lawrence Marshall, and I serve as pastor of Payne Chapel AME Church, Chicago Heights, IL. I am writing to offer my support of the Justice for Black Lives Matter resolution, Resolution 20-2867 and urging the County Board to pass this resolution and then follow through by actually moving money out of policing and incarceration.

This is important to me and the residents of Chicago Heights because we have suffered the lost of jobs, health and mental health agencies, and most importantly, no grocery stores. Chicago Heights also suffers from a very high percentage of homelessness. These individuals who are not able to get the the few food pantries around the city, have to walk for miles to a neighboring community to find food. If funds were removed from the County Sheriffs Budget and reallocate to the Chicago Heights community and other communities that are facing similar situations, would help provide these individuals with a sense of hope and relief. The truth is, there are so many things wrong with our communities, but there are so many things that are fixable. With your help and support, we can make the difference our communities are in need of. Thanks for your time and God Bless!

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Witness Name: Katelyn Johnson
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60649

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Crime is not a call for punishment as much as it is a cry for help. Police do not prevent crime, what prevents crime is making sure that my neighbors have what they need to lead thriving lives so they don't have to steal or harm anyone else to get what they need. We need money to go to the things that actually keep us safe, like universal basic income, robust public education, community mental health services, and other projects that directly support neighborhood growth and prosperity.

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Witness Name:	Derek Elmi-Buursma
Organization (if any):	Loop Church
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60615

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To the Cook County Board of Commissioners,

My name is Derek Elmi-Buursma, I live in Hyde Park and I am writing to you as the Pastor of Loop Church, a Christian Reformed congregation that worships in the heart of the city at 410 S. Michigan. Our church community is spread throughout Chicagoland, from Rogers Park to Pullman, and Oak Park to the Loop. We are a church that loves our city and is seeking the welfare of each neighborhood and community that gives this city life. In particular we are seeking to support the neighborhoods that are being most impacted by divestment, unemployment, and the COVID-19 pandemic. For this reason our church is in full support of the Justice for Black Lives resolution, Resolution 20-2867. The economic inequities between the neighborhoods in this city is sinful. We do not view incarceration as a solution, but only serves to exacerbate the inequities between communities. We urge our public officials to prioritize investments in healthcare, housing, and employment in Black and Brown communities when creating the county budget. Thank you for taking your time to read this testimony and for your public service.

Pastor Derek Elmi-Buursma

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Witness Name: Jessica Bouboulis
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60625

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We are not getting different results from the overfunding of law enforcement. It's time for some new ideas, such as this resolution.

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Witness Name:	Keith Estrich
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60625

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Please do the right thing and support this.

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Witness Name:	Cameron Estrich
Organization (if any):	none
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60625

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Currently, the Cook County Jail gets \$72,000 per person incarcerated on an average day. That is more than double what it was a decade ago. Meanwhile, there is unmet need in Cook County--the money budgeted for the Cook County Department of Corrections should go where it is needed, to fund housing, health care, and education in Cook County.

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Witness Name: Barbara Wahler
Organization (if any): Hands To Help Ministries
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60641

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Hands To Help Ministries supports taking money out of the Cook County Jail and the Cook County Sheriff's budget and putting that money into public services such as health care, mental health, restorative justice, housing, job creation, etc. As a ministry servicing those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless on the Northwest Side of Chicago, we are acutely aware of the lack of funding available for serving those in need of affordable housing, as well as many who suffer from substance abuse and mental health issues. We oppose money flowing into the criminal justice system simply because we do not adequately support those who are in need of social services that have been cut.

In addition, we oppose the systemic racism that exists in this budget that adversely affects the poor and people of color. Policing and incarceration are not keeping our communities safe and are instead causing violence towards Black people and other people of color. The Cook County Jail is mostly used to lock people up who have not yet had their trials and should be considered "innocent until proven guilty" but are kept in cages because they are poor. Many people are jailed because they can't afford to pay the money bails set by judges.

