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To: Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle and the Board of Commissioners via email

re: Item 20-5462, the 2020 3rd Quarter Report from the Office of the Independent Inspector General ("OIIG")

Dear President Preckwinkle and Commissioners:

The League of Women Voters of Cook County urges you all to take appropriate steps to ensure that the Board of Review ("BoR") both addresses and adopts each of the recommendations of the OIIG, as detailed in both the 2nd Quarter and 3rd Quarter Reports regarding IIG18-0344, The OIIG identifies in both of these

reports numerous problems with the hiring practices within the BoR, as well as with solicitation of employees to become involved with political activities.

It is very disappointing that in this day and age, particularly after all the time and money spent, and continuing to be spent, by the County with regard to the *Shakman* decrees, that the practices identified by the OIIG have been taking place. They must not continue.

Early in September, the League wrote to the BoR Commissioners urging that they adopt the OIIG's recommendations. We understand that the BoR has communicated with the OIIG stating that some steps are being taken. However, the OIIG has reported that the BoR has failed to address or agree to adopt each of the recommendations. Accordingly, the OIIG states in the 3rd Quarter Report that the matter has been referred to both the Chair of the Litigation Subcommittee and the President for further action, as provided in Section 2-285(e) of the Cook County Code.

Thank you for providing the League and the public in general with the opportunity to raise issues from the OIIG reports at Board meetings.

Yours truly,

Cynthia Schilsky, President