



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED REAPPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Patrick M. Blanchard

Position: Independent Inspector General

Department/Board/Commission: Office of the Cook County Independent Inspector General

Effective date: 10/15/2014

Expiration date: ~~10/14/2018~~ 10/14/2020

Summary: In 2007, the Cook County Board of Commissioners through enactment of a Cook County Ordinance created the first Office of Independent Inspector General for Cook County. Following the enactment of the Ordinance, the Cook County Bar Association and the Chicago Bar Association agreed to convene a nominating committee tasked with the responsibility to recommend qualified candidates. Thereafter, secondary interviews of the recommended candidates were conducted by a bipartisan selection committee that was comprised of four Cook County Commissioners, the Director of Ethics and the Cook County State's Attorney. Upon completion of this process, the current Independent Inspector General, Patrick M. Blanchard was nominated for appointment and in October of 2008, Mr. Blanchard was appointed Cook County's first Independent Inspector General. Mr. Blanchard's appointment expires on ~~10/14/2014~~ 10/14/2020.

In accordance with Section 2-282 of the Cook County Code of Ordinances, authorization is hereby requested to reappoint Patrick M. Blanchard to a subsequent four year term. Under the leadership of Mr. Blanchard, the Office of the Cook County Independent Inspector General has proven to be an independent office in which employees, vendors, and residents have opportunity to voice concerns and remain confident that their complaints will be independently and thoroughly investigated.