COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER ALMA E. ANAYA

COMMUNITY LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

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I. COMMUNITY FEEDBACK/SWOT ANALYSIS SUMMARY

AT THE LAST COMMUNITY MEETING IN OCTOBER 2018, ATTENDEES WERE ASKED TO ASSESS THE STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, OPPORTUNITIES, AND THREATS (SWOT) AS THEY RELATE TO THE 7TH DISTRICT AND SERVICES FROM COOK COUNTY GOVERNMENT. ATTENDEES WERE SPLIT INTO THE FOLLOWING FOUR GROUPS: COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY, IMMIGRATION, HEALTHCARE, AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE. THE FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS FROM EACH OF THESE AREAS:

COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY

STRENGTHS

- Rich in culture and history
- Strong and representative small business community
- Supportive networks among largely Latinx population through community organizations and resources for immigrants

WEAKNESSES

- Lack of green spaces
- Lack of Affordable Housing
- Need for more mental health services
- Lack of accountability from Aldermen

OPPORTUNITIES

- Expanding healthcare options for small business owners
- Developing more partnerships and community outreach
- Creating and protecting welcoming spaces
- More partnerships with young people / Millennials
- Industrial Corridors

THREATS

- Lack of financial resources
- Gentrification/displacement of families through rent hikes and evictions
- Community fear of ICE / immigration issues

IMMIGRATION

STRENGTHS

- Cook County ICE Ordinance
- County services are available to everyone, including immigrants

WEAKNESSES

- Community is not very familiar with the role of the County
- Immigration is not a priority area across the Board of Commissioners
- There are loopholes because there is generally no language about asking for info about immigrants

OPPORTUNITIES

- Educate the public and employees further about the ICE ordinance
- There should be more detail about not sharing information

THREATS

- There is no accountability over ICE ordinance or other similar issues
- There is not much trust between the community and County Government when it comes to health services

HEALTHCARE

STRENGTHS

- The County health system is a safety net that is important to keep
- Good doctors

WEAKNESSES

- Inability to ensure healthcare for all in a safe environment
- Lack of training to ensure sanctuary healthcare
- Poor data collection and archaic systems & staff
- Problematic allocations of money for care

OPPORTUNITIES

- Partnering/leveraging other clinics to expand safety net to specifically provide medical care by funneling and capturing in-kind medical service delivery
- Work with the community to be a part of the solutions to address problems not just medical care delivery

THREATS

- Data collection on immigration status – unnecessarily collecting data that has no relevance to healthcare

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

STRENGTHS

- Progress with bond reform
- Establishment of Restorative Justice Court

WEAKNESSES

- Not enough violence prevention grants and need more info on them
- Need more financial and community resources
- There would be even more improvements if cannabis were legalized

OPPORTUNITIES

- Expand restorative justice initiatives
- Have a bigger role within schools, partner with Local School Councils

THREATS

- Racism – majority people of color in Cook County courts
- Nothing being done about criminalization of immigrants/deportations
- No resources for jail detainees who don't speak English

II. MISSION STATEMENT

We exist to make County government equitable, accessible, and responsive to the needs of its people, especially those residing within the 7th District, without regard to their age, gender identity, race/ethnicity, religion, immigration status, disability/ability, or sexual orientation. Our goal is to be good stewards of the public's resources, which means that in all our dealings we strive for honesty, transparency, accountability, and efficiency.

