

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION  
AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**February 4, 2013**

The Honorable,  
The Board of Commissioners of Cook County

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Chairman Suffredin, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Garcia, Murphy, Reyes, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Tobolski (11)

**Absent:** Vice Chairman Fritchey, Commissioners Beavers, Gainer, Gorman, Goslin and Schneider (6)

**Also Present:** Patrick Driscoll – Bureau Chief, Civil Actions Bureau, Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County met pursuant to notice on Monday, February 4, 2013 at the hour of 11:30 A.M. in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Your Committee has considered the following items and, upon adoption of this report, the recommendations are as follows:

321598 CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER (APPOINTMENT). Transmitting a Communication, dated December 31, 2012 from Toni Preckwinkle, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners.

I hereby appoint Interim Chief Procurement Officer, Shannon E. Andrews to the position of Chief Procurement Officer for Cook County.

Shannon E. Andrews most recently served as the Director of the County's Contract Compliance Department and prior to joining the County; Ms. Andrews served as a Deputy Procurement Officer for the City of Chicago.

Ms. Andrews' executive public procurement experience in entities comparable in size to Cook County as well as her operational, legislative and procurement policy experience provide a critical skill set that will be an asset to Cook County, the Office of Chief Procurement Officer, and the user departments and agencies that rely on that office.

I submit this communication for your approval.

**\*Referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee on 01-16-13.**

Ms. Andrews delivered remarks as to her qualifications for and interest in the position of Chief Procurement Officer for Cook County.

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Chairman Suffredin requested that Miss Andrews' resume, as well as the following letters of recommendation on Ms. Andrews' behalf, be entered into the record:

Tim Taylor – Assistant Manager, Electrical Contractors' Association of the City of Chicago, Inc.

Theresa Kern – Board Chair, Women's Construction Owners & Executives, USA, Chicago Caucus

Melinda Kelly – Executive Director, CBA Small Business Development, Inc.

Rev. Larry S. Bullock, President and Chief Executive Officer, Suburban Minority Contractors Association

Jorge J. Perez – Executive Director, Hispanic American Construction Industry Association

Virginia McFarland – Executive Director, Association of Subcontractors & Affiliates

Carnice Carey – Executive Officer, Cosmopolitan Chamber of Commerce

Raffi Sarrafian – Director of Purchasing, Chicago Park District

**Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, moved the Approval of Communication No. 321598. The motion carried.**

321599 WELLER CREEK DRAINAGE DISTRICT (APPOINTMENT). Transmitting a Communication, dated January 10, 2013 from Toni Preckwinkle, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners.

I hereby appoint Gregory C. O'Brien to the Weller Creek Drainage District, to fill the vacancy left by James Skelly for a term to begin immediately and expire on September 6, 2014.

I submit this communication for your approval.

**\*Referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee on 01-16-13.**

Mr. O'Brien presented his resume and made a statement about his qualifications for and interest in an appointment to the Weller Creek Drainage District.

Chairman Suffredin requested that Mr. O'Brien's resume be entered into the record.

**Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Steele, moved the Approval of Communication No. 321599. The motion carried.**

Chairman Suffredin asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speaker, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-107(dd).

1. Daniel Kirk – Chief of Staff, Cook County’s State’s Attorney’s Office
2. Michael D. Rodriguez – Executive Director, Enlace Chicago
3. Marcos Cenicerros – Youth Organizer, Brighton Park Neighborhood Council
4. George Blakemore – Concerned Citizen
5. David McDowell – Senior Organizer, The Southwest Organizing Project
6. Stephanie Gordon – Concerned Citizen
7. Soraya Faber – Concerned Citizen
8. Steve Farsht – Concerned Citizen
9. Rebecca Levin – Director, Strengthening Chicago’s Youth, Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago
10. Marjorie Fujara – Pediatrician, One Million Moms For Gun Control
11. Maria Pike Davis – Chicago Citizens For Change
12. Robert A. Hutchins – Lakeview Presbyterian Church, Anti-Violence Task Force
13. Mark Walsh – Campaign Director, Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence
14. Becky DeaKuire – Concerned Citizen
15. Diana Aguilar – Concerned Mother
16. Camiella Williams – Concerned Citizen
17. Sill Moy – Project Manager, Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence
18. Stephanie Brown – Citizens of Chicago for Change
19. Josephine D’Avolio – Concerned Citizen
20. Tio Hardiman – Director of Cease Fire Illinois
21. Jack Weinrauch – Director, Office of Administrative Hearings
22. Wayne Moran – Case Manager, Office of Administrative Hearing
23. Julianna Stratton – Executive Director, Justice Advisory Council

321621 REPORT OF LOST, STOLEN, DESTROYED OR TRANSFERRED FIRE ARMS ORDINANCE (PROPOSED ORDINANCE). Transmitting a Communication from Toni Preckwinkle, President, and Jesus G. Garcia, John P. Daley, Edwin Reyes and Larry Suffredin, Cook County Board of Commissioners.

**REPORT OF LOST, STOLEN, DESTROYED OR TRANSFERRED  
FIREARMS ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Illinois has already enacted several laws to regulate the possession of firearms, but the State does not require all firearm owners to report to the local authorities when firearms are lost, stolen, destroyed or transferred; and

**WHEREAS**, a report by Mayors Against Illegal Guns, a coalition of over 300 mayors that targets illegal guns nationwide, indicates that lost and stolen firearm reporting laws “can help law enforcement more easily identify and prosecute gun traffickers”; and

**WHEREAS**, a report by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, recommends that state and local governments mandate reporting of lost and stolen firearms in order to enhance law enforcement entities' ability to recover those guns and reduce gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, laws requiring the reporting of lost, stolen, destroyed or transferred firearms provide a tool for law enforcement to detect the behavior of criminals and gun traffickers who transfer or falsely claim that their guns have been lost or stolen and used by others to commit crimes; and

**WHEREAS**, it is within Cook County's home rule authority to require persons who own or possess firearms within Cook County to report the loss, theft, destruction or transfer of the firearm in order to provide for the public health, safety and welfare of persons in Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County and the State of Illinois should pass legislation mandating the reporting of lost, stolen, destroyed or transferred firearms to County and other local law enforcement entities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 58, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article VII., Report of Lost or Stolen Firearms, Section 58-185 through Section 58-195, of the Cook County Code is hereby enacted as follows:

**Sec. 58-185. – Short Title.** This article shall be known as the "Report of Lost, Stolen, Destroyed or Transferred Firearms Ordinance" of Cook County, Illinois.