Creating real community health and safety will require funding public services such as health care, mental health, housing, jobs, restorative justice, and more. Cook County Health is the primary provider of health care for low-income people in the county, and the County government also provides funding for housing, anti-violence programs, and restorative justice, so the County could make good use of funding removed from the Sheriff's budget to provide crucial services and investments in communities of color harmed by violence, policing, and incarceration.

Supportive services that promote community health and safety such as mental health care, treatment for substance use disorder, and housing should be provided by the County departments that specialize in those areas – Cook County Health, the Housing Authority of Cook County, and community-based organizations funded through the Justice Advisory Council – and not by the Cook County Sheriff, which has expertise in policing and incarceration, not supportive services. Mental health care should be provided outside of the jail, not inside it.

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Witness Name: Jordan Fuller
City/Town: CHICAGO
State: IL
ZIP: 60647

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As a Chicago resident, I feel that the Justice for Black Lives Resolution is important for the future of our community as a whole. I register in favor of this item.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Reed Fowler
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60609

Q2

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Defund Cook County Jail and fund communities. Prisons do not keep us safe - investing in communities keeps us safe. The pandemic has given us an opportunity to reimagine how we structure our lives and systems - release offenders (especially those on drug charges), and reallocate resources. Anyone who is incarcerated currently should not have a COVID death sentence just because the prison system doesn't allow them to safely socially distance and doesn't provide free soap.

#17

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Q1

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Witness Name: Benjamin Adams
Organization (if any): Holy Trinity Lutheran Church/South Loop Campus Ministry
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60637

Q2

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Hello, I am Rev. Ben Adams and I serve the South Loop Campus Ministry and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Chicago and I am offering testimony in support of the Justice for Black Lives resolution, Resolution 20-2867. It is urgent that the County Board to pass this resolution and then follow through by actually moving money out of policing and incarceration and into the things that actually work to build strong, healthy communities like housing, health care, and good jobs. While the narrative we often hear is that police and prisons are keeping us safe, the reality is that policing and incarceration have destabilized and destroyed our communities through punitive, not restorative measures. In a time when COVID-19 has ravaged our black and brown Chicagoans the most, and with the Cook County Jail being one of the hottest spots in our city for cases of the coronavirus, this is not just a justice issue, it is a racial justice issue. This pandemic has shown us all how interconnected our communal health really is. Years of racist segregation and under-investment in the South and West side have exposed how vulnerable to disaster we are as a county when we write off segments of our community. Therefore, supportive services that promote community health and safety such as mental health care, treatment for substance use disorder, and housing should be expanded and provided by the County departments that specialize in those areas – Cook County Health, the Housing Authority of Cook County, and community-based organizations funded through the Justice Advisory Council – and not by the Cook County Sheriff, which has expertise in policing and incarceration, not supportive services. Mental health care and housing should be provided outside of the jail, not inside it. This expansion is possible through a disinvestment from policing and incarceration and a reinvestment in community. After all, if the jail budget had gone down by the same percentage as the number of people locked up since 2013, the County would have \$117 million to fund health care, housing, jobs, restorative justice, and more. Just think of what \$117 million could have done for our most vulnerable communities!

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Sue Cook
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60626

Q2

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It's time for Chicago to provide justice the the Black communities that have been devastated by over policing and militarized racism.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Amelia Estrich
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60640

Q2

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Thank you to Cook County Commissioner Brandon Johnson for introducing this vital resolution. I am absolutely in favor of all 8 services laid out in the resolution.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Catherine Healy
Organization (if any):	Church of St. Paul & the Redeemer
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60615

Q2

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I am the rector of an Episcopal church in Hyde Park, on Chicago's South Side. Like most pastors, I have seen the wrenching effects of incarceration and police brutality on individuals and communities, especially communities of color. I have also seen how people who would otherwise be at high risk for arrest and incarceration can thrive when they have access to mental health services, housing, and employment. Funding these services is the evidence-based way to reduce crime and heal our communities. Please vote to change Cook County's priorities and foster justice for Black lives.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Scott Southard
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60647

