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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Benjamin Cox
Organization (if any): Friends of the Forest Preserves
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60607

Q2

FPD Finance Committee Meeting 7/27/2021 930a

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Referendum Resolution

Q4

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What do you want to do?

Q5

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I will testify virtually.

Q6

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Requesting to address the Committee live (virtually) at the meeting

Q7

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Email Address

benjamin@fotfp.org

Phone Number

7733981178

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	JoAnn Seagren
Organization (if any):	Openlands and Cook Co resident
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60610

Q2

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I will be providing my comments at the meeting virtually

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Email Address

joannseagren@gmail.com

Phone Number

847-712-0800

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Tonyisha Harris
Organization (if any):	Illinois Environmental Council
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60626

Q2

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Email Address

tharris@ilenviro.org

Phone Number

3127250282

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Joseph Podlasek
Organization (if any):	Trickster Art Gallery
City/Town:	Schaumburg
State:	IL
ZIP:	60193

Q2

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Respondent skipped this question

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N/A

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Email Address

joep@trickstergallery.com

Phone Number

8473012090

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Nina Duenas
Organization (if any):	El Valor
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60608

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NA

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Email Address

nina.duenas@elvalor.net

Phone Number

(312) 492-1752

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Q1

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Witness Name:	Dr. Phalese Binion
Organization (if any):	Westside Ministers Coalition
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60644

Q2

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Email Address

phalesebinion@yahoo.com

Phone Number

7738959420

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Patricia Hayes
City/Town: Orland Park
State: IL
ZIP: 60467

Q2

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Thank you President Preckwinkle and the Cook Board of Commissioners for the opportunity to comment. I am in Cmmr. Sean Morrison's 17th District and am the volunteer site steward for Orland Grassland since 2002. Two success stories: Gretchen Bernard, teacher at Moraine Valley Comm College brings her class to Orland Grassland once a month for three months each spring for an interpretive hike and hands on restoration activity. A young man was in that class, successfully went on from MVCC to complete undergrad work and is now headed for a masters. He's pursuing a career in medical ethics, but he came back in between colleges to volunteer and experience Orland Grassland again. A collaborative community success story. Another young man from Tinley Park went on to ILL State Univ to major in ecological restoration. During the summers he volunteered with us. He's now a fellow at Nachusa Grassland but came home for a family event and volunteered with us this Saturday. Orland Grassland has been declared "awesome", "off the charts", "remarkable accomplishments for such short time of restoration" by high level thinkers in restoration. The bad news: We can see that the District is in the midst of losing this site. There's a tsunami of a callery pear invasion, birdsfoot trefoil is massing throughout the site and resprouting trees have matured and are overwhelming our prairie ponds, streams and swales fragmenting our site. Our success story is imploding, not only on a natural level, but ultimately on a community enrichment level. We are in desperate need of your support. Please pass the referendum.

Q6

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Requesting to address the Committee live, from the Commissioners reception area, at the meeting

Q7

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Chris Gladwin
Organization (if any): Ocient, The Forge and P33
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60625

Q2

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A Successful Referendum would enable the Forest Preserves to provide clean water, clean air, jobs and recreational and cultural experiences to the people of Cook County. In addition, the greater the Forest Preserves, the more that Cook County will attract and retain good jobs and successful businesses that are the economic foundation of the County.

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Email Address

chris@gladwinmail.com

Phone Number

7735172174

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Daniel Suarez
Organization (if any):	Audubon Great Lakes
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60651

Q2

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Email Address

daniel.suarez@audubon.org

Phone Number

773-415-3197

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Stuart Strahl
Organization (if any):	CZS
City/Town:	Brookfield
State:	IL
ZIP:	60513

Q2

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Email Address

stuart.strahl@czs.org

Phone Number

8477216855

#12

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Jean Franczyk
Organization (if any):	Chicago Botanic Garden
City/Town:	Glencoe
State:	IL

Q2

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Forest Preserves District of Cook County Board, Finance Committee
Jean M. Franczyk, President and CEO
Chicago Botanic Garden
July 27, 2021

Good morning, Chairman Arroyo and Commissioners. I am Jean Franczyk, President and CEO of the Chicago Botanic Garden. Thank you for the opportunity to offer public support for putting a referendum on the ballot that calls for a modest property tax increase that will support the Forest Preserves, the Brookfield Zoo, and the Chicago Botanic Garden. Thanks to each of you for recognizing how important these 70,000 acres are to the health and well-being of this entire region.