**Sec. 58-186. – Purpose.** Requiring persons who own or possess firearms within Cook County to promptly report to the Cook County Sheriff the loss, theft, destruction or transfer of firearms will enable Cook County law enforcement agencies or the Sheriff's Office to timely investigate the loss or theft, protect the public and help improve the public health and safety of all persons in Cook County.

**Sec. 58-187. – Definitions.** The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*County* means the County of Cook.

*Firearm* means any pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, machine gun, handgun, assault weapon or other device that fits within the definition of "firearm" contained in the Illinois Firearm Owners Identification Card Act (430 ILCS 65/1.1 et seq.) or any successor statute.

*Local law enforcement agency* means any political subdivision of the State or an agency of a political subdivision that exists primarily to deter and detect crime and enforce criminal laws, statutes and ordinances.

*Sheriff* means the Sheriff's Office of Cook County, Illinois.

**Sec. 58-188. - Applicability.** This article shall apply to:

- (a) Any person residing in Cook County who owns or possesses a firearm; and
- (b) Any person who owns or possesses a firearm and resides outside of Cook County —who loses, destroys, transfers or suffers a theft of the firearm in Cook County.

**Sec. 58-189. – Report of Transferred, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Firearms.**

(a) Any person residing in Cook County who owns or possesses a firearm shall report the transfer, destruction, loss or theft of the firearm to the Cook County Sheriff's Office on a form prescribed by the Cook County Sheriff within 48 hours of the time he or she knew or should have known that the firearm was transferred, lost or stolen, regardless of the location of where the firearm was transferred, destroyed, lost or stolen.

(b) Any person residing outside Cook County who owns or possesses a firearm shall report the transfer, destruction, loss or theft of the firearm to the Cook County Sheriff's Office on a form prescribed by the Cook County Sheriff within 48 hours of the time he or she knew or should have known that the firearm was transferred, destroyed, lost or stolen in Cook County.

(c) A person reporting transfer, destruction, loss or theft of a firearm shall report the following information:

- (1) Owner Name;
- (2) Owner Address;
- (3) Owner Firearm Owner's Identification Card number;
- (4) Date of Purchase;
- (5) Place of Purchase;
- (6) Firearm Type;
- (7) Firearm Serial Number;
- (8) Date of Transfer, loss, theft or destruction;
- (9) If transferred, the name and address of the transferee; and
- (10) Transferee Firearm Owner's Identification Card number.

**Sec. 58-190. – Exempt from Reporting Requirements.** The reporting provisions in Sec. 58-189 do not apply to the following persons:

- (a) Sworn law enforcement officials while engaged in their official duties; and

(b) Members of the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard while engaged in their official duties.

**Sec. 58-191. – Violations; Penalties.**

(a) Any person violating or failing to truthfully comply with sections 58-189 (a), 58-189 (b) or 58-189 (c) of this article shall be issued a notice of violation and shall be subject to a mandatory fine of \$1,000.00 for the first violation; \$1,500.00 for the second violation and \$2,000 for each subsequent violation in addition to any other fines or penalties applicable from any Federal, State or local laws or ordinances.

(b) If any fine is imposed pursuant to this section, such fine shall constitute a debt due and owing to the County. If the fine is not paid within 30 days after the expiration of the time within which judicial or administrative review of the adverse determination may be sought, or within 30 days after an action seeking review has been resolved in favor of the County, the Sheriff, Director of the Department of Revenue or the State's Attorney may seek to obtain judgment on the debt and enforce such judgment against the person fined.

**Sec. 58-192. – Enforcement; Rules and Regulations.**

(a) The Sheriff is authorized to enforce the provisions of this article.

(b) The Sheriff is authorized to adopt, promulgate and enforce rules and regulations for the implementation of this article and to prescribe all forms and the information required thereon that is not otherwise required in this article.

(c) The Sheriff shall receive, collect and file the reports of the transfer, loss, destruction or theft of firearms and cooperate or make available to law enforcement agencies the reports, for the purpose of investigative efforts.

(d) The Sheriff shall determine whether a person to whom a firearm is transferred has a valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card issued by the Illinois State Police. If the Sheriff determines the transferee does not possess a valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card or the transferee's Firearm Owner's Identification Card has been revoked, the Sheriff shall have the authority to recover the Firearm Owner's Identification Card and any and all firearms under the custody and control of the transferee.

(e) The Sheriff is authorized to cooperate with the state, other County agencies and other law enforcement entities to facilitate the implementation of this article.

**Sec. 58-193. –Administrative adjudication.**

Any person issued a notice of violation pursuant to this article may request an administrative hearing in accordance with Chapter 2, Administration, Article IX, Administrative Hearings of this Code.

**Sec. 58-194. – Severability.**

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or clause of this article or the application thereof to any person is for any reason deemed to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect, impair or invalidate any remaining section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or clause hereof or the application of this article to any other person.

**Sec. 58-195. - Effective date.**

This ordinance from which this article is derived shall take effect six months after its passage and publication.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that the County Clerk publishes a copy of this ordinance within 30 days after adoption in one or more daily newspapers published in Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that the County Clerk submits a copy of this ordinance within 30 days after adoption to the Department of State Police.

**\*Referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee on 01-16-13.**

**Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, moved to Accept the Substitute Ordinance to Communication No. 321621. The motion carried.**

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE  
TO COMMUNICATION NO. 321621

Sponsored by TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, and JESUS G. GARCIA, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, LARRY SUFFREDIN, EARLEAN COLLINS, DEBORAH SIMS and ROBERT B. STEELE County Commissioners

**REPORT OF LOST, STOLEN, DESTROYED OR TRANSFERRED FIREARMS ORDINANCE**

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**Sec. 58-187. – Definitions.** The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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*Local law enforcement agency* means any political subdivision of the State or an agency of a political subdivision that exists primarily to deter and detect crime and enforce criminal laws, statutes and ordinances.

*Sheriff* means the Sheriff's Office of Cook County, Illinois.

