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Agreement Reached – Sweetened Beverage Tax to be Repealed on Oct 10

Chicago, IL – After numerous negotiations over the last 48 hours, an agreement has been reached with 11 of my fellow commissioners to sign onto the Sweetened Beverage Tax Repeal Ordinance which will be called for a vote in the Finance Committee on Tuesday, October 10.

This morning, I submitted a substitute amendment to my original repeal ordinance that calls for the elimination of the Cook County Sweetened Beverage Tax effective December 1, 2017 which is the beginning of Cook County's fiscal year. Joining onto my substitute amendment as co-sponsors are Commissioners Richard Boykin, John A. Fritchey, Timothy O. Schneider, Jeffrey R. Tobolski, Peter N. Silvestri, Bridget Gainer, Gregg Goslin, John P. Daley, Jesus G. Garcia, Stanley Moore and Dennis Deer.

"I would like to thank my colleagues for working together so diligently to come to an agreement on such an important issue to our constituents and to Cook County. It has not been easy task but in the end, we have reached an agreement that will address the concerns of our residents and businesses and set forth a goal to chart a new fiscal course for Cook County," said Commissioner Morrison.

The agreement reached on the substitute amendment will allow for Cook County government to close out the final seven weeks of its fiscal year with the tax in place. This will then provide a clean slate for the Cook County Board to begin its 2018 Cook County Budget Process in the coming weeks.

"I'm committed to working in a bipartisan and constructive manner with all of my board colleagues, President Preckwinkle and her administration to take the needed steps to find the fiscal solutions to create and balanced and responsible 2018 Budget for Cook County," stated Commissioner Morrison.

PLEASE NOTE: Commissioner Morrison will be available for media interviews today at the Cook County Building, 118 N. Clark Street, Suite 567, Chicago, IL.

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