Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Report of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Wednesday, October 2, 2013 *9:00 AM* *Cook County Building, Board Room, 569*
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

SECTION 1

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Suffredin, Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele (13)

Absent: Vice Chairman Fritchey, Gainer, Reyes and Tobolski (4)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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. George Blakemore, Concerned Citizen

13-1552

Submitting a Proposed Ordinance Amendment sponsored by

LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

AN AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 2 Administration, Article VII Ethics, Division 2 Code of Ethical Conduct, Section 2-583 of the Cook County Code, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2-583. Political activity.

(a) No official, board or commission appointee or employee shall compel, coerce or intimidate any County official or employee to make or refrain from making any political contribution. No official, board or commission appointee shall directly solicit any political contribution from his or her employees, the spouses, domestic partners or civil union partners of or immediate family living with his or her employees. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent any official, board or commission appointee or employee from voluntarily making a

contribution or from receiving a voluntary contribution, except as stated in this section. Board or commission appointees shall not make political contributions to the President of the Cook County Board and/or Members of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County.

(b) No employee with contract management authority or board or commission appointee shall serve on the political fundraising committee of any elected official or candidate for County office.

(c) County employees shall not intentionally perform any prohibited political activity during any compensated time (other than vacation, personal, or compensatory time off). County employees or officials shall not intentionally misappropriate any County property or resources by engaging in any prohibited political activity for the benefit of any campaign for elective office or any political organization.

(d) At no time shall any official or employee intentionally misappropriate the services of any County employee and at no time shall any board or commission appointee misappropriate the services of any board or commission employee by requiring that employee to perform any prohibited political activity:

(1) As part of that employee's County duties or in the case of a board or commission, as part of that employee's board or commission duties;

(2) As a condition of County employment or in the case of a board or commission, as a condition of board or commission employment; or

(3) During any time off that is compensated by the County or board or commission (such as vacation, personal, or compensatory time off).

(e) A County employee or board or commission appointee shall not be required at any time to participate in any prohibited political activity in consideration for that employee being awarded any additional compensation or employee benefit, in the form of a salary adjustment, bonus, compensatory time off, continued employment, or otherwise.

(f) A County employee or board or commission appointee shall not be awarded any additional compensation or employee benefit, in the form of a salary adjustment, bonus, compensatory time off, continued employment, or otherwise, in consideration for the employee's participation in any prohibited political activity.

(g) Nothing in this section prohibits activities that are otherwise appropriate for a County employee or board or commission appointee to engage in on a voluntary basis as permitted by law.

Legislative History: 9/11/13 Board of Commissioners referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

Submitting a Proposed Substitute Ordinance Amendment sponsored by

LARRY SUFFREDIN, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JESUS G. GARCIA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, County Commissioners

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, to accept the substitute for File Id Number 13-1552. The motion carried.

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

AN AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 2 Administration, Article VII Ethics, Division 2 Code of Ethical Conduct, Section 2-583 and 2-585 of the Cook County Code, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2-583. Political activity.

(a) No official, board or commission appointee or employee shall compel, coerce or intimidate any County official or employee to make or refrain from making any political contribution. No official, board or commission appointee shall directly solicit any political contribution from his or her employees, the spouses, domestic partners or civil union partners of or immediate family living with his or her employees. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent any official, board or commission appointee or employee from voluntarily making a contribution or from receiving a voluntary contribution, ~~except as stated in this section. Board or commission appointees shall not make political contributions to the President of the Cook County Board and/or Members of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County.~~

(b) No employee with contract management authority or B~~b~~oard or commission appointee of a County official whose board or commission appointment provides for compensation and requires confirmation by the Cook County Board of Commissioners shall serve on the political fundraising committee of any elected official or candidate for County office.

(c) County employees shall not intentionally perform any prohibited political activity during any compensated time (other than vacation, personal, or compensatory time off). County employees or officials shall not intentionally misappropriate any County property or resources by engaging in any prohibited political activity for the benefit of any campaign for elective office or any political organization.