**Sec. 58-188. - Applicability.** This article shall apply to:

- (a) Any person residing in Cook County who owns or possesses a firearm; and
- (b) Any person who owns or possesses a firearm and resides outside of Cook County-who loses, destroys, transfers or suffers a theft of the firearm in Cook County.
- (c) This article shall control the reporting of lost, stolen, destroyed or transferred firearms except in home rule municipalities which have a separate municipal ordinance requiring the reporting of transferred, lost, stolen or destroyed firearms provided that such municipalities share such reporting data with the Cook County Sheriff pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement.

**Sec. 58-189. – Report of ~~Transferred, Lost, Stolen, or Destroyed, Lost or Stolen~~ Firearms.**

(a) Any person residing in Cook County who owns or possesses a firearm that is lost, stolen, destroyed, or is otherwise missing, in addition to any other requirements of this Code, shall notify report the transfer, destruction, loss or theft of the firearm to the Cook County Sheriff's Office on a form in a manner prescribed by the Cook County Sheriff that his or her firearm has been lost, stolen, destroyed, or is otherwise missing within 48 hours of the time he or she ~~knows, knew~~ or should have known, that ~~the~~ his or her firearm was has been transferred, lost, or stolen, destroyed, or is otherwise missing, regardless of the location of where the firearm was transferred, lost, stolen, destroyed, or is otherwise missing destroyed, lost or stolen.

(b) Any person residing outside Cook County who owns or possesses a firearm that is lost, stolen, destroyed, or is otherwise missing, in addition to any other requirements of this Code, shall notify report the transfer, destruction, loss or theft of the firearm to the Cook County Sheriff's Office on a form in a manner prescribed by the Cook County Sheriff that his or her firearm has been lost, stolen, destroyed, or is otherwise missing within 48 hours of the time he or she ~~knows, knew~~ or should have known, that the firearm has been was transferred, destroyed, lost, stolen, destroyed, or is otherwise missing, if the firearm was lost, stolen, destroyed, or is otherwise missing in Cook County.

(c) A person reporting ~~transfer, destruction, loss or theft of a firearm~~ lost, stolen, destroyed, or otherwise missing shall report provide the following information:

- (10) Owner name;
- (11) Owner address;
- (12) Owner Firearm Owner's Identification Card number;
- (13) Date of ~~purchase~~acquisition;
- (14) Place of ~~purchase~~acquisition;
- (15) Means of acquisition;
- (16) Firearm type;
- (17) Firearm serial number; and
- (18) Date when firearm was lost, stolen, destroyed, or otherwise missing~~of transfer, loss, theft or destruction~~;
- (19) ~~If transferred, the name and address of the transferee; and~~
- (20) ~~Transferee Firearm Owner's Identification Card number.~~

**Sec. 58-190. – Report of Transferred Firearms.**

- (a) Any person residing in Cook County who owns or possesses a firearm, in addition to any other requirements of this Code, shall report the sale, transfer, inheritance, or other disposition of the firearm to the Cook County Sheriff's Office in a manner prescribed by the Cook County Sheriff within 48 hours of the time when the firearm has been sold, transferred, inherited, or otherwise disposed of, regardless of the location where the sale, transfer, inheritance or other disposition of the firearm has occurred.
- (b) Any person residing outside of Cook County who owns or possesses a firearm, in addition to any other requirements of this Code, shall report the sale, transfer, inheritance, or other disposition of the firearm to the Cook County Sheriff's Office in a manner prescribed by the Cook County Sheriff within 48 hours of the time when the firearm has been sold, transferred, inherited, or otherwise disposed of, when the sale, transfer, inheritance, or other disposition of the firearm occurs within Cook County.
- (c) A person reporting the sale, transfer, inheritance, or other disposition of a firearm shall provide the following information:
  - (1) Owner name;
  - (2) Owner address;
  - (3) Owner Firearm Owner's Identification Card number;
  - (4) Date of acquisition;
  - (5) Place of acquisition;
  - (6) Means of acquisition;
  - (7) Firearm type;
  - (8) Firearm serial number;
  - (9) Date of sale, transfer, inheritance or other disposition; and
  - (10) The name, address, and Firearm Owner's Identification Card number of the transferee.

**Sec. 58-1901 – Exempt from Reporting Requirements.** The reporting provisions in Sec. 58-189 and Sec. 58-190 do not apply to the following persons:

- (a) Sworn law enforcement officials while engaged in their official duties; and

(b) Members of the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard while engaged in their official duties.

**Sec. 58-1912. – Violations; Penalties.**

(a) Any person violating or failing to truthfully comply with any of the reporting provisions in sections 58-189 (a), 58-189 (b) or 58-189 (c) or 58-190 of this article shall be issued a notice of violation and shall be subject to a mandatory fine of \$1,000.00 for the first violation; \$1,500.00 for the second violation and \$2,000 for each subsequent violation in addition to any other fines or penalties applicable from any Federal, State or local laws or ordinances.

(b) If any fine is imposed pursuant to this section, such fine shall constitute a debt due and owing to the County. If the fine is not paid within 30 days after the expiration of the time within which judicial or administrative review of the adverse determination may be sought, or within 30 days after an action seeking review has been resolved in favor of the County, the Sheriff, Director of the Department of Revenue or the State's Attorney may seek to obtain judgment on the debt and enforce such judgment against the person fined.

**Sec. 58-1923. – Enforcement; Rules and Regulations.**

(a) The Sheriff is authorized to enforce the provisions of this article.

(b) The Sheriff is authorized to adopt, promulgate and enforce rules and regulations for the implementation of this article and to prescribe all forms and the information required thereon that is not otherwise required in this article.

(c) The Sheriff shall receive, collect and file the reports of the transfer, loss, destruction or theft of firearms and cooperate or make available to law enforcement agencies the reports, for the purpose of investigative efforts.

(d) The Sheriff shall determine whether a person to whom a firearm is transferred has a valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card issued by the Illinois State Police. If the Sheriff determines the transferee does not possess a valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card or the transferee's Firearm Owner's Identification Card has been revoked, the Sheriff shall have the authority to recover the Firearm Owner's Identification Card and any and all firearms under the custody and control of the transferee.

(e) The Sheriff is authorized to cooperate with the state, municipalities, other County agencies and other law enforcement entities to facilitate the implementation of this article.

**Sec. 58-1934. –Administrative adjudication.**

Any person issued a notice of violation pursuant to this article may request an administrative hearing in accordance with Chapter 2, Administration, Article IX, Administrative Hearings of this Code.