COOK COUNTY BUDGET

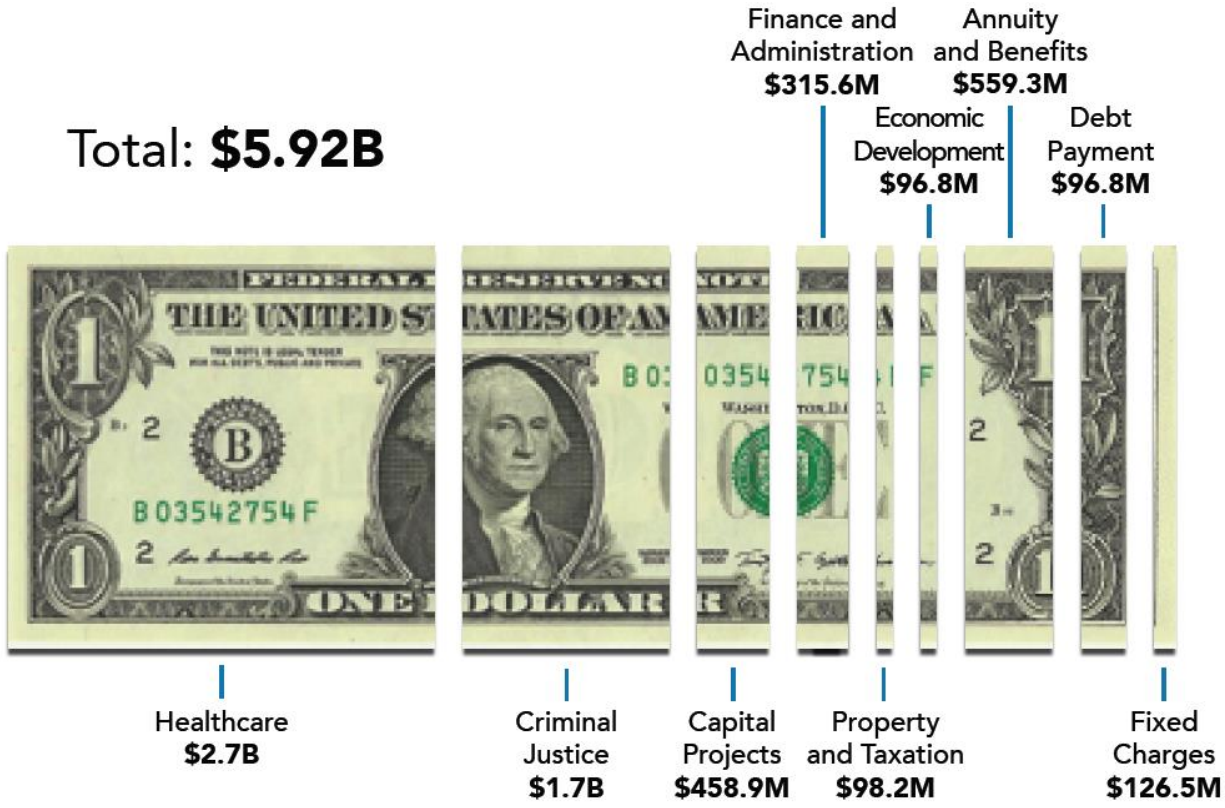
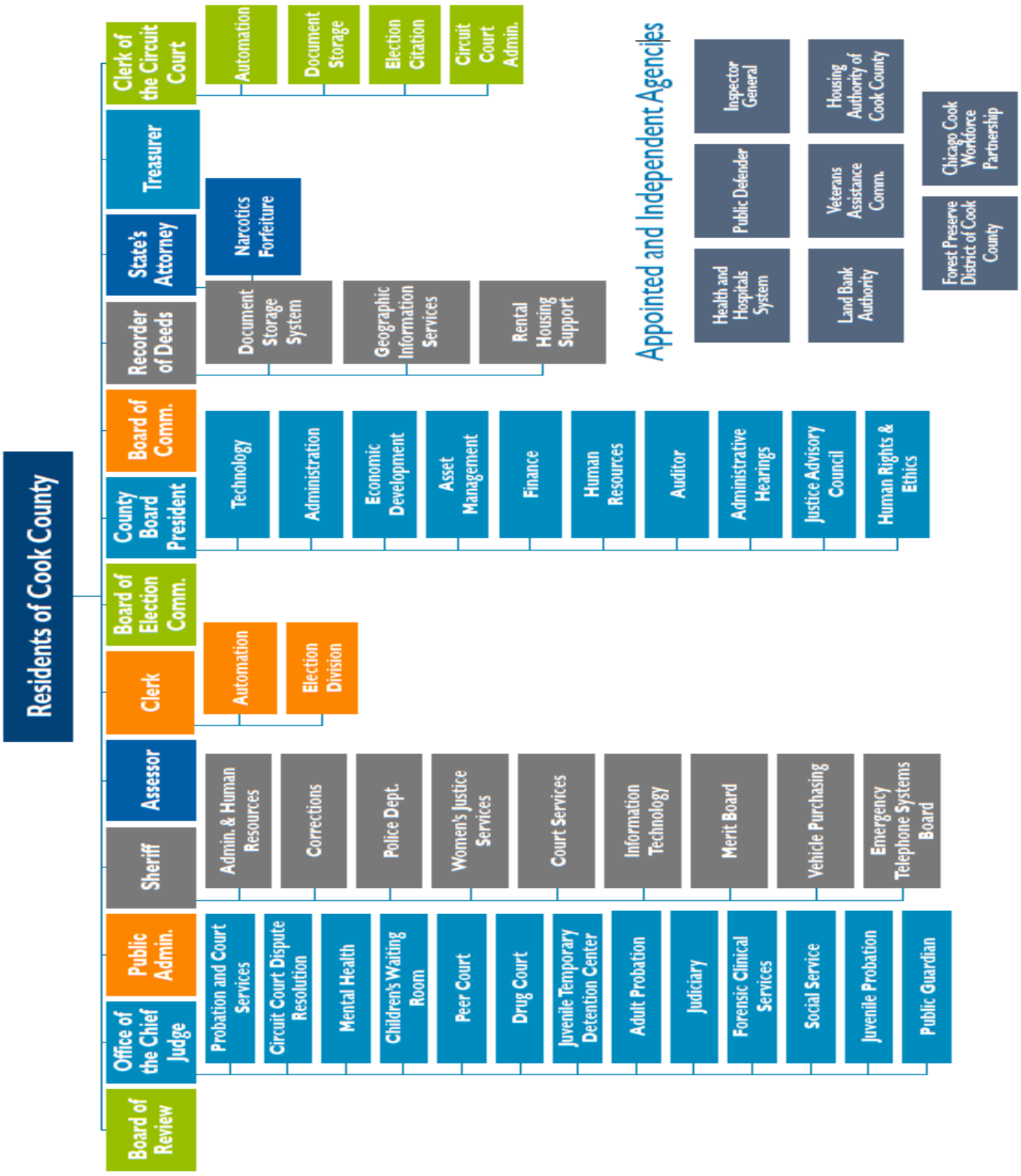


