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NOTICE AND AGENDA

There will be a meeting of the **Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee** of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County on **Tuesday, October 16, 2012** at the hour of **9:15 A.M.** in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois to consider the following:

319169 REQUESTING A HEARING OF THE LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE COUNTY'S ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION PROGRAM (PROPOSED RESOLUTION). Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by Larry Suffredin, County Commissioner.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A HEARING OF THE LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE COUNTY'S ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The Cook County Board of Commissioners enacted Ordinance 09-O-03, establishing the Department of Administrative Hearings ("the "Department") in December 2008; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to such Ordinance, the Department provides an independent central panel of adjudicators authorized to conduct administrative adjudication proceedings for departments, agencies, boards and commissions of the County; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2011, Cook County formed a joint committee with the City of Chicago to identify and coordinate government agencies that could be jointly administered to reduce costs, streamline interactions with residents and provide better services; and

WHEREAS, one of the government agencies that was identified for collaboration was the Cook County's Department of Administrative Hearings; and

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WHEREAS, Cook County and the City of Chicago entered into an intergovernmental agreement on January 18, 2012 that allows for the Department to hear matters pertaining to the enforcement of both County and City ordinances with respect to cigarette taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Board needs to be informed of the actions taken by the Department to facilitate this collaboration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that a meeting of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee be convened to discuss the Department's collaboration efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mr. Jack Weinrauch, Director of the Department of Administrative Hearings, appear before the Committee and be prepared to update the Committee on the Department's activities to date and the status of initiatives in the Department in conjunction with the City-County Collaboration.

***Referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee on 07-24-12.**

319944 SUPPORTING THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CLEAN AIR ACT (PROPOSED RESOLUTION). Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by Larry Suffredin, County Commissioner.

SUPPORTING THE ENFORCEMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES CLEAN AIR ACT

WHEREAS, Cook County has been a national leader on curbing its domestic air pollution; and

WHEREAS, Cook County and its residents recently have demonstrated their support for healthy air by accelerating the closure of dirty power plants within County limits; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that air pollution can cause an increased risk of strokes and heart attacks, even on moderate air quality days; and

WHEREAS, air pollution is linked to other dangerous diseases such as cancer, diabetes, aggravated asthma and other respiratory illnesses, increased hospitalizations, and premature death; and

WHEREAS, air pollution particularly affects the most vulnerable citizens of our city, namely seniors, children and those with compromised health; and

WHEREAS, since 1970, the Clean Air Act has protected the air we breathe through a proven, comprehensive, successful system of pollution control that saves lives and creates economic benefits exceeding its costs; and

WHEREAS, with the Clean Air Act, air quality in this country has improved significantly, despite major growth both in our economy and industrial production; and

WHEREAS, between 1970 and 1990, the six main pollutants covered by the Clean Air Act particulate matter and ground-level ozone (both of which contribute to smog and asthma), carbon monoxide, lead, sulfur and nitrogen oxides (the acid gases that cause acid rain) - were reduced by between 47 percent and 93 percent, and airborne lead was virtually eliminated; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Air Act has produced economic benefits valued at $2 trillion or 30 times the cost of regulation; and

WHEREAS, healthy air will protect public health, save lives, and reduce healthcare costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners supports the Clean Air Act and urges the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Lisa P. Jackson, and President Barack Obama to move swiftly to fully employ and enforce the Clean Air Act to reduce ground-level ozone, particulate matter, and carbon pollution in our atmosphere; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Lisa P. Jackson, President Barack Obama and Cook County's Congressional Delegation as a reflection of this Honorable Body's support of the Clean Air Act.

***Referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee on 09-10-12.**

Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary

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