



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED REAPPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Commissioner Dennis Deer

Position: Member of the Board

Department/Board/Commission: NeighborSpace Board of Directors

Effective Date: 7/1/2023

Expiration Date: 6/30/2025

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) requests approval of the reappointment of Commissioner Dennis Deer to the Board of Directors of NeighborSpace, an affiliate partner of the Forest Preserves.

In 1997, the Forest Preserves entered into an agreement with the City of Chicago and the Chicago Park District to form NeighborSpace, a nonprofit urban land trust in Chicago that preserves and sustains gardens on behalf of dedicated community groups. NeighborSpace owns and manages property so that community groups can focus on gardening, and their community-building vision. NeighborSpace-protected gardens give community members an opportunity to get their hands in the earth and enjoy nature, right in their own neighborhoods.

A Forest Preserve Commissioner, the General Superintendent, and an additional Forest Preserves staff member sit on the Board of Directors of NeighborSpace along with representatives of the City of Chicago and the Chicago Park District.

Commissioner Deer has served on the NeighborSpace Board of Directors as the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners representative since January 2018.