



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A HEARING OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS STATUS OF VARIOUS PROGRAMS RUN BY THE COOK COUNTY SHERIFF

WHEREAS, the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, in recommending and approving the annual appropriation bill, has invested in many programs to protect the general public, reduce the jail population at the Cook County Jail ("Jail"), and protect the health and well-being of persons in the custody of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Sheriff has three primary responsibilities: provide services and security to county and court facilities, administer the Cook County Jail, and protect and serve the citizens of Cook County with policing throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Sheriff through its Court Services Division provides a safe and protected environment for Cook County employees and visitors to County Courthouses, as well as timely and effective service of process and the execution of court orders issued by the Circuit Court of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has custody of many individuals, both within the Jail and in community corrections through an Electronic Monitoring program. Of those "Behind the Walls" some individuals are in Cermak Hospital, others are in residential court-ordered drug treatment programs, still others are receiving education and job training; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Police Department strives to maintain peace and order by providing police service of the highest quality, responding to the needs of the community, and collaborating with community partners to reduce and prevent issues or concerns that may jeopardize the safety and security of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff maintains programs to insure the professional integrity within the Sheriff's office, information technology to support services, provide for the safe disposal of pharmaceuticals, and support certain individuals facing eviction, among others; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that regular meetings of the Criminal Justice Committee be convened to discuss the operation of programs managed by the Sheriff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sheriff or his designated staff appear before the Committee and be prepared to update the Committee on the Sheriff's services and operations.