



October 1, 2020

Office of the President
Cook County Board Government

Dear President Toni Preckwinkle,

We are certainly living in unprecedented times where everyone is experiencing financial setbacks. During this pandemic we cannot afford to deny our residents the necessary access to the vital health resources they rightfully deserve. The merging of Near South and Woodlawn Health Clinic into Provident Hospital will cause some inconveniences to the immediate surrounding resident. We understand the Provident will remain an anchor in the community by providing better services to its residents.

State and local governments are on the frontlines of this crisis, with increased spending on public health and Medicaid that lay heavy on their budgets. Temporary closure of businesses and high levels of unemployment have caused sales tax revenues to plummet not affording the county to collect necessary revenue and fees to withstand this financial burden.

It is my hope that President Toni Preckwinkle and the entire Cook County Board of Commissioner's will pass a balanced budget to ensure that vital resources and/or services will continue to be made available to residents that are vital to the black and brown communities, and support your efforts to do so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marion L. Shuck". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Marion L. Shuck
Director, Donor Family Services and Community Outreach
Gift of Hope Organ and Tissue Donor Network