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(g) Nothing in this section prohibits activities that are otherwise appropriate for a County employee or board or commission appointee to engage in on a voluntary basis as permitted by law.

Sec. 2-585. Limitations of contributions to candidates and elected officials.

(a) No person shall make contributions exceeding the limits established by the Election Code, 10 ILCS 5/9-1 et seq., when making contributions to any of the following elected officials or candidates for such office: County Board President; Cook County Commissioner; Cook County State's Attorney; Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court; Cook County Assessor; Cook County Treasurer; Cook County Board of Review Commissioner; Cook County Clerk; and Cook County Recorder of Deeds except as otherwise provided in Section 2-585.

(b) No person who does business with the County or who has done business with the County within the preceding four years or is seeking to do business with the County or is a person required to register as a lobbyist with the County shall make contributions in an aggregate amount exceeding $750.00:

(1) To any candidate for County office or elected County official during a single candidacy; or

(2) To any elected official of the government of the County during any nonelection year of his or her term.

(3) To any local, state, or federal campaign committee that is controlled by, or established in support of, a candidate for County office or an elected County official.

The combined effect of these provisions is intended to permit total contribution up to, but not exceeding, $1,500.00 in a year in which a candidacy occurs. A year, for purposes of this section, is from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

(c) For purposes of Subsection (b) of this section, an entity and its subsidiaries, parent company or otherwise affiliated companies, and any of their employees, officers, directors and partners who make a political contribution for which they are reimbursed by the entity or its affiliates shall be considered a single person. However, nothing in this provision shall be construed to prohibit such an employee, officer, director or partner from making a political contribution for which he is not reimbursed by a person with whom he or she is affiliated, even if that person has made the maximum contribution allowed under Subsection (b) of this section.

(d) Effective October 2, 2013, no Board or commission appointee of a County official whose board or commission appointment provides for compensation and requires confirmation by the Cook County Board of Commissioners shall make contributions in an aggregate amount exceeding $750.00:

(1) To the appointing County official or the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners during a single candidacy; or

(2) To the appointing County official or the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners during any nonelection year of his or her term.

The combined effect of these provisions is intended to permit total contribution up to, but not exceeding, $1,500.00 in a year in which a candidacy occurs. A year, for purposes of this section, is from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

~~(d~~ e) Any contributions made under this section shall be reported as required by the Election Code, 10 ILCS 5/1-1 et seq.

(~~e~~ f) For purposes of Subsection (b) of this section, "done business" or "doing business" means any one or any combination of sales, purchases, leases or contracts to, from or with the County or any County agency in excess of $10,000.00 in any 12 consecutive months or during the previous four years. "

(~~f~~ g) For purposes of Subsection (b) of this section, "seeking to do business" means taking action within the past six months to obtain a contract or business with the County when, if such action were successful, it would result in the person doing business with the County as defined in Subsection (~~e~~ f) of this section.

(~~g~~ h) Any firm, or its officers, directors or partners, contracted by the County to provide financial audits of county finances are prohibited from making campaign contributions to any county official or candidate for county office.

(~~h~~ i) Any firm, or its officers, directors or partners, contracted by the County to act as financial counsel, bond counsel, underwriter's counsel, legal counsel, or financial manager for the issuance of any bond is prohibited from making campaign contributions to any county official or candidate for county office.

(~~i~~ j) Any candidate for any county office or any current elected official in Cook County government shall return contributions found in excess of the limitations set forth in this section within 30 days of notification from the Board of Ethics. Failure to return contributions within 30 days shall be a violation of this section and subject to fines under Section 2-602(d).

Legislation History: 09/11/13 Board of Commissioners referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, that this Ordinance Amendment be recommended for approval as substituted. The motion carried.

13-1568

Presented by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

Pursuant to the authority granted by Illinois State Law and County Ordinance, I hereby appoint Carl Byrd to the position of Chief Administrative Officer. Mr. Byrd has been serving as Acting Chief Administrative Officer for the Cook County Bureau of Administration since August 5, 2013.

