

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

the District. The boundaries of the District are coterminous with the boundaries of the County. The District's financial statements are discretely presented in the County's financial statements based on GASB Codification Section 2600 *Reporting Entity and Component Unit Presentation and Disclosure* ("GASB Section 2600").

2. The Cook County Emergency Telephone System (the "System") is a venture established by resolution of the Cook County Board of Commissioners in accordance with the Emergency Telephone System Act of the Illinois Compiled Statutes. The County Board and the Sheriff's Office appoint the System's board members. The County Board approves any surcharge changes requested by the System's management and the County funds salary expenses for System employees through an annual appropriation. As such, the System is presented as a discrete component unit in accordance with GASB Section 2600. The System was organized for the purpose of providing equipment, services, personnel, facilities and other items necessary for the implementation, operation, maintenance and repair of the E-911 Emergency Telephone System within the unincorporated portions of the County and the municipalities of Robbins, Ford Heights, Stone Park, Northlake, Golf, Phoenix, and Dixmoor, Illinois. The System, for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2018, is presented on the accrual basis of accounting as defined by GASB.

Although the County Employees' and Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund is a legally separate entity for which the County is not financially accountable, it is included in the County's basic financial statements as fiduciary funds (Pension Trust and Other Post-Employment Benefits ("OPEB") Trust). The unfunded liabilities, and the trajectory of the Fund's solvency is such that exclusion might serve to render the County's financial statements misleading. The County Employees' and Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund is a single defined benefit, single-employer pension and OPEB plan established by Illinois Compiled Statutes (Chapter 40, Acts 5/9 and 5/10). The Retirement Board is the administrator of the County Employees' and Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund and consists of nine members, two of whom are appointed by County management and seven of whom are elected by plan participants. The Trust Funds are maintained and operated for the benefit of the employees and officers of the County. As a result, the Trust Funds are financed by investment income, employees' payroll deductions and employer contributions (property taxes levied and collected by the County).

The County is not aware of any other entity over which it exercises significant operational or financial control which would result in the entity being blended or discretely presented in the County's financial statements.

The following component units included within the County's reporting entity, report on a calendar year basis; the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (discretely presented) and the County Employees' and Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund (Pension Trust and OPEB Trust funds). The financial statements included for these entities are for calendar years that ended on December 31, 2017, as permitted, but not required, under GASB Section 2600.

The Housing Authority of the County of Cook (the "Authority" or "HACC") is the second largest public housing authority in Illinois. The Authority is a municipal corporation that was established in 1946 to serve 108 communities, as well as unincorporated areas in suburban Cook County. Funding is provided by the Federal Government through the Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"). The Board of Commissioners of the Authority is comprised of individuals who are appointed by the Cook County Board President and confirmed by the full County Board