



To: Honorable John P. Daley, *Chairman, Finance Committee*

From: Honorable Larry Rogers, Jr., *Commissioner, Cook County Board of Review*
Honorable Michael Cabonargi, *Commissioner, Cook County Board of Review*
Honorable Dan Patlak, *Commissioner, Cook County Board of Review*

CC: Annette C.M. Guzman, *Budget Director*
Department of Budget & Management Services

Date: August 14, 2020

Re: Request for Information from FY2020 Mid-Year Budget Hearing

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing held on July 20, 2020 to discuss our FY2020 Mid-Year Budget position.

I. Request ID#1050-01

Commissioner Daley asked how many positions are currently vacant in the Board of Review? Is Board of Review considering delaying hiring of those positions permanently in order to meet the FY20 hold back target as well as the FY21 budget target?

Response:

The Board of Review currently has 6 vacancies. As part of our holdback plan submitted to the Budget Department, hiring into those positions has been staggered to maximize saving for the targeted holdback request without jeopardizing the BOR's ability to fulfil its core mission and statutory responsibility.

II. Request ID#1050-02

Commissioner S. Morrison asked for an update on PTAB efforts?

Response:

For 2019 fiscal year, as the direct result of the Cook County Board of Review's (hereinafter "CCBOR") defensive efforts before the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board (hereinafter "PTAB"), there was a \$ 137,984,148 of savings from the risk of refunds for all Cook County taxing districts which includes a \$7,897,034 savings from the Cook County budget.

In addition, for the 2019 fiscal year, there were 8,442 dockets scheduled for hearing across 328 distinct hearings days. During the same time period, 21,992 dockets were finalized.

As always, please let us know if you have any additional questions.