Q2

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It's become clear over the past month that it is time to begin serving our community in a holistic manner. We need to take money out of the systems of incarceration, the police, and the jails, and to put them into systems that are truly built to help the folks that are most vulnerable, disadvantaged, and forgotten.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Emilee chaclas
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60613

Q2

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Fund communities, not incarceration. Take money out of the cook county jail and put it into mental health services, affordable housing, and more. Support the Justice for Black Lives resolution. Defund the Chicago police department.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	William Waites
Organization (if any):	Dominican university
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60618

Q2

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Money rerouted to community services will lessen the need for police force and prison

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Q1

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Witness Name: Alice Cardozo
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60647

Q2

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IT IS IMPORTANT TO PASS THIS. IF YOU SUPPORT YOUR CONSTITUENTS, YOU MUST SUPPORT BLACK LIVES.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Lois Southard
City/Town:	Hoffman Estates
State:	IL
ZIP:	60192

Q2

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Daniel Espinosa Krehbiel
City/Town:	Oak Park
State:	IL
ZIP:	60304

Q2

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We need new policies that are going to invest in Black Lives and divest from the police and carceral state. If we do this, Cook County can finally begin the long path of healing and seeing improved safety and health outcomes.

#27

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: **Mary Dungy Akenji**
Organization (if any): **SELECT**
City/Town: **Oak Park**
State: **IL**
ZIP: **60304**

Q2

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During this time of uncertainty and danger it is paramount that we provide community support in the form of investment and social services rather than coercion and control in the form of policing. Crime in poor communities is caused by poverty and systematic exclusion and should be remedied by support structures rather than violence, coercion and control.

#28

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: emily beaufort
City/Town: chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60624

Q2

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please support this! we should be divesting in incarceration and instead funding mental health care and community initiatives.

#29

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Edward Blair
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60647

Q2

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The police do not make us safe. Access to housing, food, health care, economic options, public transit, these things make us safe. These things are not equitably distributed across Cook County. Please support this resolution, and start working towards correcting these injustices. Stop funding killer cops, and their off-the-books torture sites.

#30

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Shana East
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60618

Q2

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We must invest in our communities, not prisons. I am fully in support of the Justice for Black Lives resolution, which is about investing in what actually keeps residents safe (not incarceration).

#31

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Leah Fluecke
City/Town:	Oak Park
State:	IL
ZIP:	60304

Q2

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Thank you.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Liz Dumler
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60626

Q2

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There is no reason to not support this.

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Jo Padilla
Organization (if any):	N/A
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60640

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I support this initiative because we need to defund the police and shrink our prisons to a microscopic level, if not outright end them as we know it.

#34

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Carolyn Mehta
Organization (if any):	SOUL
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60608

Q2

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I think it's incredibly important to invest in education, jobs and housing rather than mass incarceration.

#35

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Dominic Marlow
Organization (if any):	N/A
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60660

Q2

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Fund crime prevention through public outreach and support, not punishment for lacking those supports!

#36

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Q1

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Witness Name: Jessica Perez
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60647

Q2

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I am a mental health provider in the city of Chicago. I have witnessed through the experiences of my clients the harm our police force has perpetrated on vulnerable communities, which has only been exacerbated by the reduction in mental health services. We must stop throwing dollars in the form of batons at the issues our great city faces. It's time to get creative and move money where it can do the most good for those who have been historically brutalized and as a result suffered by generations of racist policies.

#37

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Q1

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Witness Name: Taylor Berg
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60616

Q2

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It's time we turned our criminal justice system into a social justice system. Our communities deserve better. I'm calling on the Cook County board to defund the Cook County Jail, and to transfer that funding to housing for the unhoused, food for the unfed, and other social programs including direct payments to people in poverty with the goal of lifting them up. I'm also calling on the Cook County board to take this resolution and turn it into serious action, and to disband the police forces for which it is responsible.

