Community Policy Briefing

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RECENT VOTES

19-5076 - Voted against $16m contract between Sheriff and Axon Enterprise for Tasers and Body Worn Cameras

19-5620 - Voted for Voting Opportunity and Translation Equity Ordinance

19-6176 - Voted for funding towards new Southland Development Authority

20-1104 - Voted to change name of "Dept. of Homeland Security and Emergency Management" to "Dept. of Emergency Management and Regional Security"

20-0721 - Voted for Resolution Supporting Refugee Resettlement in Cook County

In Dec. 2019, Comm. Anaya was appointed Chair of the Forest Preserves' Committees on Audit and Real Estate.

FY2020 Issues @ The Cook County Board

Domestic Violence: Comm. Anaya passed an amendment that allocates funding to the State's Attorney's Office for a pilot program in the Domestic Violence courthouse meant to support survivors.

Food Insecurity: Comm. Anaya led the Board in defending access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for Cook County residents with a unanimously passed resolution and has tasked the Commission on Social Innovation with addressing challenges for adults in danger of losing benefits.

Cook County Health (CCH): CCH is conducting a nationwide search for a new CEO. Also, the President's Office has proposed changes to the CCH enabling ordinance. Comm. Anaya seeks continuation of the Direct Access program and other equity-driven policies.

Environmental Justice: The January Health Task Force meeting focused on environmental justice. Comm. Anaya also signed onto a joint letter to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to demand answers regarding the recent death of a laborer on the former Crawford Coal Plant site.

Census 2020: As Co-Chair of the Census Commission, Comm. Anaya has approved nearly $2m in outreach funding and is working closely with community partners on strategies to achieve a complete count in the 7th District.

Cannabis Legalization: The Board approved a package that includes a 3% sales tax on cannabis, zoning for suburban dispensaries and establishment of a Cannabis Commission.

Flag2021: Comm. Anaya participates in the Flag2021 Task Force which is leading a County-wide high school contest for designing a new flag for Cook County Government.