Mr. Byrd has over twenty-five years of experience serving local government agencies such as the Chicago Transit Authority, Chicago Housing Authority and the City of Chicago where he was most recently the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Buildings. His many years of management in the public sector and leadership skills will aid the continued success of the departments under the Bureau of Administration.

His professional experience and educational background will certainly be a benefit to the County of Cook.

I submit this communication for your approval.

Legislation History: 09/11/13 Board of Commissioners referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, that this Appointment be recommended for approval. The motion carried.

13-1584

Submitting a Proposed Ordinance Amendment sponsored by

LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

AN AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE CONCERNING THE CONFIRMATION OF PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 2 Administration, Article III County Board, Division 2 Rules of Organization and Procedure, Section 2-105(k) of the Cook County Code, is hereby amended as follows:

(k) *Confirmation of presidential appointments*. All appointments and reappointments of the President requiring the advice and consent of the Board shall be referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee upon the President's submission. The Committee shall promptly hold such hearings as it deems appropriate and shall, no later than 30 days after referral, report all such appointments to the Board with a recommendation for action. If the Committee has not made a timely report on any appointment, the appointment shall, at the next regular meeting of the Board following the expiration of such 30 days, be referred to the Board with "no recommendation" by the Committee.

At least two business days prior to their confirmation hearing, each candidate for appointment or reappointment by the President or any other appointing authority shall submit a notarized, signed affidavit to the Chairman of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, that:

(1) Is signed by the candidate;

(2) Is sworn under oath, under penalties of perjury;

(3) Is notarized;

(4) Attests that the candidate fulfills the requirements set forth under the requisite statute, ordinance, law or regulation that creates the appointment, including, but not limited to;

a. Any residency requirements; and/or

b. Any prohibitions on dual employment;

(5) Attests that the candidate possesses no conflicts of interest that would prevent them from adequately representing the interests of the agency to which they are being appointed; and

(6) Attests that the candidate possesses the adequate qualifications and skills to adequately represent the interests of the agency and delineates those qualifications and skills;

(7) Notarizes and acknowledges:

a. The candidate's actual residency address;

b. The length of time that the candidate has resided at their actual residency;

c. If the candidate owns any other residential property within Cook County; and

d. If the candidate obtains any homeowners property tax exemptions for property other than their actual residency address.

If there is any change in the information contained in the affidavit after the candidate is appointed, the candidate will notify the Chairman of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee in writing within seven business days of the change.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

Legislative History: 9/11/13 Board of Commissioners referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, to accept the substitute for File Id Number 13-1584. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, that this Ordinance Amendment be recommended for approval as substituted. The motion carried.

13-1588

Presented by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

Please be advised that I hereby appoint Ted Przybylo to the Northfield Woods Sanitary District for a term to begin immediately and to expire on May 1, 2016. Mr. Przybylo will replace Joseph Fagan, who is currently serving on an expired term.

I submit this communication for your approval.

Legislation History: 09/11/13 Board of Commissioners referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Goslin, that this Appointment be recommended for approval. The motion carried.

13-1589

Presented by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

Please be advised that I hereby appoint Roselyne Navarro to the Central Stickney Sanitary District for a term to begin immediately and to expire on May 1, 2016. Ms. Navarro will replace Fortino Carillo, who is currently serving on an expired term.

I submit this communication for your approval.

Legislation History: 09/11/13 Board of Commissioners referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Daley, that this Appointment be recommended for deferral. The motion carried.

13-1590

Presented by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

Please be advised that I hereby appoint Raul Aguirre to the South Stickney Sanitary District for a term to begin immediately and to expire on May 1, 2016. Mr. Aguirre will replace Joseph Ford, who is currently serving on an expired term.

I submit this communication for your approval.

Legislation History: 09/11/13 Board of Commissioners referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Goslin, that this Appointment be recommended for approval. The motion carried.

13-1591

Presented by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

Please be advised that I hereby appoint Larry Paarlberg to the Lincoln-Lansing Drainage District for a term to begin immediately and to expire on September 1, 2016.

I submit this communication for your approval.