#38

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Elaine Suzanne Miller
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60647

Q2

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I've been paying taxes to the city of Chicago as a resident for 10 years and as a small business owner for the past 4 years. I went to the BLM protest on May 30th and I was not only afraid of how I saw the police brutalizing the protestors, but I was enraged to know my tax dollars were being used as a weapon against me. I want to see my tax dollars going to build communities up, and I want my tax dollars distributed evenly throughout Chicago, not just in the North, predominantly white neighborhoods. Our economic disparities were already obvious before the pandemic, but now more than ever we should be using the gross amount of dollars given to the police to safeguard those who are hit hardest during COVID. We do not need to militarize police, we need to use that money to invest in small businesses and community centers that help Chicago's neighborhoods thrive. We need to release people from jail who were put there through over policing, racist policies, and false confessions obtained through torture. This has torn families apart and made communities even more at risk. I demand that we defund the police now and divert that money into communities who have been underfunded and over-policed.

#39

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Q1

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Witness Name: Victoria Stewart
Organization (if any): BlackRoots Alliance
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60618

Q2

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Too much money is invested in police and prison/jails. These systems do not keep us safe, instead they rely on punishment and targeting Black, Brown, and low income people. This money needs to be invested in systems that address the root causes of crime: education, housing, poverty- investment in communities instead of feeding mass incarceration and an unjust carceral system.

#40

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Martine Caverl
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60649

Q2

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As National Nurses United had already stated, racism is a public health threat, and "defunding policing means refunding social services and providing critically needed resources for public health, mental health services, and other public services." The time is now to re-direct resources into areas that will actually impact public safety.

#41

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Laurel Chen
Organization (if any):	N/A
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60615

Q2

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Now is the time to end the racist, classist system of money bond and be an example for the rest of the nation.

#42

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Q1

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Witness Name: Gina Tarullo
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60640

Q2

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As a resident of and social worker in Cook County, I believe it is critical that the Board of Commissioners divest money away from incarceration and instead invest money into ensuring communities have the resources they need to ensure they are safe and well. This includes public health services and mental health support.

#43

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Q1

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Witness Name: Jonathan Feakins
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60626

Q2

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Please redirect Cook Country Department of Correction funds to community services (housing, health care, etc.).

#44

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Joanne Moliski
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60641

Q2

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Policing has failed to keep our communities safe for decades. We need real solutions that don't involve prison pipelines.

#45

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Fran Tobin
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60626

Q2

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This is long past due.

#46

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: River Cook Needham
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60615

Q2

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Because I value the interdependent web of existence that we all exist in, I believe it is particularly important to value Justice for Black Lives, and this resolution is a start to this.

#47

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Ester Alegria
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60637

Q2

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I'm writing in favor of the Justice for Black Lives Resolution because the way human lives are disregarded in the name of tradition, political allegiance, cronyism, money, social stigmas and stereotypes is despicable. We need money to go to social services, housing, education, trauma recovery, substance dependence recovery, healthcare, support for sex workers, environmental protection, homeless, at risk elderly, immigrants, at risk trans persons, free recreation and arts here in Cook County. The police wouldn't need 1.8 billion dollars per year if the community weren't driven to crime by a system that treats them like vicious criminals from the womb.

This common sense. We are asking for the most basic things needed to live. What goes up must come down. And this system has been up for way too long to not see an enormous crash, being crushed under the weight of it's own greed and depravity.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Alexa Lee-Hassan
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60612

Q2

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As a citizen of Cook county and the mother of a Black son who wants him to grow up in a safer, more just world, I urge the Board to support Item #20-2867 - the Justice for Black Lives resolution. Please move our county funds from a focus on policing, criminalization, and incarceration to public services such as housing, health care, and restorative justice in our Black and Latinx communities.

