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CALLING FOR HEARINGS FOCUSED ON BLACK UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago has a population of 2.7 million, of which 33 percent is black, and Cook County has a population of 5.2 million, of which 25 percent is black; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois in 2016 had an overall unemployment rate of 5.7 percent; and

WHEREAS, unemployment among white Illinoisans in 2016 was 5 percent; and

WHEREAS, the unemployment rate for black Illinoisans in 2016 was 12.7 percent; and

WHEREAS, unemployment in the majority black communities of West Garfield Park, Austin, and Englewood is above 20 percent; and

WHEREAS, there is a direct correlation between increased unemployment and increased violence; and

WHEREAS, nationally, whites are employed at a rate of 2 to 1 compared to their black counterparts, but in Illinois that rate is 3 to 1; and

WHEREAS, this is an urgent issue facing the City, County, and State; and

WHEREAS, the Human Relations Committee of the County Board will hold joint hearings with the Chicago City Council's Human Relations Committee regarding policy solutions to this important issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the President of the Board of Commissioners that the Human Relations Committee will hold public hearings to explore policy solutions to the high black unemployment rate in Illinois...end

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