Legislation History: 09/11/13 Board of Commissioners referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Daley, that this Appointment be recommended for deferral. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Collins, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

SECTION 2

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

Communication Number 13-1552	Recommended for Approval as Substituted
Communication Number 13-1568	Recommended for Approval
Communication Number 13-1584	Recommended for Approval as Substituted
Communication Number 13-1588	Recommended for Approval
Communication Number 13-1589	Recommended for Deferral
Communication Number 13-1590	Recommended for Approval
Communication Number 13-1591	Recommended for Deferral

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Secretary

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

Carl R. Byrd
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CAREER OBJECTIVE

To continue to develop and utilize my technical and managerial abilities and experience in Transportation, Urban Planning and Development.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jan 2009 - Present **City of Chicago, Department of Buildings**
First Deputy Commissioner / Deputy Commissioner

Oversees staff of 325 and manages all technical inspection and permit review bureaus including, Plumbing, Electrical, Elevators and New Construction. Implements new inspection protocols for Elevators and New/Rehab Construction as well as, new innovations in Plan Review (E-Plan) and Inspection Coordination. Acts as point-of-contact between Department of Buildings, other departments and sister agencies.

Mar 2008 - Dec 2008 **City of Chicago, Department of Housing**
First Deputy Commissioner

In charge of day-to-day operations of 135 person department; responsible for housing development, financing and supportive services related to affordable housing programs within city.

Mar 2001 - Feb 2008 **Chicago Housing Authority, Office of Development Management**
Director of Development

Oversees staff of 25 Development Managers responsible for Mixed Finance Redevelopment of Family Development Properties as part of Chicago Housing Authority's 10 year Plan for Transformation. Involved in Scope Development, Financing and Master Planning Design (From Transaction Closing to Construction Completion). Average annual budget of over 1 million dollars, ODM (Office of Development Management) has closed on 47 mixed-finance deals resulting in over 2700 units of public housing and over 9000 units of housing total. Total CHA dollars invested has been over 225 million resulting in over 1.5 Billion dollars in construction.

May 1999 - Mar 2001 **City of Chicago, Department of Transportation**
Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Traffic

Heads Bureau involved in planning and design issues dealing with all public way jurisdictions. This includes traffic signals and signs, traffic calming, bikeway issues as well as commercial and residential development.

Jun 1998 - May 1999 **Chicago Transit Authority**, Chicago, Illinois
Manager, Traffic Engineering

Manages, coordinates and plans the activities of coordinators, transit planners, and technicians involved in traffic planning, engineering and coordination functions to ensure safe and efficient bus operations and effective passenger information.

Develops and administers programs, policies, goals and objectives of the Traffic Engineering Section. Coordinates the evaluation of traffic delays and bus operations in order to improve traffic safety and efficiency using traffic engineering techniques. Manages and monitors the use of Geometric Design, Capacity Analysis, Congestion Mitigation and other techniques to achieve optimum safety and efficiency of operations. Recommends improvements in the flow of street traffic to relevant government agencies. Meets and corresponds with representatives from various Authority Departments, as well as alderman and city officials, to obtain permission to occupy the public way, operate bus routes on city streets and to address the concerns regarding CTA operations.

Oct 1997 - Jun 1998 **City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development**, Chicago, Illinois
Assistant Commissioner - Neighborhoods Division

West District Coordinator in charge of Commercial, Industrial and Residential Developments for the Westside of Chicago. Implements department initiatives and area special projects such as; Chicago Housing Authority, ABLA and Henry Horner homes and Lawndale developments. Oversees industrial corridor developments and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) programs. Manages Status of Land acquisition and development transactions. Acts as liaison to local Alderman, City, Governmental Agencies and the general public.

Sept 1988 - Oct 1997 **City of Chicago Department of Transportation, Bureau of Traffic**, Chicago, Illinois
Traffic Engineer V

Responsible for analysis of current and proposed traffic conditions, street configurations and infrastructure projects. Overseeing implementation of federal and city design guidelines by consultants, technicians, and field staff. Served as a Representative for the Department of Transportation at Community Meetings, Public Hearings and Coordination Meetings, City Bureaus and Federal Agencies. Responsible for implementation of city's Community Security Infrastructure programs, (CSI), as well as cul-de-sacs, traffic circles, and other traffic calming devices.

