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To: Commissioner John P. Daley
Finance Committee Chairman

From: Sean M. Morrison
Commissioner, 17th District

Date: January 13, 2022

Re: Requesting a Special Finance Committee Meeting

Chairman Daley,

I have a growing concern on the progress of the Cook County agencies that are integral to the collection of Property Tax receipts. The timing of the 2nd installment of the 2022 tax year may be delayed because of some interdependencies between the Assessor and the Board of Review that are breaking down.

As I look at the Assessor's website, I only see 12 Townships that have been certified and delivered to the Board of Review. An even larger concern is the lack of any certified Chicago townships. Since this is a reassessment year for Chicago, we can assume that there will be a large number of appeals filed at the Board of Review. We heard testimony during the budget hearings that the Board of Review is predicting a record year for the number of appeals heard by their agency.

It is my understanding that as of today, the Board of Review has not been able to "work" any files due to technology issues. I am hearing concerns from taxing bodies in my district that they will have to borrow money to carry them through any delays.

I believe it to be in the best interest of the Board of Commissioners to call for a Special Finance Committee meeting with the Assessor, Board of Review, Clerk and Treasurer, at the earliest possible time, so we may gain a better understanding of the issues and repercussions of a late 2nd installment. Only then can we, as the Commissioners of Cook County, help to develop a plan if it is warranted.

As this could become a very serious issue in short order, I respectfully ask that we act without delay.

Sincerely,

17th District Cook County Commissioner
CC: President Preckwinkle
Board of Commissioner