



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY  
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**Virtual Meeting**

**New Items Agenda**

**Thursday, March 18, 2021, 10:00 AM**

**Third Set**

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**Sponsored by:** BRIDGET DEGNEN, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LARRY SUFFREDIN, JOHN P. DALEY, KEVIN B. MORRISON, STANLEY MOORE, LUIS ARROYO JR, DONNA MILLER, BRANDON JOHNSON, SCOTT R. BRITTON, BILL LOWRY, DEBORAH SIMS, ALMA E. ANAYA and PETER N. SILVESTRI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****A RESOLUTION URGING THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PASS THE CLEAN ENERGY JOBS ACT, HB 0804**

**WHEREAS**, the majority of Americans believe in documented and peer-reviewed science that shows climate change is largely attributed to increased levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide produced by the use of fossil fuels, leading to a change in global and regional climate patterns; and

**WHEREAS**, humankind is experiencing the consequences of the 1°C increase resulting in extreme weather, significant air pollution, rising sea levels and diminishing Arctic sea ice, decreased crop production, along with many other devastating changes; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has experienced the effects of climate change, from its rising lakefront that caused Mayor Lightfoot to call for federal disaster designation, to the heavy rainfall that delayed our farmers' growing season in 2019 and reduced both the quantity and quality of crops able to be harvested; and

**WHEREAS**, climate change leads to an increase in pandemics, like the current COVID-19 pandemic resulting in negative health outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, climate change depresses economic development and widens income inequality; and

**WHEREAS**, combatting global warming requires an elimination of the use and burning of fossil fuels; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Commissioners passed a resolution on January 24, 2019, pledging that Cook County Government and the Forest Preserves of Cook County will reach net zero emissions by 2050, and

**WHEREAS**, in the spring of 2019, the Clean Energy Jobs Act (“CEJA”) SB2132/HB3624 was introduced into the Illinois House of Representatives and aims to put Illinois on the path to 100% renewable energy, while growing the clean energy economy in a way that expands equitable access to public health, safety, a cleaner environment, and quality jobs and economic opportunities; and

**WHEREAS** in February of 2021, CEJA HB0804 was reintroduced with a new emphasis on accountability and ethical practices of utility providers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clean Energy Jobs Act (“CEJA”) would ensure that not only Cook County, but all of

Illinois reaches 100% renewable energy by 2050 and reaches a carbon-free power sector by 2030. CEJA would build more than 40 million solar panels and 2,500 wind turbines across Illinois, by 2030, providing clean, renewable, cost effective energy for Illinois residents, while creating clean energy careers across the state. It would create infrastructure to electrify the transportation sector; and

**WHEREAS**, CEJA will create clean energy jobs in fossil fuel dependent communities throughout Cook County and Illinois. CEJA calls for the creation of Clean Energy Empowerment Zones that will promote renewable energy job development through mechanisms including tax incentives, as well as a “Displaced Energy Worker Bill of Rights” for workers who have lost their jobs due to the transition to renewables. Displaced workers under CEJA are eligible for “financial advice, continued health care and retirement packages, and full tuition scholarships at Illinois state and community colleges and trade programs;” and

**WHEREAS**, CEJA will ensure that the transition to renewable energy is grounded in equity through, among other measures, creating a Clean Jobs Workforce Hub to support and provide quality clean energy jobs to small, BIPOC clean energy businesses and contractors, ensuring equitable access to economic opportunities created by CEJA; and

**WHEREAS**, CEJA reforms capacity markets in a way that creates significant savings for Illinois consumers and avoids the purchase of unnecessary fossil fuels; and

**WHEREAS**, CEJA will lead to healthier communities by improving air and water quality through expanding access to clean energy careers, building wealth in disadvantaged communities, and ensuring new opportunities to continue building a new clean energy economy;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County urge the Illinois General Assembly to pass the Clean Energy Jobs Act.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, in furtherance of this resolution, the Cook County Clerk shall submit a certified copy of this resolution to elected officials at the state level and request that all relevant support and assistance in effectuating this resolution be provided.

