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Attorney Richard Boykin calls on Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle to reject proposed increase to her salary and those of other elected county officials.

*Boykin calls the proposed ordinance “a misuse of resources and an abuse of power”*

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**(COOK COUNTY, IL – May 23, 2022)** - Attorney Richard Boykin, [Candidate for Cook County Board President](#), will testify before the Cook County Finance Committee, on May 24, at 1:30pm, and call on President Preckwinkle and the Commissioners to reject a proposed ordinance to increase her salary and those of other Cook County elected officials.

Ordinance 22-2825 would raise the salary of the Cook County Board President by 10 percent, from \$170,000 to \$187,000 annually. The Ordinance would increase the salaries of commissioners and the President automatically every year by three percent or CPI.

“I call on President Preckwinkle and the Cook County Board of Commissioners to reject any proposal to raise their salaries, especially during the steep affordability crisis in Cook County. Last year, 90,000 residents fled Cook County for reasons of safety and affordability. County elected officials have a responsibility to the people of Cook County to use the budget to address the growing safety and affordability crises—not to increase their personal wealth on the taxpayer dime,” Boykin said.

“Cook County Commissioners are part time public servants. Under the proposed ordinance salaries would rise from \$85,000 to \$93,500. This is unconscionable and the timing could not be worse given the current financial crisis and rising property taxes a disproportionate number of Cook County residents face. I urge President Preckwinkle to reject these pay raises and focus on providing relief for all residents of Cook County,” Boykin said.

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