**Sec. 58-1945. – Severability.**

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or clause of this article or the application thereof to any person is for any reason deemed to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect, impair or invalidate any remaining section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or clause hereof or the application of this article to any other person.

~~Sec. 58-195. — Effective date.~~

~~This ordinance from which this article is derived shall take effect six months after its passage and publication.~~

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that the County Clerk publishes a copy of this ordinance within 30 days after its adoption in one or more daily newspapers published in Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that the County Clerk submits a copy of this ordinance within 30 days after its adoption to the Department of State Police.

Effective date: This ordinance shall take effect six months after its adoption.

Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, moved to Approve Communication No. 321621 as Substituted. Commissioner Garcia called for a Roll Call Vote on the Motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

**Roll Call on Motion to Approve Communication No. 321621 as Substituted**

**Yeas:** Chairman Suffredin, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Tobolski (10)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Present:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioners Beavers, Fritchey, Gorman, Goslin, Murphy, Reyes and Schneider (7)

The motion carried, and Communication No. 321621 was recommended for Approval as Substituted.

Leave was granted to add Commissioners Collins, Sims and Steele as Sponsors of Communication No. 321621 as Substituted.

Commissioner Sims moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

**YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION  
WITH REGARD TO THE MATTER NAMED HEREIN:**

Communication Number 321598	Approved
Communication Number 321599	Approved
Communication Number 321621	Approved as Substituted

Respectfully submitted,  
Committee on Legislation and  
Intergovernmental Relations



Larry Suffredin, Chairman

Attest:

  
Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary

\*A video recording of this meeting is available on the Office of the Secretary to the Board's website on the Video Page at <http://blog.cookcountyil.gov/secretarytotheboard/county-board-proceedings/county-board-video-and-audio/>.

**INTRODUCTION**

Good morning Chairman Suffredin and members of the Board of Commissioners.

My name is Shannon E. Andrews and I am honored and humbled to be before you seeking confirmation as the Chief Procurement Officer for Cook County Illinois. I would like to thank President Toni Preckwinkle for this opportunity. I consider it a privilege to serve beside the dedicated and hard working staff of the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer and to work for the citizens of Cook County.

**PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

I am excited about the opportunity to serve as Cook County's Chief Procurement Officer. I firmly believe that my past professional experience has prepared me for both the challenges and rewards the Office brings. I have spent the majority of my professional career in public service. Prior to joining Cook County, I spent five years with the City of Chicago Department of Procurement Services, most recently as Deputy Procurement Officer. In that role, I was a part of the Senior Leadership team that worked with department managers to create, manage and implement strategies to support the mission of the Department. I helped to develop policies and procedures to govern the annual procurement of over \$2 billion in goods and services. I also served as the Department point person for the Chicago Procurement Officer Roundtable, which encourages and develops best practices among local, state and federal agencies.

**MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS**

In October 2012, I was honored to be asked to serve as the Cook County Contract Compliance Director. Since December 27, 2012, I have served as the Interim Chief Procurement Officer. During my brief tenure here, I have had the opportunity to meet and discuss procurement issues with Board members, County User Departments and the offices of separately Elected Officials. I have had conversations concerning the positive aspects of the Office as well as conversations about areas that need improvement.

**Shannon E. Andrews**  
**Statement - Confirmation Chief Procurement Officer**  
**February 4, 2013**

My vision for the Office is in keeping with President Preckwinkle's goals for Cook County government, which include: Fiscal Responsibility, Innovative Leadership, Transparency and Accountability and Improved Services.

Moving forward, I will develop a strategic plan to improve operating efficiency and transparency in Cook County's procurement of goods and services.

I am committed to looking at County contracts as opportunities - opportunities to support the objectives of Cook County. I am committed to exceed goals set by the Procurement Code, which includes Minority and Women Business Enterprise participation, ensuring payments of a living wage, and local business participation. I want to look at lessons learned and implement improvements as we evaluate our past performance, as well as implement industry best practices and harness technology to our benefit.

My plans for the Office include a focus on four key areas:

1. We will review and where necessary revise the County's boilerplate contract terms and general conditions to reflect the current state of the economy and position the County to be an effective buyer in the marketplace;
2. We will standardize the procurement process including our procurement forms and documents. This will help to increase transparency and accessibility;
3. We will expand our training of both vendors and County personnel by providing information and resources on the procurement process; and
4. We will enhance the County's Buying Plan which outlines our procurement needs for the next 12 to 18 months. This purchasing forecast is a great resource to attract more firms to bid County contracts by helping them plan ahead, network, or seek joint venture opportunities. Additionally, it provides vital data that can impact resource planning.

**Our core mission will continue to be to provide sound, fair, ethical and  
transparent procurement services for Cook County Government.**

**CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer is a service department responsible for providing the means, structure and guidance to procure goods and services, at the best value so that our clients can provide critical services to Cook County residents.

I look forward to the challenges of this office and I look forward to working with each of you. I welcome your insight on how to make Cook County procurement best in class.

Again, I thank President Preckwinkle and all of you for this opportunity.

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### Related Work Experience

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#### Procurement and Project Management

- Serve as key senior leader on executive team for the City of Chicago department of procurement services, which is responsible for the purchase of approximately \$2 billion in goods and services on behalf of City user departments.
- Determine departmental decisions for legal, legislative, procedural, media response, spend analysis and policy matters regarding procurement, certification and compliance issues for the City of Chicago procurement department.
- Manage effectively in all areas of administration, including personnel, certification, compliance, information technology and development. Develop and manage budgets, reports and strategies for contract administration, certification, compliance and departmental administration. Eliminated backlog of over 700 certification applications when responsibilities for certification and compliance were transferred to DPS in January 2012.
- Work closely with department managers to create, manage and implement strategies to support vision of agency executive.
- Implement policies, programs, goals and procedures around the department's initiative to streamline and educate various stakeholders on the City's procurement process.
- Responsible for various program development and quality assurance including managing projects from initial conception, through development, to implementation.
- Build and lead efficient teams, to implement programs, train personnel, and convey concepts in relevant terms.
- Responsible for identifying, analyzing and resolving operational issues.
- Serve as department point person for the City's Procurement Roundtable to encourage collaborative opportunities, address procurement issues and develop best practices among local, state and federal agencies.
- Develop and manage quantitative and qualitative measurements for various programs within procurement.
- Prepare and administer budgets to ensure programs completed on time and within budget. Develop strategies for implementing various programs. Supervise staff and volunteers to meet various program goals.
- Account Management and implementation of large-scale public relations plans. Develop public relations programs for clients to create positive awareness of corporate/community involvement (clients include: Wal-Mart, Tyson Foods and the Illinois Department of Transportation).