Figure 7, how taxpayer dollars are spent in the 2019 budget.

Source: *"Cook County Policy Roadmap, Five-Year Strategic Plan for Office Under the President." 2018.*


Residents of Cook County
Board of Review
Office of the Chief Judge
Public Admin.
Sheriff
Assessor
Clerk
Board of Election Comm.
County Board President
Board of Comm.
Recorder of Deeds
State's Attorney
Treasurer
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Probation and Court Services
Circuit Court Dispute Resolution
Mental Health
Children's Waiting Room
Peer Court
Drug Court
Juvenile Temporary Detention Center
Adult Probation
Judiciary
Forensic Clinical Services
Social Service
Juvenile Probation
Public Guardian
Admin. & Human Resources
Corrections
Police Dept.
Women's Justice Services
Court Services
Information Technology
Merit Board
Vehicle Purchasing
Emergency Telephone Systems Board
Automation
Election Division
Technology
Administration
Economic Development
Asset Management
Finance
Human Resources
Auditor
Administrative Hearings
Justice Advisory Council
Human Rights & Ethics
Document Storage System
Geographic Information Services
Rental Housing Support
Narcotics Forfeiture
Automation
Document Storage
Election Citation
Circuit Court Admin.
Appointed and Independent Agencies
Health and Hospitals System
Land Bank Authority
Public Defender
Veterans Assistance Comm.
Inspector General
Housing Authority of Cook County
Forest Preserve District of Cook County
Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership

ALMA E. ANAYA

Cook County Commissioner, 7th District - Committees

COOK COUNTY BOARD

Vice-Chair
Business and Economic Development
Pension
Member
Asset Management
Contract Compliance
Criminal Justice
Finance*
Health & Hospital*
Homeland Security & Emergency Management*
Human Relations
Legislation & Intergovernmental Relations*
Transportation*
Workforce, Housing & Community Development*
Zoning and Building

FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY

Vice-Chair
Audit
Member
Botanic Garden
Contract Compliance
Finance*
Legislation & Intergovernmental Relations*
Real Estate*
Recreation

