



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A HEARING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR

WHEREAS, the Cook County Assessor is responsible for assessing 1.8 million parcels of real estate on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the property valuation process of the Cook County Assessor is governed by the Illinois Constitution and Statutes; and

WHEREAS, 35 ILCS 200/9-5 *et. seq.* sets the standards that the Cook County Assessor must follow when setting property values; and

WHEREAS, state law requires the Cook County Assessor to establish rules to be followed in assessing property; and

WHEREAS, Illinois court decisions have further governed property valuation and the admissibility of evidence in property tax litigation; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Assessor uses computer programs and other tools to set assessment levels; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners provides the Cook County Assessor with a budget for staff and resources to properly assess all properties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Assessor appear before the Finance Committee of the Cook County Board of Commissioner to review the current budget and operation of the Office of the Cook County Assessor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Assessor be prepared to explain the legal responsibilities of his office under Illinois law and how resources available are used when setting property assessments.