#### Community & External Relations, and Relationship Development

- Review and respond to sensitive inquiries from community organizations, public and private organizations and the general public regarding procurement activities.
- Represent the department and City at various conferences, forums and meetings. Serve as a liaison to local, state and federal governmental agencies, the City's Affirmative Action Advisory Board, contractors and/or community and business organizations; assist small business enterprise development through facilitating business and educational workshops.
- Develop a sustained outreach program that works in collaboration and with representative community groups to raise awareness of programs and opportunities for small, minority and women owned businesses. Develop and conduct workshops to provide information and materials to various stakeholders on how to do business with the City of Chicago.
- Responsible for the development and provision of programs designed to meet the department's goal to inform, and encourage diverse and informed participation in City procurement process.
- Cultivated, solicited and secured event support, sponsorship, underwriters, donors and attendees for fundraising events and campaigns to meet revenue goals. Developed and managed multi-level donor strategies for targeted communities, including individual, major and corporate donor levels for various programs.
- Developed agency's sponsorship solicitation procedures and guidelines. Participate in developing annual fundraising plans and strategies to achieve annual goals of more than \$500K. Steered effort with trustee chair to increase corporate sponsorship for major fundraising events by more than 50% over two fiscal years.

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### Communications and Marketing

- Direct media relations and Freedom of Information Act requests, draft press releases, and respond to -media inquiries. Responsible for developing and communicating information to various media outlets.
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- Develop and write public relations plans and strategies. Experienced in media relations.
- Manage and develop multi-media marketing materials including video presentations, brochures, newsletters, script and speech writing. Design marketing materials for special events, programs and campaigns.
- Managed concept and design production of agency internal and external annual reports and other marketing pieces.

### Employment History

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August 2010 to Present	Deputy Procurement Officer, <b>City of Chicago</b> , Department of Procurement Services
June 2007 to August 2010	Assistant Procurement Officer, <b>City of Chicago</b> , Department of Procurement Services
2006 to 2007	Account Manager, <b>E. Morris Communications, Inc.</b> , Chicago, IL
2004 to 2006	Development & Events Officer, <b>Jane Addams Hull House Association</b> , Chicago, IL
2002 to 2004	Manager, Special Events, <b>Jane Addams Hull House Association</b> , Chicago, IL
1997 to 2002	Staff Assistant, <b>City of Chicago</b> , Commission on Human Relations, Chicago, IL
1996	Project Coordinator, <b>Jasculca/Terman and Associates</b> , Chicago, IL
1994 to 1996	Marketing and Administrative Assistant, <b>Charles A. Lowe &amp; Associates</b> , Chicago, IL
1992 to 1994	Teacher and Summer Day Camp Director, <b>The Crayon Campus</b> , Chicago, IL
1992 to 1993	Research Assistant, <b>Board of Election Commissioners for the City of Chicago</b>
1991	Summer Clerk, <b>Earl L. Neal &amp; Associates</b> , Chicago, IL

### Education

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May 1992	Bachelor of Arts, English	Hampton University, Hampton, VA
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Electrical Contractors' Association  
of City of Chicago, Inc.

January 25, 2013

The Honorable Toni Preckwinkle  
Cook County Board President  
118 N. Clark Street, Room 567  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear President Preckwinkle:

On behalf of the Electrical Contractors' Association of City of Chicago (ECA), we wish to commend you on your recent appointment of Ms. Shannon Andrews as Acting Chief Procurement Officer overseeing the Office of Cook County Contract Compliance. Ms. Andrews has always been available for assistance in regard to procurement / revenue issues throughout her career in City of Chicago government. She has always been available in regard to her outreach efforts with such groups as the Cosmopolitan Chamber of Commerce's "Project Awareness" program in which the ECA has assisted.

The Electrical Contractors' Association of City of Chicago (ECA) is a construction trade association that provides business and labor relations services to nearly 700 electrical contractors in Cook County, Illinois. The ECA is also known as the Chicago and Cook County Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA). The Association works with its industry partner, Local Union #134, IBEW to negotiate and administer labor agreements, coordinate apprentice and journeylevel training, as well as promotion of the industry on behalf of these employers.

Again, we do hope her appointment succeeds during the upcoming Cook County Board Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations meeting and subsequent Cook County Board Meeting. Also, enclosed for your review is the Association's 2012 Annual Report.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Taylor', is written over a horizontal line.

Tim Taylor  
Assistant Manager

Encl.

cc. Larry Suffredin, Chairman, Cook County Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee;

Ms. Shannon Andrews, Acting Chief Procurement Officer of the Office of Cook County Contract Compliance



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January 14, 2013

The Honorable Toni Preckwinkle  
President, Cook County Board of Commissioners  
Room 537 County Building  
118 N. Clark Street  
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear President Preckwinkle:

Women Construction Owners and Executives (WCOE) applauds your appointment of Shannon Andrews as Chief Procurement Officer.

Ms. Andrews brings significant procurement experience, which will enhance the department's functions on a number of levels. In particular, she has developed a strong reputation among women and minority owned businesses for her willingness to assist them in identifying public contract opportunities. She has also worked hard to identify and eliminate the many hurdles these businesses face when bidding public contracts.

Her efforts have led to more women and minority owned businesses seeking certification and working on public contracts. Increasing vendor participation at Cook County will certainly increase competition in bidding and ultimately result in better prices for Cook County taxpayers.

WCOE urges the members of the Cook County Board to support this appointment.

Sincerely,

Theresa Kern  
Board Chair

cc: Cook County Board of Commissioners  
Letitia Close, Special Assistant to the President  
President's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs



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January 22, 2013

The Honorable Toni Preckwinkle  
President, Cook County Board of Commissioners  
118 North Clark Street  
Chicago IL 60602

*Re: Letter in Support of the Appointment of nominee Shannon Andrews as  
Director of Procurement*

Dear President Preckwinkle:

On behalf of the members of the Chatham Business Association Small Business Development Inc. (CBA), I am writing to express support for the appointment of your nominee, Ms. Shannon Andrews, as the Chief Procurement Officer for the County of Cook.