*Denotes committees that include all Cook County Board Commissioners

III. Current Policy Initiatives & Upcoming Votes

COMMISSIONER ANAYA POLICY INITIATIVES

HISTORIC DISTRICT PRESERVATION EXEMPTION – FILED DEC. 2018

- Would create an optional tax exemption for property owners in historic districts who rent affordably to long-time residents
- 130 districts throughout City and suburban areas of Cook County
- Would target areas facing gentrification and displacement
- Need the State of Illinois to pass enabling legislation first so we can proceed in Cook County

FAIR ELECTIONS PROGRAM AND FUND – FILED DEC. 2018

- Would establish a small donors matching fund for elected officials in Cook County to promote diversity and accessibility in running for office
- Needs revisions to identify office that would run it and funding levels
- Needs State of Illinois to take legislative action that would allow this to proceed

REGULATION OF THE REGIONAL GANG INTELLIGENCE DATABASE – FILED DEC. 2018

- Would hold this gang database within the Sheriff's Office until more information is made available to the public
- Requires the Sheriff's Office to notify individuals that they are on the database. Sheriff's Office would work with advocates to develop an appeal process
- Requires an annual report from Sheriff's Office with data on database and how it is being handled
- All Commissioners co-sponsored

RESOLUTIONS – APPROVED DEC. 2018

- Requirement of gender-neutral language within Board of Commissioners rules and procedures (all Commissioners Co-sponsored)
- Honorary Resolution acknowledging 20th Anniversary of Pilsen Alliance
- Honorary Resolution honoring 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (all Commissioners co-sponsored)

COOK COUNTY BOARD - UPCOMING VOTES

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETINGS: JAN 23RD

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1. **Proposed Ordinance to create a bid preference for businesses owned by people with disabilities**
   Sponsors: Commissioner Larry Suffredin
   Item # 19-0604

2. **Proposed Ordinance amendment to prohibit the sale of tobacco products to persons under age 21. Includes vapor and electronic products**
   Sponsors: Commissioners Scott Britton and Larry Suffredin
   Item # 19-0605

3. **Proposed Ordinance to create a Complete Count Census Commission that would establish a body to address hard-to-count communities for the decennial Census**
   Sponsors: Commissioners Stanley Moore, Dennis Deer, Larry Suffredin
   Item # 19-0733

4. **Proposed Ordinance to Regulate the Regional Intelligence Gang Database**
   Sponsors: Anaya was original sponsor all Commissioners added at last meeting
   Item # 19-0687

All Board meetings and most Committee meetings are open to the public at 118 N. Clark, 5th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602. Schedules and link to stream live can be found at: https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings

IV. 2019 GOALS AND IDEAS FOR THE 7TH DISTRICT OFFICE

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Maintain and expand the Health Task Force
- Create a Youth Committee
- Create a 7th District Census Complete Count Committee
- Receive community input on legislation and honorary resolutions

SERVICES

- Work with Offices of the Assessor and Treasurer to assist the public with property tax appeals and exemption applications & host trainings
- Revamp the Commission on Social Innovation to provide trainings and a platform for innovative ideas on economic development
- Gather and provide more information & trainings on tax incentives for small businesses, violence prevention grants, minority and women-owned business certification, and other resources
- Develop a strategy for how to address data collection on immigrants within the Cook County Health & Hospital System
- Work closely with the public and community groups to document incidents with ICE throughout the District, especially on County premises

EVENTS

- Quarterly Community Legislative Briefings
    - Tentative Date for Next Meeting: April 11, 2019, Location: TBD
- Property Tax Workshops
    - Next Workshop: January 29th, Rudy Lozano Library
- Annual Town Hall
- Annual Women's Day event
- Veteran's Day Breakfast
- Open to ideas for other events!

FEEDBACK

YOUR NAME:

E-MAIL:

PHONE:

ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE)

1. What brought you to tonight's event?

2. What policy issues would you like to learn more about?

3. What are your top priority areas? (Circle 3)

   - Criminal Justice
   - Immigration
   - Healthcare
   - Property Taxes/Housing
   - Census
   - Voting Rights/Fair Elections
   - Environmental Issues

4. Do you have additional ideas for the 7th District Office?

5. Are you interested in joining or assisting with the development of the following groups? Circle up to 2:

HEALTH TASK FORCE YOUTH COUNCIL CENSUS COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE

WOMEN'S DAY EVENT COMMITTEE