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## Q1

Please provide some basic information

**Witness Name:** Jack Lavin  
**Organization (if any):** Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce  
**City/Town:** Chicago  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60601

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## Q2

**County Finance Committee Meeting 12/15/2020 230p**

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I plan to provide oral testimony.

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Email Address

**[jlavin@chicagolandchamber.org](mailto:jlavin@chicagolandchamber.org)**

Phone Number

**312-560-4293**

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## #2

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**Time Spent:** 00:02:27  
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### Q1

Please provide some basic information

**Witness Name:** Farzin Parang  
**Organization (if any):** BOMA/Chicago  
**City/Town:** Chicago  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60603

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Requesting live comment

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Email Address

**fparang@bomachicago.org**

Phone Number

**773-485-0670**

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## #3

**COMPLETE**

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**Time Spent:** 00:06:06  
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### Q1

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**Witness Name:** Kristi DeLaurentiis  
**Organization (if any):** South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association  
**City/Town:** East Hazel Crest  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60429

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In favor of Hearing on this subject matter as its necessary. Will offer verbal testimony, if invited. See below.

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Email Address

**[kdelarentiis@ssmma.org](mailto:kdelarentiis@ssmma.org)**

Phone Number

**7085675156**

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## #4

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### Q1

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**Witness Name:** David niemeyer  
**Organization (if any):** Village of tinley park  
**City/Town:** Tinley park  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60477

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I am commenting on the recent reassessment in the south suburbs and its affect on local businesses

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**[dniemeyer@tinleypark.org](mailto:dniemeyer@tinleypark.org)**

Phone Number

**7084445010**

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## #5

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### Q1

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**Witness Name:** Mayor Vernard L. Alsberry Jr  
**Organization (if any):** Village of Hazel Crest  
**City/Town:** Village of Hazel Crest  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60429

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I would like to make sure that tax assessments on business, do not affect residents in a negative way. That business are not force to leave the Southland do to increase tax burdens. I'm not speaking against the assessments. I just would like to make sure that the rate in not overly burdensome in the wake of COVID-19, just as the rate to homeowners needs not to be burdesome. We need to find a balance that will work for both. The Southland has for year struggled because of high taxes and poor economic growth. COVID -19 has made the business owner and the property owners in the Southland struggle even more difficult. So how do we fix this? Who do we choose? The Business owners, the apartment complex owner or the property owner. Or is there a way you can help us all?

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Email Address

**valsberry@villageofhazelcrest**

Phone Number

**708-769-1506**

## #6

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**Collector:** Web Link 1 (Web Link)  
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### Q1

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**Witness Name:** Reggie Greenwood  
**Organization (if any):** CSEDC  
**City/Town:** East Hazel Crest  
**State:** IL  
**ZIP:** 60422

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I am the Executive Director of the Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation. I have direct experience with pulling together financial incentives necessary to attract new development into the Chicago Southland. It is essential that we do not continually add more tax burden to commercial projects in the Southland.

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Email Address

**[reggie.greenwood@chicagosouthlandedc.org](mailto:reggie.greenwood@chicagosouthlandedc.org)**

Phone Number

**7085190432**

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## #7

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### Q1

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Witness Name:	<b>Sandra Zoellner</b>
Organization (if any):	<b>Village of Park Forest</b>
City/Town:	<b>Park Forest</b>
State:	<b>IL</b>
ZIP:	<b>60466</b>

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Data supporting the following comment sent by email.

The County Ordinances and State Legislation related to the exemptions, compounded by the Covid-19 adjusted reassessment is killing the vitality of middle class Black and Brown households, neighborhoods and towns. No other County, to my knowledge, lowered home values because of the pandemic. Each time another house is further undervalued qualifies for an exemption, moreover qualifies for all of the exemptions, that tax bill is shifted to the young, two income household with kids, where the parents are working multiple jobs to make ends meet. They pay \$6,300 a year in taxes for the same house where their neighbor pays \$0. Look up and down the streets of Park Forest and in affordable neighborhoods across the south suburbs. Because Park Forest is in Rich, Bloom, and Monee Townships, the financial strain is then shared with our neighbors in Matteson, Olympia Fields, Richton Park, Chicago Heights, and Crete. I'm confident most people want to be part of a fair and equitable system. What we're dealing with now, isn't fair and it's not equitable.

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**szoellner@vopf.com**

Phone Number

**7082835623**