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Witness Name: **Michelle Huang**

Q2

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It is time for us to recognize that decades of increasing incarceration have not done enough to make our communities better or safer. It's time to pivot away from incarceration and put our money to better use.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Liam Klein Finnegan
City/Town: EVERGREEN PK
State: IL
ZIP: 60805-2657

Q2

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I demand my tax dollars are redirected away from failed and racist systems of policing, criminalization, and incarceration but instead be invested in public services not administered by law enforcement that promote community health and safety equitably across the County, but especially in Black and Brown communities most impacted by violence and incarceration.

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Witness Name: Jared Sagoff
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60613

Q2

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In favor of divesting from incarceration and promoting resources that actually keep communities safe.

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Witness Name: Rebecca Shi
Organization (if any): Illinois Business Immigration Coalition
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60647

Q2

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Illinois Business Immigration Coalition's partnership with the Cook County Recovery Initiative to provide Technical Assistance has since April 2020, delivered \$6.1 M in PPP to 297 minority owned businesses in Suburban Cook with an average grant of \$20,538 for restaurants, barber shops, nail salons, child care centers, mom and pops. Our other partners included the Illinois Restaurant Association, National Partnership for New Americans and Self Help Second Federal Credit Union. IBIC focused on one-on-one outreach, follow-up and coaching in personal calls along with Zoom and Webinars. The County's investment in technical assistance has lifted up small businesses, working families and Black and Brown communities with resources and support to maximize their fair share of lending, grant and contract programs operating with equity requirements. According to the National Bureau of Economic Research, while 22% of all small businesses have closed across the country, 41% of black owned businesses and 32% of latino owned businesses have closed due to covid. Conversely, more than 60% of large firms with sales over \$2 billion expect sales growth to accelerate — 49% expect a significant pickup. Absent targeted and accountable technical assistance exemplified by Cook County's Economic Recovery Initiative, the gap between the rich and poor will grow and black and brown businesses will disappear.

We learned 2 key lessons from the PPP. First, businesses that tend to benefit from government programs are sophisticated, well resourced firms with accountants and attorneys. Poor, less capitalized, un-banked or under-banked, isolated geographically or linguistically are left out. Second, community organizations closest to businesses of color do not have the training or capacity to support these businesses to access government programs. So building a network of community based organizations in a technical assistance infrastructure will be necessary in economic recovery, reducing poverty, and building wealth.

We thank President Toni Preckwinkle, and Director Xochitl Flores for their foresight and leadership to support our most vulnerable businesses and their workers. We hope the commissioners would continue and expand upon this work

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Witness Name: Erik Christensen
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60625

Q2

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Honorable Commissioners,

My name is Erik Christensen. I serve as pastor to the community and director of worship at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and am a leader in the faith liberation movement of The People's Lobby. I am also a resident of Cook County's 12th district, living in the Albany Park neighborhood of Chicago. I am writing in support of the Justice for Black Lives resolution, Resolution 20-2867, to encourage the Board of Commissioners to pass this resolution.

Having served as a pastor in the city of Chicago since 2006, first in Logan Square and now in Hyde Park, I know the stories of friends and neighbors who have struggled to find work that pays a living wage, who have suffered because they lacked access to quality healthcare, who have been displaced by gentrification and the disappearance of affordable housing, who live in fear of harassment by or violence from those entrusted with public safety.

My faith tradition compels me to seek relief for the poor, release for the captives, and liberation for the oppressed. It is my conviction that this resolution, which calls for deep structural changes to our county's systems of policing and incarceration in order to reinvest in and repair communities of color, would powerfully advance these goals. The current share of the Cook County budget being spent on policing and incarceration leaves scant resources for the wide array of other services that would more directly address our neighbors' needs and contribute to a more lasting and sustainable peace.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Erik Christensen

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Witness Name: Rocío Garcia
Organization (if any): United Working Families
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60608

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I urge the cook county board of commissioners to divest funds from incarceration and instead invest in black and Latinx communities.

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City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60647

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Our county should not be investing in incarceration, especially in this time of pandemic when the physical circumstances of incarceration pose an increased threat to health. We need to be investing in the community in ways that actually keep people safe and healthy and out of the prison system.
