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WHEREAS, the escalation of gun violence and gang warfare in certain Chicago neighborhoods has created an atmosphere of danger and posed constant and intolerable risk to the life, liberty and property of citizens of Cook County; and,

WHEREAS the President of the County Board and the Cook County Board of Commissioners wish to affirm the moral obligation of Cook County Government to provide for the health, welfare and safety of the residents of Cook County; and,

WHEREAS, the health, welfare, and safety of certain residents of Cook County are consistently and fundamentally threatened by the constant threat of neighborhood violence; and,

WHEREAS it is both possible and necessary to pinpoint and describe the geographic boundaries of the neighborhoods and the communities in Cook County where the level of gun violence is highest; and,

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11/21/2018	1	Board of Commissioners	receive and file	
5/11/2016	1	Finance Committee	recommend for deferral	Pass
4/13/2016	1	Board of Commissioners	refer	Pass

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