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Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Rev. Dr. Marilyn Pagán-Banks
Organization (if any):	A Just Harvest
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
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Q2

County Board Meeting 3/18/2021 10a

Tell us which meeting you wish to be recorded as a witness. If you don't know the meeting or date, we can help at 312.603.6398 or cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov. You can also look up using the County Calendar or the Forest Preserve Calendar. Please fill out a separate form for each meeting at which you wish to speak.

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Agenda item 21-2052

Q4

REGISTER IN FAVOR of a specific item (You may add written comments below)

What do you want to do?

Q5

Written Statement? You can type or copy/paste any written statement you want included in the meeting record here. If this is not enough space, or you have other attachments for distribution, please email them to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov

Good Morning President Preckwinkle and Cook County Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of A Just Harvest and in support of the nomination of Sharone Mitchell as Cook County Public Defender.

We have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Mitchell since 2016 when we first began the work that led to the passing of the Pre-Trial Fairness Act earlier this year. Over the last five years, I have personally witnessed his integrity, commitment to community and justice, dedication, brilliance, and imagination when it comes to creating a world where everyone thrives. Mr. Mitchell is a gifted strategist, organizer, collaborator, and advocate. Always holding himself accountable to those he is serving, Mr. Mitchell models the importance of knowing when to step up and when to step back so that the voices of the most impacted can be heard.

Mr. Mitchell puts the well-being of people before politics and this spirit aligns with A Just Harvest's vision of "cultivating a world of shared abundance and radical belonging." Moving towards a day where no system that our tax dollars supports should ever punish folk for being poor, we are grateful and excited to have a champion like Mr. Mitchell leading the Public Defender's office.

Commissioners, please vote in support of the nomination of Sharone Mitchell if you are truly committed to a criminal justice system that is in fact "just."

In hopeful prayer,

Trusting that what is good for the community will be done,

Rev. Dr. Marilyn Pagán-Banks
Executive Director, A Just Harvest

Q6

Submitting written testimony only

Please Indicate if you are only submitting written testimony or if you wish to address the Committee live (virtually) at the meeting.

Q7

If requesting to address the Committee live (virtually), please provide an email address and phone number (This is required to receive and an invitation to the virtual meeting).

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