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Elected Officials hold South Suburban Property Taxes & Ownership Issues Town Hall Meeting



(Left to right) Mayor of Dixmoor Kevan A. Grimmert, Mayor of Riverdale Deyon Dean, Cook County Commissioner Deborah Sims, Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County Dorothy Brown, Timnetra Burruss, Chief of Staff for Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Larry Rogers, Jr.; Mayor of Harvey Eric J. Kellogg, and Kenneth Williams, President, Thornton Township High School District 205 Board of Education, at the South Suburban Property Taxes & Issues Town Hall Meeting.

Cook County elected officials, including: Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios, Recorder of Deeds Eugene “Gene” Moore, and Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Larry Rogers, Jr., along with the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, Frank M. Zuccarelli, Thornton Township Supervisor, Eric Kellogg, Mayor, City of Harvey, President Kenneth Williams, Thornton School District 205, Cook County and Commissioners Deborah Sims and Joan Murphy hosted the *South Suburban Property Taxes & Ownership Issues Town Hall Meeting*, on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, at Thornton Township High School.

“We are well aware that the people of Cook County are struggling during these difficult economic times, especially where it concerns housing and property issues. As elected officials, the concerns of the community are *our* concerns. We choose to combine our efforts to bring useful information to the citizens of the south suburbs, such as how to appeal your property taxes, understanding how your property value is assessed, and if you are owed money from a mortgage foreclosure sale, among many other topics,” said Clerk Dorothy Brown.

The Circuit Court Clerk’s Office provided information about the Mortgage Foreclosure Surplus Fund. The Office is currently holding approximately \$16 million that is owed to individuals who’ve lost property to foreclosure in Cook County.

Assessor Berrios, Clerk Brown and representatives from the offices of Recorder Moore and Commissioner Rogers addressed the audience and answered several questions about taxes and other property issues. The elected officials also provided information tables for the Town Hall attendees.

Several south suburban mayors were also in attendance.

Because of the critical nature of the information they have to offer, Clerk Brown, Assessor Berrios the other elected officials and the mayors’ association have indicated that they will again host a south suburban property taxes and issues town hall meeting in the Spring of 2012.

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