

**COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**November 30, 2018**

***Changes Subsequent to the Measurement Date***

On October 28, 2015, the Cook County Board authorized an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Cook County Officer and Employees Annuity and Benefit Fund (“Pension Fund”), which was executed on December 8, 2015, to establish a mechanism by which the County can disburse additional funds to the Pension Fund, from the County’s Retailers’ Occupation and Services Occupation Tax. The Pension Fund can receive these funds from the County, independent and in addition to the sums provided for in Sections 9-169 of Illinois Pension Code (40 ICS 5/9-169). The County Board authorized a sum of \$353.4 million in the County’s FY2018 Appropriation Bill for this additional payment; for which all disbursements were made through November 30, 2018.

**VI. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)**

*Plan Description.* The County Employees’ and Officers’ Annuity and Benefit Fund of Cook County (“Plan”) administers the Healthcare Premium Plan (“HPP”), a single-employer defined benefit postemployment healthcare plan. HPP provides a healthcare premium subsidy to annuitants who elect to participate in HPP. The Plan is included in the County’s financial statements as a Post-employment Healthcare trust fund. Although the Plan is administered through a trust, the fiduciary net position of the Plan at the end of each year is zero, and is administered on a “pay as you go” basis. The financial statements of the Plan are audited by an independent public accountant and are the subject of a separate report. Copies of the Plan’s report for the year ended December 31, 2017 are available upon request from the Retirement Board at 70 West Madison Street, Suite 1925, Chicago, Illinois 60602, or through their website at <http://www.cookcountypension.com>.

The Pension Board of Trustees states that HPP is administered pursuant to Chapter 40, Article 5/9 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, which establishes the authority to provide an optional OPEB benefit to the Pension Board of Trustees.

*Benefits provided.* The HPP provides healthcare and vision benefits for annuitants and their dependents.

*Employees covered by benefit terms.* At November 30, 2018, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	11,605
Inactive employees entitled to benefits, but not yet receiving them	1,528
Active employees	<u>20,349</u>
Total plan membership	<u><u>33,482</u></u>

*Contributions.* The premium contribution requirements of Plan members are established by and may be amended by the Pension Board of Trustees. The funding source for employer contributions are derived from the real estate taxes as authorized under Chapter 40, Article 5/9 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes for employer pension contributions, with no separate designated employer contribution for the Plan (OPEB), and the legislature retains authority to amend employer and active employee contributions to the County Employees’ and Officers’ Annuity and Benefit Fund of Cook County which administers the Plan. The employer contribution is based on projected “pay-as-you-go” financing