



## **COOK COUNTY COMPLETE COUNT CENSUS COMMISSION**

**July 22, 2019**

**2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Cook County Building

118 North Clark Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Board Room

Chicago, Illinois 60602

### **ATTENDANCE**

Present: Chairman Moore, Vice Chairman Deer, Vice-Chairman Anaya, Vice-Chairman Arroyo, Jr., Banerji, Everett, Ford, Gonzalez, Garcia. Garrett, Lightford, Lumpkin, McMorris, Samuel, Valentin, and Wilbon (16)

### **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Chairman Moore asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.

George Blakemore - Concerned Citizen

### **COMMISSION MINUTES**

#### **I. Welcome**

- Welcome Remarks - Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle
  - Talked about the importance of the Census, trust in our communities and the importance of the Census to the County's federal funding
- Opening Remarks from Chairman Moore
  - Comments about 2020 Census – why it is important to Cook County and what does the County stand to lose if there is an undercount
  - Discussed 2010 Census and where we are today
  - Provided vision for the Cook County Complete Count Census Commission
- Opening remarks from Vice Chairman Deer
  - Discussed the importance of the census to the 2<sup>nd</sup> District
  - Spoke about the 2020 Census partnership between U.S. Congressman Danny Davis and the Be Counted Complete Count Coalition
- Opening remarks from Vice Chairman Anaya
  - Comments about Congressman Jesus Garcia and the 2020 Census Stakeholder Committee, the citizenship question and risk of an undercount
- Opening remarks from Vice Chairman Arroyo, Jr.
  - Explained the importance of a coordinated partnership between the City of Chicago and Cook County to ensure a complete and accurate count



- All Commission members introduced themselves and spoke briefly about their organization and communities
  - Brief remarks offered by Marilyn Sanders, Midwest Regional Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Chicago Regional Office and Ellisa Johnson, Midwest Assistant Regional Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Chicago Regional Office
    - Both emphasized previous comments about the importance of each person being counted in the 2020 Census
- II. Review of the Census Commission Handbook
- Warren Callahan, Chief of Staff to Chairman Moore presented overview of the Census Commission Handbook
    - Highlights of the Ordinance #19-0733
    - Overview of Commission subcommittees, roles and responsibilities
    - Timeline of Commission activities
    - Messaging must be relevant
    - Setting goals is important
    - Call on top level persons in industry
    - Identify top priority for sub-committee participation
- III. Staff presentation of the Cook County Complete Count Census Commission
- Staff from Chairman Moore, Vice Chairman Deer, and Vice Chairman Anaya about the Cook County Complete Count Census Commission
    - Jourdan Sorrell, Director of Public Policy, Chairman Moore
    - Melva Brownlee, Chief of Staff, Vice Chairman Deer
    - Victoria Moreno, Director of Policy, Vice Chairman Anaya
    - Presentation centered on: 1) Why the census is important; 2) What is at-stake for the 2020 Census; 3) Cook County 2020 Census Priorities and 4) Key Milestones and Dates
- IV. Update from the Bureau of Economic Development
- Andre Ashmore, Deputy Bureau Chief, Bureau of Economic Development presented on the Bureau's efforts to-date with the Cook County 2020 Census efforts.
    - Shared the Bureau's role with Cook County 2020 Census efforts and collaboration with Census Commission
    - Update on key activities – RFP for Census 2020 Program Administrator, development of local Census Committee and local Census Commission funding
    - Other key activities that the Bureau will be doing over the upcoming months



## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Marlon Everett, seconded by Kimberly A. Lightford, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried by the following vote: Ayes: Vice-Chairman Anaya, Banerji, Everett, Ford, Gonzalez, Garcia. Garrett, Lightford, Lumpkin, McMorris, Samuel, Valentin, and Wilbon.

A video recording of this meeting is available at <https://cook-county.legistar.com>.