CBA is an organization formed forty one years ago to ensure the social, political and economic growth within Chatham, and surrounding communities. Over the years, we have worked closely with major financial institutions, corporations, local business and civic leaders to spearhead economic development in our most vulnerable neighborhoods, and where the majority of our African American members have their business operations. The principle objective of CBA is to facilitate business development among our membership and throughout the communities we serve. We provide technical support and a wide array of business-related services to spearhead economic growth and ensure that our local businesses have the tools and resources to succeed.

Our African American members have a significant impact on our communities because they create and sustain employment opportunities for our communities. Ms Andrews shares our mission and is very familiar with the issues, challenges and success of our members; and our members are very familiar with Ms. Andrews. She is thorough in her outreach, education and communication efforts. CBA members consider Shannon Andrews a trusted leader and partner; and we rely on her consistent response and diligence in addressing our unique concerns.

We support Cook County in their mission to foster greater growth of minority businesses which reduces unemployment, crime, and stabilizes communities in Cook County. CBA stands ready to continue to work with the City, County and State to work on initiatives that help revitalize our business climate. We fully support the appointment of Ms. Andrews as Chief Procurement Officer for the County of Cook.

Sincerely,  
**Melinda Kelly**  
Executive Director



## Suburban Minority Contractors Association

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January 22, 2013

The Honorable Toni Preckwinkle  
President, Cook County Board of commissioners  
118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear President Preckwinkle:

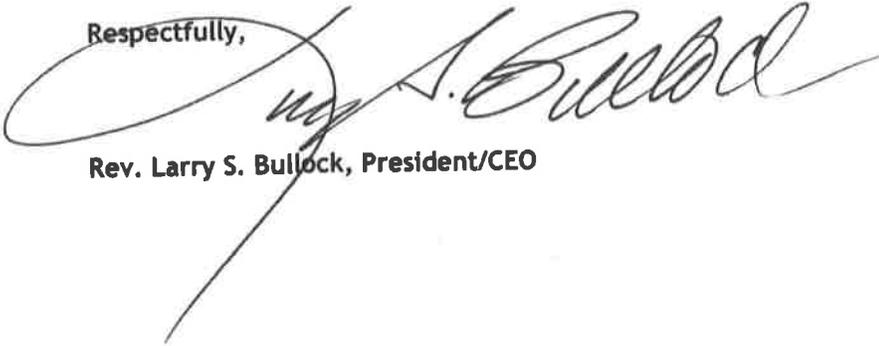
Greetings from the Suburban Minority Contractors Association [SMCA] and our sincere thank you for the yeomen's job you and the entire Cook County Board are doing to advance diversity and minority procurement in Cook County and beyond. Our Association is 22 years old and represents minority and women owned businesses through out Illinois, especially northeastern Illinois. We have been an Assist Agency for the entirety of our tenure working cooperatively with the City of Chicago, Cook County, MWRDGC, Illinois Tollway, IDOT, and scores of municipalities and local school boards. Almost all of the procurement and diversity staff members are familiar with us and we are familiar with them as well.

For well over a decade, SMCA, and myself have worked with the City of Chicago, and your nominee for Director of Procurement, Ms. Shannon Andrews and her former boss Atty. Jamie Rhee, in advancing the MBE/DBE/WBE goals for the city of Chicago in a collaborative manner which has been beneficial to minority contracts, majority contractors, and the greater communities. Ms. Andrews has provided our Association and its members unparalleled support, encouragement, assistance on a 24/7 basis, literally following up after 6: PM, weekends, and while on vacation. She's returned calls and made efforts that were shocking and evident of a long and deep commitment to public services. Selecting Ms. Andrews as the chief Procurement Officer for the Cook County Board of Commissioners speaks volumes about your commitment and leadership on multicultural diversity and equal opportunity in contract procurement under this County Board. Our membership is well served by this choice and your continued public policy of fairness and openness in public policy procurement.

**SMCA**

Thus, please allow me to state forcefully and enthusiastically on behalf of the SMCA our unqualified support for your choice as Chief Procurement officers, Ms. Shannon Andrews. We pledge our continued support for her and her staff going forward and will share whatever resources at our disposal to reach our common objectives of helping to grow minority businesses and serve those constituencies in Cook County who have been previously under represented in said procurement practices. Please feel free to call upon us at anytime should assistance be need in this effort.

Respectfully,

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Rev. Larry S. Bullock, President/CEO

# HISPANIC AMERICAN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION



January 23, 2013

The Honorable Toni Preckwinkle  
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## Re: Ms. Shannon Andrews

Dear President Preckwinkle:

I am writing to express my full and complete support for the confirmation of Ms. Shannon Andrews for the position of Chief Procurement Officer, and respectfully request this letter be entered into the official record as HACIA's support for Shannon.

As a membership association and an assist agency, HACIA regularly works with government officials at all levels. As such, I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Shannon for several years, and continue to work with her in her current role with Cook County. Every interaction with Shannon has been, *and continues to be*, professional, positive, productive, and always a pleasure. She exemplifies what it means to be a public servant.

Founded in 1979, HACIA is a non-profit membership association representing more than 300 companies, including everything from professional service firms to construction related businesses, which collectively employ 7,000 workers with an annual economic impact of over \$400 million.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jorge J. Perez  
Executive Director



January 28, 2013

The Honorable Toni Preckwinkle  
President, Cook County Board of Commissioners  
Room 537, County Building  
118 N. Clark Street  
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear President Preckwinkle,

The Association of Subcontractors & Affiliates (ASAC) supports your appointment of Shannon E. Andrews as Chief Procurement Officer for Cook County.

ASAC worked briefly with Ms. Andrews in her role as Director of the Cook County Office of Contract Compliance during the budget process last fall. We also had the opportunity to work with her on procurement issues in her capacity as Deputy Chief Procurement Officer for the City of Chicago. Her follow up with our members on critical issues, such as contract payment, often helped our members avoid devastating consequences.

ASAC appreciates her sensitivity to issues facing subcontractors, particularly in the area of contract payment. We are confident that she will bring her excellent communication skills to her new role with the County and we look forward to working with her to continue improving the procurement process in Cook County.

