



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Alan M. Bell, Maria Pesqueira, and Shelley Spencer

Position: New Conservation and Policy Council members. The Conservation and Policy Council advises the President, Board of Commissioners and General Superintendent on specific steps to implement the Next Century Conservation Plan, the Forest Preserves of Cook County's ambitious long-range plan to restore our forest preserves to ecological health and ensure that all the residents of Cook County are welcome at the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

Department/Board/Commission: Conservation and Policy Council

Effective date: 1/1/2019

Expiration date: This appointment will remain in effect until 12/31/2021.

Summary: Alan M. Bell is a partner at the law firm of Charity & Associates, P.C., focusing on municipal finance and real estate finance. He is also the founder and president of The Elements Group, which focuses on nature-oriented development projects.

Maria Pesqueira is President of the Healthy Communities Foundation, and has served for 15 years as President & CEO to Mujeres Latinas en Accion, and previously led The National Museum of Mexican Art's Development team. She has held leadership roles in various national and local boards including the National Council of La Raza, Illinois Partners for Human Services, Community Memorial Foundation and the Aetna Medical Advisory Board.

Shelley Spencer is a four-time Emmy winning producer/writer who helps people communicate their message, mission and vision through long and short form videos. As the Supervising Producer at WYCC PBS Chicago, Shelley developed Chicago's True Nature, the Emmy-award winning documentary about the Forest Preserves of Cook County.