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Clerk Brown and Secretary White Welcome Public Opinions

The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, and the Honorable Jesse White, Illinois Secretary of State, hosted the third "Brown & White Community Forum" on December 2 at Maine Township High School West in Des Plaines, IL.

Valerie Landon, Press Secretary for the Office of Chicago City Clerk James Laski, served as mistress of ceremonies for the program.

Clerk Brown gave an extensive presentation about the services available through her office, and accomplishments made during her tenure. Secretary White gave an outline of services offered by his office, such as driver's license restoration and victims of violence compensation. During the question and answer session, moderated by Landon, several area residents and students voiced their opinions and inquiries to Clerk Brown and Secretary White.

"I firmly believe in addressing community residents in their neighborhoods," said Clerk Brown. "It is the ultimate way to interact with people and get a real sense of the public's perspective."

The forum concluded with a dynamic performance by the Jesse White Tumblers.

Information booths about a few Clerk's Office services, including the child support process, expungement and domestic violence prevention, were available during the forum.

Members of the community also had an opportunity to receive state IDs and driver's licenses from the Secretary of State's Office.

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The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County (center), greets Brown & White Forum attendees (from left to right): Dr. Paul Leathem, Principal of Maine Township High School West; Elaine Nekritz, 57th District Illinois State Representative; the Honorable Tony Arredia, Mayor of Des Plaines; and Laura Murphy, Des Plaines Committeeman.