



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A HEARING IN THE COOK COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JUVENILE TEMPORARY DETENTION CENTER ADVISORY BOARD - "YOUTH RE-ENTRY FROM DETENTION IN COOK COUNTY"

WHEREAS, youth residents in Cook County are vital members of our communities; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,000 youth are held in custody at the Cook County Juvenile Detention Center ("JTDC") each year with 150-200 of Cook County's young people detained in the JTDC each day; and

WHEREAS, the average youth in JTDC is returned to their communities within 33 days of being admitted; and

WHEREAS, even short stays in detention can have serious destabilizing effects on young people's lives by interrupting their education, family life, relationships and mental well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Juvenile temporary Detention Center Advisory Board ("Advisory Board") was established in 2014 by the adoption of Cook County Ordinance 12-0-43; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Advisory Board is to provide public recommendations to the Executive Director of the JTDC, the Chief Judge, the County Board, and the President on matters relating to policies and operations necessary in carrying out the mission, purpose, and intent of the JTDC; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Board has delivered its Annual Report 2021 on youth re-entry from detention;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners request a convening of the Cook County Criminal Justice Committee to conduct a hearing regarding the 2021 Annual Report of the JTDC Advisory Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the hearing shall feature presentations from Advisory Board members, subject matter experts and youth with lived experiences.