Our association represents more than 350 members who perform work in nearly every specialty trade within the construction industry. Our members routinely bid and work on public projects in Cook County.

ASAC urges the Cook County Board of Commissioner to vote in favor of your appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Virginia McFarland". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Virginia McFarland  
Executive Director

cc: Cook County Board of Commissioners  
Letitia Close, Special Assistant to the President  
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Carnice Carey  
Executive Director

January 31, 2013

The Honorable Toni Preckwinkle  
President of Cook County Board  
County Building  
118 North Clark Street, Room 537  
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear President Preckwinkle:

The Cosmopolitan Chamber of Commerce is pleased to support Shannon Andrews for the position of Chief Procurement Officer for Cook County Government. Ms. Andrews has performed in the procurement area for several years and has demonstrated to the Chamber to be very professional and capable of carrying out those administrative responsibilities in an exemplary manner.

We are proud to support Shannon and hope that the Board of Commissioners confirms her for this position.

Sincerely,

*Carnice Carey*  
Carnice Carey, Executive Director



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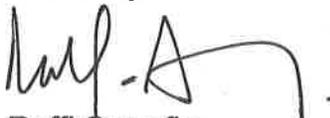
Dear President Preckwinkle,

I am writing in support of the appointment of Shannon E. Andrews as Chief Procurement Officer for the Office of Chief Procurement Officer for Cook County, IL.

I served on the Chicago Procurement Officer Roundtable with Ms. Andrews and found her to be both dedicated and hardworking. She proved to be resourceful in addressing common issues in the public procurement process and finding solutions to challenges. In addition, I found her to be collaborative and creative in finding innovative strategies to roundtable initiatives.

Ms. Andrews is efficient and has an excellent rapport with members in the government procurement arena. I feel Ms. Andrews would be a valuable asset for Cook County Government and I am happy to support her appointment.

Sincerely,

  
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**PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

An insurance professional with over 27 years experience in Finance and Claims management. Business management and problem solving skills are enhanced by hands-on experiences in several business functions. Expertise in Financial Management, Strategic Planning and Claims Litigation.

**Allstate Insurance**

**Claim Manager. 2004 – Present.** Direct a staff of 15 employees handling complex, high-value injury claims for several states. Most cases are in litigation, requiring extensive interaction with retained counsel.

**Financial Manager. 2001 – 2004.** Controller for the Encompass and Deerbrook Claims operations, a 1,200 employee operation with an operating budget in excess of \$90 million.

**Financial Manager, SAP Development Project. 1997-2001.** Initially assigned to the task force for the company's conversion to the SAP accounting system prior to Y2K. Post implementation, retained to work on the Allstate and SAP partnership team that co-developed a new SAP Claims module for the insurance industry.

**Financial Manager. 1990-1997.** Extensive experience in corporate finance including strategic planning, operational analysis, shareholder value analysis and capital allocation. Managed two senior analysts and an administrative staff.

**Senior Financial Analyst. 1984-1990.** Wide variety of experience in both business unit and corporate finance departments. Performed strategic planning, operational analysis, budget reviews and property management functions.

**EDUCATION**

MBA in Finance, Management Information Systems. University of Illinois at Chicago, 1984.  
BS in Marketing, Business Administration. University of Illinois at Chicago, 1981.  
Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter, 1995.

**PERSONAL**

Elected Township Trustee, Elk Grove Township. Term of office 2009-1013.  
Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Mt. Prospect. Prior positions as Treasurer, Chairman of the Congregation.  
Married with three daughters.

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## Cleaning up the murky world of gun ownership

By Toni Preckwinkle and Rahm Emanuel

February 4, 2013

Cook County and Chicago are adopting a tag-team approach on gun ownership. Our goal is to increase coordination between the city and the county, step up enforcement and reduce the flow of guns on our streets.

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✂ We plan to create a one-stop repository for all reports of lost, stolen, transferred or destroyed firearms, an important step in tracking guns used in crimes. It's also an attempt to have a countywide gun strategy that is uniform, rather than a strategy where we each operate in isolation.

Chicago has proposed broadening its requirement for reporting the loss, theft, sale or transfer of firearms. The city also wants to double jail time to six months for an array of gun offenses, including possession of a firearm without a permit.

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✂ Cook County is proposing a similar reporting requirement. The ordinance would require individuals who lose, destroy, transfer or have their firearm stolen to report it to the sheriff's office within 48 hours. Those who fail to comply will be subject to a \$1,000 fine for the first violation, \$1,500 for each gun on the second offense and \$2,000 for each weapon on the third offense.

Gun owners will be required to report the make, model and serial number of the firearm, along with the date and location of purchase.

By requiring citizens to report changes in gun ownership, Cook County will have more information about private gun sales and transfers, which don't require background checks. It also may deter undocumented sales at gun shows and flea markets, major venues for illegal gun trafficking.

An oft-cited University of Chicago Crime Lab study found that 29 percent of guns recovered in Chicago crimes were purchased legally in Cook County.

Nothing about what we are proposing is onerous for responsible gun owners. And we're under no false illusion that this will stop the carnage on our streets. But the new approaches will help law enforcement go after people who repeatedly claim that their guns, after being recovered at a crime scene, had been lost or stolen. Their excuses will now have repercussions.

*Toni Preckwinkle is president of the Cook County Board and Rahm Emanuel is mayor of Chicago.*

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## Testimony in Support of the Cook County Ordinance "Report of Lost, Stolen, Destroyed or Transferred Firearms"

February 4, 2013

Enlace Chicago is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of the residents of the Little Village Community by fostering a physically safe and healthy environment in which to live and by championing opportunities for educational advancement and economic development.

The Little Village community is the Mexican Capitol of the Midwest, with 80,000 residents who support the quality of life of all in Cook County. Little Village is home to the second magnificent mile, 26<sup>th</sup> street, which is a strong and vibrant economic corridor that ignites the Counties economy.

Since 2007, Little Village has sadly experience 97 homicides, 70% of these homicides were due to gun violence. This is just under the county-wide rate of 84% of murders that were attributed to gun shot wounds in 2012. Many of the murders both in Little Village and the broader county were the result of gang or interpersonal violence. The manner in which these guns were obtained was largely through illegal means. These facts ARE UNACCEPTABLE to the hard working and aspiring residents of our community.