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**Sponsored by:** STANLEY MOORE and DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT****AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 34, ARTICLE IV, FINANCE**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 34 - Finance, Article IV, Sections 34-280 (a) and 34-300.2 (a) - Minority and Woman-Owned Businesses, of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 34-280 - Program review and sunset.**

(a) The President and the Board of Commissioners shall receive ~~quarterly and an annual reports~~ report from the CCD detailing the County's performance under the Program.

(b) The President and the Board of Commissioners will review these reports, including the Annual Participation Goals and the County's progress towards meeting those Goals and eliminating discrimination in its contracting activities and marketplace.

(c) Within five years after the effective date of this ordinance, the County will review the operation of the Program and the evidentiary basis for the Program in order to determine whether the County has a continuing compelling interest in remedying discrimination against MBEs and WBEs in its marketplace, and the permissible scope of any narrowly tailored remedies to redress discrimination against MBEs or WBEs so that the County will not function as a passive participant in a discriminatory marketplace.

(d) This subdivision shall sunset on or before June 30, ~~2021-2022~~.

**Sec. 34-300.2 - Program review and sunset.**

(a) The President and the Board of Commissioners shall receive ~~quarterly and an annual reports~~ report from the CCD detailing the County's performance under the Program.

(b) The President and the Board of Commissioners will review these reports, including the Annual Participation Goals and the County's progress towards meeting those Goals and eliminating discrimination in its contracting activities and marketplace.

(c) Within five years after the effective date of this ordinance, the County will review the operation of the Program and the evidentiary basis for the Program in order to determine whether the County has a continuing compelling interest in remedying discrimination against MBEs and WBEs in its construction marketplace, and the permissible scope of any narrowly tailored remedies to redress discrimination against MBEs or WBEs so that the County will not function as a passive participant in a discriminatory marketplace.

(d) This subdivision shall sunset on or before June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

**Effective date:** This Ordinance Amendment shall be effective upon passage

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**Sponsored by:** STANLEY MOORE, LARRY SUFFREDIN, DENNIS DEER and LUIS ARROYO JR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY GOALS, CONVERSION TO CLEAN ENERGY BY SETTING MILESTONES FOR SUPPLIERS AND RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY IN ALL BUILDINGS, CREATING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Cook County ranks as the largest county in the State of Illinois and the second largest county in the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, two hundred and four U.S. cities and counties across thirty-seven states, including the City of Chicago, have already adopted ambitious 100% clean energy goals, and seventy-two U.S. cities and counties across seven states have already hit their targets to generate 100% of the energy used, community-wide, from clean, non-polluting, and renewable sources; and

**WHEREAS**, more than thirty-nine) percent 39% of ComEd's current electricity comes from emission-free energy production including nuclear and renewables; and

**WHEREAS**, the County's commitment to 100% clean energy will create good local jobs for residents of Cook County, reduce air pollution and associated public health risks, and save consumers money; and

**WHEREAS**, "clean energy" and "renewable energy" include energy derived from wind, solar, existing hydroelectric, geothermal, biogas, and wave technology sources. These sources of energy have significant public health and co-benefits associated that can help address pressing environmental justice challenges in sensitive communities in Cook County and around the country; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, The Cook County Board of Commissioners of Cook County, Illinois, hereby resolves, that One Hundred Percent (100%) of electricity consumed in Cook County shall be generated through renewable-energy resources and associated technologies by 2040; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that priority will be given to the lowest cost measures to meet energy needs including weatherization, cogeneration, county heating and cooling, decentralized electricity generation, smart grids/microgrids, the use of industrial waste heat, building controls, and automated -lighting, programs that create an energy-saving culture in Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Cook County will create structured mechanisms to include low-income citizens in the benefits to be derived including creating quality careers adhering to local source hiring, a just transition for workers displaced by fossil fuel reduction, equitable access through ownership and benefits to new opportunities, for historically marginalized communities, and affordable, clean-energy options.

1. the public will have an opportunity and be encouraged to participate in the process for planning and implementation; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that this resolution will become effective upon approval.

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**Presented by:** ALMA E. ANAYA, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Mayor Vernard Alsberry

**Position:** Commissioner

**Department/Board/Commission:** Cook County Commission on Social Innovation

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** November 30, 2022