Notable Projects:

- *Navy Pier*
- *McCormick Place Expansion*
- *State Street Mall*
- *Central Area Circulator*
- *Maxwell Street Market*
- *Michigan Avenue Bridge*
- *Midway Airport Expansion*

May, 1985 to Sept 1988 **Hazelet & Erdal, Inc Consulting Engineers**, Chicago, Illinois
Civil Engineer

Traffic analysis and maintenance of traffic design on various roadway and bridge design projects. Field experience includes the structural inspection of a nineteen span of, six land interstate highway (I-70/55) structure. Over a series of railroad tracks in East St. Louis, Illinois and the structural inspection of a double leaf bascule bridge and viaduct structure over the Chicago River on Michigan Avenue in Chicago, Illinois.

EDUCATION

Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana
Bachelor of Science: Civil Engineering, 1985
Construction: Major/Transportation: Minor

References available upon request

DRAFT Comments for Carl Byrd on the Occasion of Board Approval
As Cook County Chief Administrative Officer
Board Meeting of 10.2.13

Good morning Chairman Suffredin and Honorable Commissioners.

My name is Carl R. Byrd, and it gives me great pleasure, coupled with a sense of honor and humility, to stand before you today and ask for your support of my appointment as Cook County's Chief Administrative Officer.

First and foremost, I want to thank President Preckwinkle for the confidence she has shown by nominating me for this position.

I am a proud product of Chicago and its public school system, and was raised to believe in the value and importance of public service.

I was educated as a civil engineer, spent three years in the private sector, and for the past 25 years have held a number of posts working for the City of Chicago and its sister agencies.

I have seen government operate from a variety of perspectives – with the CTA; the CHA; and Chicago's Departments of Transportation, Housing, Planning, and Buildings – and I understand clearly that our task is best summed up in one word:

Service.

The Bureau of Administration oversees 12 departments and programs, with responsibilities as diverse as the Medical Examiner's office, Transportation and Highways, Salvage, and Animal Control.

Yet within that diversity of task and mission is a commitment to the County's guiding principles:

Operating in a fiscally responsible manner, demonstrating innovation and leadership, being transparent and accountable, and yes, always striving to improve service.

I look forward to working with the President's office and with all of the Commissioners to ensure that Cook County and the needs of its residents are at all times served by the various representatives of the Bureau of Administration.

I would also like to thank Martha Martinez for the work she did as interim Chief Administrative Officer following the departure of now-Congresswoman Robin Kelly.

The senior team that supported Martha for eight months is the team I am proud to inherit. Together, we will continue our focused efforts to earn and maintain the trust of yourselves and Cook County residents.

Again, I look forward to working with all of you and I appreciate your support.

Thank you.

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October 1, 2013

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Commissioner

Richard J. Monocchio
Executive Director

Honorable Toni Preckwinkle
President
Cook County Board of Commissioners
118 N. Clark Street, Room 500
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear President Preckwinkle:

I am writing in support of your nomination of Carl Byrd as Chief Administrative Officer for Cook County, Illinois.

I have known Carl for over ten years, working with him in many different capacities. Our paths crossed often while we both worked for the City of Chicago. Carl served with distinction at the Departments of Transportation and Housing, and the Chicago Housing Authority. I often had to interact with these departments, and whenever a difficult issue arose, Carl was the person to resolve it.

Carl proved himself to be a "can-do" leader as my First Deputy Commissioner at the Department of Buildings. We worked hand-in-hand to re-engineer the inspection and permitting systems for the City. Carl was also instrumental in working across departments to reach consensus.

Perhaps Carl's greatest strength his ability to work with and lead others in a professional but harmonious manner. Just as important, he has the ability to implement policies once a clear path is established.

