

Letter to Cook County Commissioners

Re: the Office of the Medical Examiner:

November 9th, 2023

Commissioners,

The past few years have been paradigm-shifting for how municipalities treat public health, social justice, and equity. As an elected body, the duties of administration must be balanced by the priorities of being transparent, fair, accurate, timely, and cost-effective.

The Office of the Medical Examiner provides empirical evidence vital to the work of our justice system. The validity of the findings of the Medical Examiners is paramount. We understand the qualifications of the staff in the Medical Examiner's Office are impeccable and are here to propose an aid that may offer more expeditious, just, and expert-informed decisions.

We are also here to offer solutions prioritized on targeting educational campaigns where certain types of deaths, specifically accidental deaths, are disproportionately prevalent.

With the turmoil in public health since COVID-19 and the shift in public opinion regarding the duty of those in public office to address disparities and injustices. The Cook County Commissioner's efforts to address disparities and injustices wherever they may surface must negotiate with the reality of the priorities mentioned at the onset of this letter. The accompanying presentations will provide insight into the office, propose a tool to increase the speed and accuracy of the medical examiner's conclusions by processing the primary and secondary causes of death using a Neural Net and identify communities and individuals to direct culturally relevant educational information aimed at preventing preventable deaths.

Thank you for your time,

The Team at *Death and the City, LLC*