In a recent local survey commissioned by the 26<sup>th</sup> street Special Service Area, Public Safety was named as by far and away the greatest concern of both business owners and residents. Local economic development activity and resident investment is put to jeopardy by illegal gun use that threatens public safety.

Sensible gun legislation that calls for lost, stolen, destroyed or transferred firearms to be reported to the Sheriff in a timely fashion is a good first step to increased public safety. It will deter straw purchases, protect the rights of lawful gun owners, AND most importantly protect the lives of the hard working and aspiring members of all of our communities.

On behalf of the board, staff and members of Enlace Chicago I thank you for your time and attention to the matter and we look forward to continuing to strive for comprehensive and practical strategies to reduce gun violence.

Sincerely,  
Michael D. Rodríguez, Executive Director  
Enlace Chicago

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TESTIMONY OF REBECCA LEVIN, MPH  
DIRECTOR, STRENGTHENING CHICAGO'S YOUTH (SCY)  
CONVENED BY ANN & ROBERT H. LURIE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF CHICAGO

TO LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY  
ON REPORT OF LOST, STOLEN, DESTROYED, OR TRANSFERRED FIREARMS ORDINANCE  
FEBRUARY 4, 2013

My name is Rebecca Levin, and I am speaking in support of the proposed ordinance on behalf of the violence prevention collaborative convened by Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago called Strengthening Chicago's Youth, or SCY. I have worked on public health approaches to gun violence prevention for over a decade and since 2011 I have been the director of SCY. SCY facilitates collaboration among hundreds of service providers, researchers, advocates, policy makers, and other stakeholders around a public health approach to violence prevention. This approach, which is encouraged by the CDC, involves adopting consistent messaging about the preventability of violence, promoting use of evidence-based violence prevention strategies and fostering multi-sector collaboration.

We take this approach because preventing violence is a complex endeavor—it requires many different partners working in synergy using many different strategies. And even though we know a lot about what causes violence and about strategies to prevent it, there is much more we don't know. The same can be said about specific issues that contribute to the violence epidemic, including the flow of illegal guns. There is no single measure that will stop this problem, but SCY believes the proposed ordinance will be an important step.

Law enforcement and other partners need every tool we can provide to help them stop the illegal gun problem in this county. I will briefly review some of the research that has persuaded SCY of the need for this ordinance:

- A 2005 report by the National Academy of Sciences on firearms and violence included a chapter examining interventions aimed at illegal firearm acquisition. The authors noted that theft is an important mechanism by which firearms can be obtained by people who are prohibited from owning them, including criminals and juveniles, and that half a million guns are stolen each year in the United States. Surveys of prison inmates have found that between 9% and 32% of convicted felons had stolen their most recent handgun. A survey of incarcerated juveniles found that 12% had stolen their most recent handgun. An analysis of all Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms investigations of illegally diverted firearms from July 1996 to December 1998 found that over one quarter of investigations involved stolen firearms, and 10% of investigations involved firearms stolen from residences.<sup>1</sup>
- More recently, a 2012 report by the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research concluded that adoption of a range of policies regulating the sale and transfer of firearms—including mandatory reporting of gun thefts—“could greatly enhance our ability to keep guns from those most likely to use them in crime.”<sup>2</sup>

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today and for your efforts to help keep the children, youth, and families of Cook County safe.

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2. Webster DW, Vernick JS, Vitti K, McGinty EE, Teret SP, Frattaroli S. *The Case for Gun Policy Reforms in America*. Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research, Baltimore, MD, October 2012.

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I thank the President and Commissioners of Cook County for this opportunity to give testimony in support of an ordinance that seeks to bring common sense in our understanding of our rights to bear arms in the United States and, in particular, in the County. I am offering my testimony in memory of the sidewalk shooting two decades ago of Marlon Wade, a friend of my family. I work as part of a growing ecumenical campaign by members of Lake View Presbyterian church in cooperation with members of 4<sup>th</sup> Presbyterian Church and Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church to gather support among the members of the 100 Presbyterian churches in our Presbytery of Cook, Dupage and Lake Counties for legislation such as this at local and state levels.

My reasons for this work are two simple hopes:

- 1) that guns of appropriate types will find their way only into appropriate hands, hands that use them responsibly, safely and legally: this means for us universal computerized background checks of all would-be owners and proper registration of all guns, closing loopholes in private transfers and gun shows.
- 2) that when we ask our police and sheriff's deputies to try to keep our children and the rest of us safe in public space, we don't send them out into a war zone: this means for us in Cook County adding certain highly-lethal guns and accessories to those already banned by the federal government.

We believe that this is the least we can do for a peaceful and morally sound society to enjoy streets, alleys, front porches, weddings and funerals where we all want once more to breathe easily and get along with each other. We hope that this goal can be achieved through a dialog that does not further polarize our communities and country, but, if not, can nonetheless be achieved.

Thank you,

Robert A. Hutchins

Lake View Presbyterian Church Anti-violence Task Force



Testimony of Mark Walsh  
Campaign Director, Illinois Council Against Handgun violence

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Colleen Daley, *Executive Director*

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be here today. My name is Mark Walsh and I am the campaign director for the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence. ICHV is the oldest statewide organization advocating for common sense gun laws in the country. ICHV works on a variety of fronts to educate, raise public awareness, and build coalitions to enact change in laws and behavior

The Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence is in strong support of the ordinance before you today that would require reporting to law enforcement if a firearm is lost, stolen, destroyed or transferred. Too often, we hear from law enforcement that guns used in crimes are inevitably reported as being lost or stolen as a way to cover the fact that these guns were legally purchased and then enter the illegal market.

A 2002 Americans for Gun Safety (AGS)<sup>2</sup> study found that between January 1993 and August 2002 nearly 1.7 million firearms were reported stolen.<sup>3</sup> Of those stolen guns, over one million remained missing. The actual number of gun thefts likely is much larger than reported. Survey research indicates that at least 500,000 firearms are stolen annually from residences. The number of guns stolen likely is much higher than the number reported stolen

. A U.S. Department of the Treasury study revealed that nearly a quarter of ATF gun trafficking investigations involved stolen firearms and were associated with over 11,000 trafficked firearms – including 10% percent of the investigations which involved guns stolen from residences.

We have all been inundated with the amount of violence not only in Cook County but across the country. I urge you to support this important step that will help reduce the number of guns entering the illegal market and will help to make communities across Cook County safer and will help save lives.