Carl is a consummate professional and will be a great asset to the County. I am pleased to support this nomination, and would be happy to provide any additional information that may be required.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Monocchio

Richard J. Monocchio
Executive Director

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

CITY OF CHICAGO

October 1, 2013

The Honorable Toni Preckwinkle
President
Cook County Board of Commissioners
118 N. Clark St.
Chicago, Il 60602

Dear The Honorable Preckwinkle:

I would like to congratulate you on your nomination of Carl Byrd as your Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for the Bureau of Administration. I have known Carl both professionally and personally for over a decade. Carl has always been a leader both professionally and in the community, which is a valuable asset when embracing a demanding public sector job such as the CAO.

While working in Department of Buildings (DOB) for the City of Chicago, Carl served as a Deputy and 1st Deputy, responsible for managing many aspects of the department. Along with being tasked with the oversight of the all of the 13 technical bureaus within DOB, Carl was able to interface with the Mayor's Office and the Department of Innovation and help to implement many new initiatives for the City within DOB and other departments.

Carl's interpersonal as well as management skills have served him well. He has been able to establish a great rapport within not only DOB, but other city departments and sister agencies. As a manger, Carl has the ability to set goals and ensure that the critical deadlines met. He also has the ability to understand complex issues, determine the most critical elements to be addressed and create an action plan to come up with a sensible and reasonable resolution.

I strongly believe that Carl will be a great asset to the County. He is a true public servant and will serve the County well. Please let me know if I can be of any additional help or provide you with supplemental information.

Sincerely,

Michael Merchant

Michael Merchant
Commissioner

120 NORTH RACINE AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60607

September 30, 2013

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

Dear President Preckwinkle,

I am writing in support of your nomination of Carl Byrd to serve as Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the Bureau of Administration for Cook County.

I have known Carl for four years and, during that time, I have found him to be a highly skilled and talented administrator. Carl and I became acquainted when he worked for the City of Chicago and during his time as president of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators. Carl has excellent interpersonal and management skills, as well as innate leadership abilities.

Over the years, I have been impressed with his outstanding listening skills and approachable manner. He has consistently earned the respect of those who work with him.

I know that the County will be well served with Carl as its Chief Administrative Officer, and I'm happy to recommend him for the position.

Sincerely,

Robin L. Kelly

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Dear Committee Members and Commissioners, September 30, 2013

I am here today to present you with my qualifications and interest in being appointed to the office of Trustee of the Northfield Woods Sanitary District. Since moving into the district under two years ago, I have paid my fees and watched the staff excel in performing their duties. My interest stems not from a lack of service but from the importance of the services the district provides and the need for citizen representation. My experience in municipal government and focus on finances will bring a needed voice to the Board of Trustees.

I was first elected to the Niles Public Library District in 1989 at the age of 27. The President of the Board asked me to serve on the finance committee and learn the systems and methods. A year later, I assumed the Board Presidency and continued in that role and Finance Chair until 2002. During that time, we passed a referendum to expand the Library, created Project 21(a fund for expanded programs and services dedicated to school groups and seniors) and lowered the levy twice in 12 years. Upon my resignation in 2002, the library operating and capital funds had 1.5 years' worth of reserves.

In 2003, I ran for election to serve as Commissioner of the Glenview Park District. Much like the library district in Niles, the Finance Committee needed a new member to work with the long standing members. I continue to serve on that committee and have held officer positions. Since 2003, I co-chaired the committee to pass a successful 17 million dollar referendum to rebuild the two pools, participated in a nationwide executive director search and the development of ball fields for youth baseball. The Executive Director and the full board have an outstanding relationship with the other arms of government and work very close with them on a number of issues including public services, storm water management and safety issues. I am most proud of the fact The Park District fund balances are healthy and we have a capital replacement and capital development fund that helped us earn a AAA bond rating. We have accomplished this while keeping our levy almost flat the previous two years (.03 increases).

If I am appointed to the Northfield Woods Sanitary District, I will carefully review the operations of the district and work to make the district more efficient, cost-effective and transparent. I welcome your questions.

Sincerely,

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