The Chicago Botanic Garden is an international leader in plant conservation, and we are recognized as one of the top 10 most-visited botanic gardens in the U.S. The Garden is one of the top cultural attractions in the Chicago area, welcoming more than 1 million visitors a year from throughout the region and the world. We are proud to be a scientific and cultural asset to Cook County, and one that, through our work, shapes how people value, perceive, and care for the environment.

Whether at our main campus or at one of our urban farms in Washington Park or North Lawndale, or at our research sites around the country and the world, our gardens resonate with people. Our visitorship has increased by 43% over the last 10 years, and our science and education programs have more than doubled in size. We know that nature is in demand.

Why? Because gardens and green spaces are fundamentally important to the mental and physical well-being of all people. That has been especially apparent in the last year. The biggest green spaces in this region are the Forest Preserves of Cook County, and that 70,000 acres of green canopy benefits everyone in this region.

What we do collectively – the Garden and the Preserves – has become a part of this community's identity. We make lives better, happier, healthier. Whether you visit the Garden or the Forest Preserves once or many times a year, you experience the restorative power of nature. This benefits all of us today, but we also have a responsibility to future generations to save open spaces; to protect our woods, remaining prairies, and waterways; and to preserve this natural treasure.

That's the power of plants and the power of nature: when we connect people to nature, we are helping to improve lives, communities, and our world.

All of this requires resources We need funding to meet increasing costs associated with operational needs and infrastructure to maintain our world-class living museum, our research and learning programs, and our broad-based community engagement programs.

A final thought I wish to share with you by the late Oliver Sacks, the well-known neurologist who wrote. Clearly, nature calls to something very deep in us...the love of nature and living things is an essential part of the human condition.

What a beautiful reminder of the power of nature that exists at the Garden and the Preserves. I am happy to add my support for this resolution.

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Email Address

jfranczyk@chicagobotanic.org

Phone Number

773-757-3638

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: **Robert Kasper**
Organization (if any): **Chicago Area Mountain Bikers**

Q2

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Email Address

rkasper@cambr.org

Phone Number

8152748005

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Chelsey Grassfield
Organization (if any):	Friends of the Chicago River
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60607

Q2

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Friends of the Chicago River partners regularly with the Forest Preserves on ecological restoration and public access projects. We've partnered to install osprey polls for nesting habitat and bat maternity wards. Last winter alone, we expanded our land restoration footprint by 172 acres, removing invasive and nuisance plant species so these areas can be returned to a native and diverse ecosystem. Not only do we protect and enhance the forest preserves for wildlife, but Friends is part of the coalition that oversees Centennial Volunteers, which organizes regular volunteer days in the preserves. And outside of my professional capacity at Friends, I myself have enjoyed volunteering at and visiting La Bagh Woods. As many can attest to during these times, access to the preserves has been helpful for my mental and physical health.

In addition to this on the work on the land, we know this measure will help improve water quality, ensuring that what flows to the Chicago and Calumet Rivers is clean. Forest Preserves, including wetlands and land along rivers and streams, filter rain and storm water. That keeps pollution from entering our rivers and streams and Lake Michigan. About 15,000 acres of Forest Preserves land are next to streams and rivers and we must protect and restore them to ensure water quality.

On behalf of Friends of the Chicago River and our many supporters. Please support the Forest Preserves and vote to move this referendum forward.

Q6

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Email Address

cgrassfield@chicagoriver.org

Phone Number

9164122729

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Elaine Lehman, Executive Director
Organization (if any):	Filipino American Council of Greater Chicago
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60613

Q2

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